

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm
WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 October 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm: 23
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Invitation to a wedding feast



In the Old Testament says, God's covenant with Israel is often described as a marriage relationship (Isaiah 54:6,62:15; Hosea 2:16-22) . The New Testament continues this image, often speaking of Jesus as the bridegroom. Today's parable points to the new reality that has come about through the presence, teaching and ministry of Jesus. The promises of old are fulfilled. The Kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 4:17). The bridegroom is among us. Emmanuel, God is with us. 'The feast is ready'.

This Good News was first announced to the Jewish people, but not all believed. The reference to the armed attack and burning of the city the early church understood it referred to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman in 70AD and Matthew's community saw it as an punishment for the Jewish of rejecting to listen to Jesus, the only Son of God, the Father.

Today's readings invite us to the everlasting joy of the Heaven Banquet and reminding us to stay always ready for this Heavenly Banquet by constantly wearing the wedding garment that is remaining in the state of grace by avoiding sins and doing good at all times, that is an invitation to live a holy life.

In the first reading Isaiah described the Messianic banquet on the Lord's mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem which God is preparing for His people. The Good News, it was a great feast of rich food and choice wines. And God invites all people including Gentiles to the banquet.

*Welcome - Malo e lelei - Bula Vinaka - Talofa lava - Mabuhay - Bienvenue
Nei hou ma - Anneunghaseyo - Ayu Bowan - Willkommen - Welkom
Haere mai! Nau mai! Whakatau mai!*

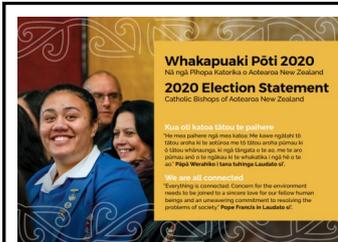
Psalm 22 presents us that God, the Good Shepherd who nourishes us in a fresh and green pasture, leads us and protects us from the valley of darkness.

In the second reading St Paul thanks Philippians for their support but his real strength comes from the Lord. He advised them to put their trust in the power and goodness of a providing God who in Jesus has given the church everything that his followers need in participation in the Heavenly banquet.

In today's gospel, we hear the parable of the judgement in the Temple of Jerusalem two days before Jesus' arrest, the Jewish religious and civil leaders accused him, and rejected an invitation to the Heavenly Banquet given to them by Jesus, His only Son. They rejected by not listening to the Good News preached by Jesus and not reforming of their lives. This invitation was extended to Israel through the prophets including John the Baptist and Jesus. But the leader rejected the fact that Jesus was the fulfilment of all prophecy and refused to accept God's invitation to the righteous living given by John the Baptist as well as Jesus, and now they are planning to kill God's own son, Jesus and because of that God extends his invitation to sinners and Gentiles for His banquet in heaven. And that way why Jesus kept his company with the sinners.

What are the challenges, we are called to be always stay at the state of grace, avoiding sins at all times and doing good for everyone. We are always invited to participate in the Holy Eucharistic Banquet with proper preparation by repenting our sins and fully actively participating in singing in Holy Mass. The banquet of the Lord is the Eucharist where Jesus become our bread of life, was the manna was God's bread to support the people through the exodus. The Eucharist is the divine food which strength us against our foes and temptation. In the parable, the man comes in dirty clothing symbolizing a life that has not changed. He has been called but failed in his response to that call (Matthew 22:13-14). If our response if we do not take God's invitation seriously, it is already the wrong response.

We are called to share God's life with others. We must live lives of faithfulness, justice, and mercy. Because God loves us, so he invites us to have a relationship with him and it is up to us to respond to this invitation. God respects our freedom to choose to want to know and love him. The wonderful thing is that regardless of our response, God's invitation is always there.



The 2020 General Election with its accompanying referendums is one of the most interesting and challenging. In order to assist people in their discernment the New Zealand Bishops' Conference has produced their *2020 Election Statement*.

This FREE BROCHURE is available online
<https://tinyurl.com/y4pc2hft>

As we enter to this new week let us make use of attending mass if we have a chance the banquet invites us to.

God Bless Fr Aleki

Announcements :

- Office Landline is down—please email
- PLEASE ARM the Hall after you have used it for security.
- Our church will be open from Monday to Sunday for personal prayer.
- Our normal Mass is back with singing.
- Our church starts weekly mass this Tuesday at 9am

IF YOU SEE COVID-19 MISINFORMATION

- 1 DON'T ENGAGE**
If you reply, share, or quote misinformation, you help to spread it.
- 2 BLOCK THEM**
If someone you don't know is sharing misinformation, block them.
- 3 MESSAGE PRIVATELY**
If someone you know is sharing misinformation, message them privately and ask them not to.
- 4 REPORT**
Report misinformation to platforms or group admins asking them to remove that content.
- 5 INSTEAD, SPREAD OFFICIAL ADVICE**
Drown out fake news by sharing official scientific advice, as well as posts promoting good causes in tough times.

SHINE TV broadcasts Sunday Mass from 2.00pm Free-to-air Channel 25, Sky TV channel 201 Continuing until further notice.

