

27th November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Blessing of the Columbarium

There will be a blessing of the Columbarium St Columba's at 3.00 pm on Sunday.

Book in for Mass

There are still seats available at the 8.00 am Sunday Mass.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/AlexBailey1/SundayBookingStColumbasFrankton>

At Alert Level 2, we will only have Mass at Raglan and not at Te Mata.

Holy Name of Jesus Raglan (no booking required)
Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm
St Columba's
Saturday Vigil 7.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am (18 seats remaining)
Sunday 10.00 am (full)

The Traffic Light System

With the Traffic Light system being introduced on 3rd December, this will affect the way we gather. I am proposing to continue the Sunday Masses we are currently having and designating the 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for those who are not vaccinated and/or for those who prefer smaller gatherings. The 8.00 am and 10.00 am masses will be for those who have the Vaccine Passport.

The weekday Masses will be for everyone since our numbers are small.

If we begin in Orange, the 7.00 pm Vigil Mass will be limited to 50 and the 8.00 am and 10.00 will have no limit, although a limit could be set to keep people safe.

The Mass in Raglan will be for both the vaccinated and not vaccinated since the numbers there are below 50.

We are most likely to have a different plan for Christmas.

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)

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

Sunday's Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 24:4-5,8-9,10,14

First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

A short reflection

One of the practices we have for Advent, is the Advent wreath. It reminds us that we are waiting to celebrate the birth of our Saviour in four weeks' time. Advent is a season of preparation for Jesus' Second Coming and his birth. It is a season of joy, even the weather is warmer and better. Advent gives us an opportunity to reflect on the love of God made visible in the birth of his Son, Jesus Christ. Even during these uncertain times we can still be grateful. Maybe this is what the season of Advent gives us. A sense of gratitude for what we have.

Kind regards

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