

6<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Currently, we are in Alert Level 3 and there are no Masses.

St Columba's Church will be opened during the day for private prayer only and not for groups.

Please remember to scan the QR code or place your details into the box provided and wear a mask.

Bishop Steve's live streamed Mass is at 9.00 am everyday and here is the link:

[Livestream Mass — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream-mass)

Shine TV will broadcast Mass at 2.00 pm on free-to-air TV Channel 25 and Sky Channel 201.

The Parish office will be closed. Parishioners are welcome to contact the Parish by phone or by email [stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz) or you may email me at [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)

As a suggestion for your daily prayer, I would encourage you to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

### **Sunday's Scriptures**

First book of the Kings 17:10-16

Psalm 145:7-10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

### **A short reflection**

Both the poor widow in the Gospel and the poor widow in the first reading today, gave all they had either to feed the prophet Elijah or to contribute to the treasury in the synagogue. Why would people be so generous we may ask ourselves? Why are people generous, while others are not generous and selfish? What is it that makes our hearts like this?

Today's psalm is so beautiful and good to read more than once for your prayer.

### **Prayers of the Faithful:**

Let us pray for those in our community who have Covid. We pray for their speedy recovery.

We pray for those who are caring and looking after those who have Covid, that the Lord will keep them safe and assist them in their medical work.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the decisions of our government.

We pray for the holy souls. May they rest in peace and see God face to face.

We pray for those who are considering euthanasia and assisted suicide that the Lord will touch their hearts and send them the support and love that they need to know that they are a precious child of God.

### **On Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, euthanasia and assisted suicide will officially become legal in NZ.**

Do you understand the new law?

Please take a moment to watch the short video presentation by Bob McCoskrie from Family First below which gives an overview of the new law, the significant problems and risks, and most importantly, how you can protect your loved ones and other vulnerable people. Please share the video with family and friends.

**WATCH:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wloorTHPW20>

Family First have additional material at [Protect.org.nz](http://Protect.org.nz) and the Fact Sheet on euthanasia can also be ordered from in [HERE](#).

Kind regards

Fr Eamon Kennedy

[freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)

ph 07 847 5688 ext 3

mobile 021 616 950

[www.catholicfrankton.org.nz](http://www.catholicfrankton.org.nz)