

9th November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Parish Library

Since the church at St Columba's is now open for private prayer, please do take the opportunity to borrow as many books as you want to read from the Parish library. There are wonderful books on the saints, bible commentaries, theology and spirituality.

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

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)

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

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

Wednesday's Scriptures

St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (461) Memorial

Sirach 39:6-10

Psalm 36:3-6,30-31

Matthew 16:13-19

A short reflection

Today we hear in the Gospel, St Peter's profession of faith of who Jesus is. It would seem people thought they knew who Jesus is, e.g. John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. But it was only Peter speaking on behalf of the others who knew who Jesus really is. On this feast day of St Leo the Great, we hear the Scripture where Peter becomes as we would say, the first Pope. "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." We read the Scriptures through our Catholic Tradition. It also reminds us that our faith is founded in Scripture.

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.

Kind regards

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