PLEASE
TAKE NOTE...



Te Kupenga is looking for an Administration and Registry Assistant for our Auckland office a 6 months fixed term for 30-37.5 hours per week. The advert is available on SEEK under this link: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50670086>.



The Maria Assumpta conference of St Vincent de Paul thanks parishioners for your ongoing support at this time of need. Our foodbank is experiencing a steady demand and we need all forms of non perishable food. We especially need tinned food and breakfast food. Food donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church before Mass on Sundays or you can contact one of us below and we will arrange to collect them from you.

Christmas Cards are now available in time for the overseas post and can be purchased from Ralph Moore. For \$3 you get a pack of 5 cards.

Clothing and household items can be donated at the Ellice Road or Beach Haven shops during shop hours. If you wish to assist us more, or if you know of someone needing assistance, please contact either Chris (021 107 2342), Charles (022 0242 753), or the Beach Haven shop (482 3017).

Bursaries

JUBILEE BURSARY APPLICATIONS INVITED for Semester 1, 2021. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications **CLOSE 12 November 2020** For information and an application pack please contact:

Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz Ph:(09)360-3091



SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Bishop Pat is calling for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute in 2021 for people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at. For further information and an application form, contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz. The **closing date** for applications is **6 November 2020**

Working Bee



Saturday 24 October

We need to replace this broken old fence and have agreed with the Landlord of the other property to get this done however WE NEED YOUR HELP on the 24 October from 9am to around 1pm to move the plants and tires away. We will provide some refreshments afterwards



PLEASE email the Office if you can help and of course bring tools such as clippers, wheel barrow etc so we can move the plants and tires



CALLING ALL ARTISTS The bishops are seeking an artist to create a paid work commemorating Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier's 1838 dedication of the country to Mary the Mother of Jesus. The National Liturgy Office has begun advertising for an artist who will create a work incorporating Mary for a special commemoration next August 15, the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, celebrated annually by Catholics around the world. The call for registration of interest is here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Invitation-for-EOI-for-Artwork.pdf>

Prospective artists need to register their interest by 15 October. The chosen artist will need to have the work finished by May. An appropriate fee will be negotiated with the artist.



**Mission Sunday
Next Week.**

Parishioners are reminded that next week is Mission Sunday. This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

The Pontifical Mission is directed especially towards the Care of Children, the immediate Relief of the Poor and the support of Missionary Seminaries and Religious Institutions. Please give generously next week.

For further information please go to

<https://missio.nz/missionsunday2020/>

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass	Next Week READINGS 18 October 2020 First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6 Psalm 96 Second Reading: 1Thess 1:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21
Welcome/Notices	Sesa Setu	Bill Killgallon	
Ministers Of The Word	Tuan Nguyen Elizabeth O'Reilly	Anthony Davids Joh Cogle	
Ministers of Communion	Michael O'Reilly	Mathilde Mujawamariya	
Prayers Of The Faithful	Charles Grinter	Andrew Gongora	
Computer	Christiana Setu	Filomena Filipo	
Organist	Ana Tran	Si'uleo Vitale	
Counters	Team C	Stephen Chmiel Chanida Shaw	

SPECIAL MASSES

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of month, Due to Covid-19, we will advise when Masses will resume again

Samoan Mass: 2nd Sunday of month, Due to Covid-19, we will advise when Masses will resume again

Tongan Mass: 3rd Sunday of the month, Due to Covid-19, we will advise when Masses will resume again

Multicultural Mass: 4th Sunday of every other month,. Due to Covid-19, we will advise when Masses will resume again

Maori Mass: 5th Sunday of month, Due to Covid-19, we will advise when Masses will resume again

Note: Singing Practice: Saturdays after morning Mass. Due to Covid-19, we will advise when Masses will resume again

DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist: First Friday every month - 6:00 pm followed by Mass @ 7pm

First Fridays: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mass 7:00 pm (*followed by a shared meal in the hall*) - Due to Covid-19, we will advise when this resumes

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Youth Group: Due to Covid-19, we will advise when this resumes

NSSCC Fono: 4th Sunday of the month, 11.30am – 3.00pm

Enea Ola Group - Zumba : Every Tuesday, 6pm in parish hall.

Multicultural group meeting: Second Thursday of the month, at 7.00 pm

Ladies' Scripture sharing group: 1st Monday of the month, 10.00am.

Finance Committee meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm.

Liturgy Committee meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month 7.00pm.

HALL HIRE

All bookings can be made **ONLINE**

<https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/venue-hall-hire/>

Should be made through the Parish Office (09) 483 5919 or by email: mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz

Parishioners fee: \$50.00 for Bond & Koha per hour.

Non - Parishioners fee: \$100 Bond and \$20.00 per hour.



CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Please inform the parish office of any damages that need repairing on parish premises.

If you can assist with maintenance please contact, David Sharkey -

Ph:021 2940292 or email: david.sharkey003@gmail.com

NOTICES FOR PARISH BULLETIN

These should be received by Thursday every week. Notices are approved by the Parish Priest and will be placed if there is room.

Email the wording to: mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz