

# MARIA ASSUMPTA PARISH BULLETIN



## MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday Masses 8.00am and 10.00am

Mass: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00 am

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with holy communion.

Reconciliation: after 9.00 am Mass Sat.

Adoration : Thursday after Mass to 12 noon.

Office hours: Mon. Tues and Wed. 9am to 1pm

**Baptisms and Marriages:** By appointment

**Marriage** contact Fr.Ikenasio on 4837919.

**Baptisms** Contact Malcolm or Robin on 4839490.

Sunday 2 December 2018

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24 (25):4-5, 8-9,10,14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36

“Raise your heads”

Luke is convinced of God's presence and victory over evil. This means God cares about humanity and the earth. As the sprouting fig leaves indicate summer is near, so the whole cosmos is affected by signs that prepare the hearts of disciples for God's coming (21:25-28). God will overcome evil. Faithful ones long for the 'redemption of Israel'- Anna (2:38), Zechariah (1:68). and later, so do the two disciples at Emmaus (24:21). Jesus tells us 'stand up and raise your heads.' because your redemption is drawing near.

ADVENT IS A TIME TO

**PRIORITISE GOD,  
OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE.**

Pope Francis 3/12/17

## Maria Assumpta Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul

Shortly it will be Christmas and in addition to the usual need for non-perishable foods and household groceries, the Maria Assumpta Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul seeks Christmas food and other items for those in the Parish who are especially in need at this time. There are some Christmas Cards still available. They cost \$2.50 for a pack of five and can be purchased by contacting the parish office on 483 5919.



**Parish Centre Bookings:** All bookings are done by Fiona Knappe (Parish Office Admin) by phone: (09) 483 5919 or email: [mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz) All inquiries will be handled a.s.a.p Parishoners fee: \$50.00 for Bond & Koha per hour. Non Parishioners fee: \$100 Bond and \$20.00 per hour.

**DE PAUL HOUSE CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY**  
**WE WELCOME YOUR DONATION OF QUALITY HOUSE HOLD ITEMS**  
**SUITABLE FOR SALE AT OUR MARKET DAY.**  
**TO DONATE PLEASE PH 480 5959 OR DAVID 021 148 0550**  
**DATE: 8.12.18 9AM TO 1PM 92 ONEWA RD NORTHCOTE**

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**G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass** 2nd December 4.00pm, Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. You are most welcome to share a light meal afterwards in the G.I.F.T. Centre which is just across the road. Everyone is welcome! G.I.F.T. (Growth In Faith Together) is Bishop Pat's apostolate for intellectually disabled Christians.

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**Explore your Faith** The New Zealand Bishops' Conference provides many opportunities for people to learn more about their faith. Two important aspects of this outreach are Good Shepherd College and The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand (TCI). Both offer a variety of courses and qualifications.

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**Good Shepherd College-Te Heparā Pai** is where the diocesan seminarians go for their theological formation it is an NZQA-registered tertiary provider offering papers towards level 7 awards; the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology.

Details of what is offered in Semester One of 2019 can be found at

<http://www.gsc.ac.nz/course-papers/2777-1/>

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**TCI** The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand offers courses in Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, Scripture, Theology and Leadership. Courses are available online or in face-to-face classes. To find out more go to [www.tci.ac.nz](http://www.tci.ac.nz) or email [office@tci.ac.nz](mailto:office@tci.ac.nz).

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**Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary at the Cathedral**

Saturday, 8 December at 8.30 am and a Choral Mass at 7.30 pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles.

Validated parking available for both Masses. *Poster included*

**St Mary's College Christmas Concert** Sunday, 2 December at 7 pm. In the Stella Maris Hall, 11 New Street, Ponsonby. Performances by the St Mary's Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, the Clarinet and Wind

Ensembles. Admission \$10 (children free). *Poster included*

*The Dec. 2-15 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: New priest ordained in Dunedin. Gender diversity issues guide for Catholic schools. World Day of the Poor activities in Wellington. Catholics in Palmerston North anti-weapons protest.*



## **Parish News**

**ROSTER 09.12.18**

**8.00am**

**10.00am**

Welcome  
Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Lythe  
Janet Monga  
Vic Peter

Stephen Chmiel  
Stephanie M  
Mathilde M

Readers

Malcolm S  
Rita W

Cathy Brooks  
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Children's Liturgy

N/A

Prayers of the faithful

Anne A ( W ) Ray A (R) 10am Ana T

Lap-Top

Chris 8am

Joh G 10am

Counters

Te Aorere and Andrew G

### **Healing Ministry**

each week after the 8.00 am Mass. If you need healing, Physically or Spiritually, we have a team who are willing to pray with you. Robin and Malcolm are also available to visit people's homes to minister God's healings. Ph. 4839490.

### **Parish News**

***Christmas is coming .***

***Please find at the back of the Church on clip boards with the Christmas and New Years roster if you can help ,  
please enter your name if you are available to serve .***

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## **Parish Consultation: St Vincent De Paul tenancy of the Parish Presbytery Today after 10am mass**

The Parish Pastoral Council wish to inform parishioners that an unfortunate incident occurred between a parishioner and a visitor of a St Vincent De Paul tenant. The parishioner was physically hurt and police were called to take formal statements. Given the seriousness of the incident, we are calling all parishioners to come to a full parish consultation to discuss the matter and bring up any concerns or feedback with regards to our existing partnership with St Vincent De Paul emergency housing.

This will be happening on

**Today 2nd December, after 10am Mass at the Parish Hall.** If you have experienced anything similar please contact the chairperson via e-mail [c.tevaga@gmail.com](mailto:c.tevaga@gmail.com).



## **Mercy Spirituality Centre**

104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or  
[www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

**Advent Series: Encountering the Holy Spirit in Advent** Talks Tues 4 & 11 Dec, 7-9pm.  
**CANCELLED**

**Sacred Expedition: Evangelisation and Settlement in early California** with  
BEATE MATTHIES. Fri 7 Dec, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation. If you missed this talk in Nov,  
Beate will look at the history of the missions, early stories and the fate of these missions today  
in modern California.

**RETREAT: Who are You O God and Who am I?** with CHRISTINA CATHRO rmdm. Tues,  
Wed, Thus 11, 12 & 13 Dec, 10am-1pm. \$65 per 3-day Retreat. We fall into a particular way of  
seeing and know God that we are given a lifetime to unveil. This is a silent morning retreat with  
input from Christina, time to oneself and sharing in a group. See our website for more details.

Bookings essential, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

### **Special Masses/Regular Parish Activities**

**Singing Practice:** Every Saturday 4.00pm to 5.00pm (June to End of Daylight Saving)

**Filipino Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month, 4.00pm.

**Samoan Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month, 11.30am.

**Multicultural Mass:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every other month, 10.00am.

**Youth Mass:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 10 am. on alternate months to Multicultural mass

**Maori Mass:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month, 10.00am.

**Healing prayers:** Sundays ,after 8.00am Mass.

**Religious education for children:**

**NSSCC fono:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 11.30am.

**Multicultural group meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month, 11.00am.

**Ladies' Scripture sharing group:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month, 10.00am.

**Zumba:** Mondays, Parish Centre, 6.30pm.

**Liturgy Committee meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, 7.15pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 11.15 am

**Crusade Prayer group meeting:** Wednesdays, church, 2.00pm.

**Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist:** Thursdays, after 9.00am Mass 'til midday.

**Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month, after 9.00am Mass till 12.Noon.

**Rosary:** Monday to Thursday & Saturdays, church, 8.30am; Frid. 7.40am; Sundays, 7.30am.

**Maya Youth Group:** Anyone interested in joining, Convenors Cedric Tévaga & Joseph Filipo

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**Welcome !** A very warm welcome to all  
who worship with us today. Visitors ..... Please  
join us for a cup of tea in the Parish Centre behind  
the church, after each Mass. **Kia Ora**

**Notices for bulletin:** to Fiona 4835919 or email to  
[mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz)  
by 5.00 pm. Thursday.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** We have a prayer chain if you have a need or  
want to pray for others please phone the parish on 4837919 and  
leave a message which will be passed on or **Contact Rita on**  
4838054 or email [meandad@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:meandad@vodafone.co.nz)

**New Parishioners ....** There are forms at the  
Back of the Church, for you to fill in. Please put  
completed form in Letter Box in Parish Centre.

**Malo e lelei; Bula Vinaka; Talofa lava; Mabuhay; Bienvenue;  
Nei hou ma; Anneunghaseyo; Ayu Bowan; Willkommen.**