

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626
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SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm
WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 October 2020

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 **Psalm:** 18
Second Reading: 1Thess 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula



The Golden Greatest commandments of love, to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves

We Today's readings tell us about love because God is love and because we are created in His own image we have to response back to God with Love. And if we do not love then we are not really living out our true identity rather like animals.

The first reading explains about love of neighbour. This reading reminds the Israelites that they were aliens in the land of Egypt and God protected and treated them kindly. So, they must protect others and treat them with kindness. God tells the Israelites that they must be no discrimination against or exploitations of the weak members of their society. If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Psalm 17 says, 'I love you Lord my strength. This psalm is attributed to king David as a prayer of gratitude to God who has been his protector in countless battles and dangers.

In the second reading, St Paul encourages the Thessalonians of their exemplary lives of loving one another as Jesus had commanded them to do. They broke with idolatry and became servants of God; they are waiting for his Son.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that you must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself. Jesus tells us that the whole of religion can be summed up in two commandments of love. Love of neighbour arises out of love of God. These two found in the Old Testament. It is like coin of the two sides, a head and a tail. What is new here, Jesus brought these two commandments of love together and made them of equal importance.

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

We are told that loving God and loving our neighbour is the most important commandment. From it all other actions will follow: When we love someone, we do not want to hurt them. This helps us to avoid behaviour such as lying or cheating or being mean; or if we do these things, we ask for forgiveness so that we can be in a good relationship with the person.

Jesus tells us to love with all our heart, all our souls, and all our mind. Love is a feeling (heart); it is a way of living (soul), it is how we think about someone (mind). Talk about why each of these is necessary. The gospel challenges us and helps us to understand better Jesus' way to God. He teaches us so we must learn that there are only two commandments which in reality are one to love God and love neighbour. It challenges us with the question is, how do we love God each day with heart, soul, and mind?

The greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, with all our soul and all our mind and love our neighbour as ourselves. And to response to God's love by loving Him and to express that love in action by loving Him living in our neighbour.


So in that sense our love for God is tested and put into practice by the way we love our neighbour. Hence to love God can be broken down into three, heart, soul, and mind. First, loving God with our heart requires a deep commitment to give ourselves daily to God, through accepting that all things flow from God and return to God. Second loving God with our soul allows us to reflect and contemplate God and to pray constantly and with sincerity and gratitude. Finally loving God with our mind compels us to give our head and heart to God. Our mind use often caught up with logical and rational thought. And it can easily embrace to prove it to us mentality. Therefore, loving God with one's mind requires a deep humility to accept that God exceeds our understanding and beyond the depth of our human intellect.

As we enter this new week let our love to God make strong in our heart, soul and mind as well as our love for our neighbour as ourselves.

Have a wonderful day

God bless.

Fr Aleki



Working Bee

Thank you for all your help yesterday

A Special thank you to David, Steve, Lua and families and everyone who helped out with our working bee. Our new Fence construction should start on the 11 November 2020.



Announcements :

- 1 Nov – The commission of the PPC members will be held at both Masses
- 3 Nov – Northshore Deanery meeting

New Meeting Times

- **Finance Com** – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm (Next 10 Nov)
- **Liturgy Com** – 2nd Wednesday of each month. (Next 11 Nov)
- **PPC**- 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.00pm. (Next 19 Nov)

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. Our foodbank is experiencing a steady demand and we need all forms of non perishable food. We especially need tinned foods, breakfast foods, flour, and sugar. 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.

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 INSTI-



TUTE 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**



Thank you for supporting this year's MISSIO-NZ Church Appeal through your heartfelt gifts and prayers.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC held its formation day on Saturday 17 October with Pat Lythe as facilitator. The PPC will be commissioned at both Masses on Sunday 1 November. Bill Kilgallon was re-elected as Chair of the PPC and the following were appointed as convenors – Liturgy Ana Tusani; Youth Emma Ah Kuoi; Multi-Cultural Elisaia Tulifau; Caring Committee Ifo Ah Kuoi; Maintenance David Sharkey.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

After discussion with Fr Aleki and notification to the PPC it has been agreed that it is not possible to run the preparation classes for Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation this year. I am hopeful that we will be able to start next year after Easter – you will hear from me then. Regards Stephanie Martin

2021 Columban Calendars now available at Parish Office \$12

If anyone could **HELP sell** them after Mass at Church doors please contact the parish office on mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz

Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn

All are invited to participate in a candlelight vigil for the unborn on **Sunday 1 November at 7:30pm**. Bishop Michael Gielen will lead the prayer hour. We pray in reparation for the babies lost to abortion, and for the healing and conversion of all those wounded by, and who participate in, this practice. Come be Christ's light outside AMAC, 283 Dominion Road, Mt Eden. Visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents for more details or contact Michelle 027 526 1199 or michelle@fli.org.nz

A Volunteering Opportunity for a Sewer.

Are you a sewer/tailor with some spare time? Would you like to help one of our expectant mums develop a new skill? One of our mums is keen to learn to sew and would be so grateful if someone could give her a few lessons. If you think you can help please contact Clare at **Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support** on 021 231 7954 or email clare@fli.org.nz

Thanksgiving and Welcome Mass 2020

On behalf of The Auckland Diocese, all parish volunteers, and those recently received into our family of faith, are invited to our Mass of Thanksgiving and Welcome. We wish to thank and honour you all for desire to build the kingdom in year that has been disrupted by Covid and express a warm diocesan welcome to our neophytes. Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph Saturday **7 November 5.30pm**. It will be the vigil Mass. Validated parking available. See you all there!!
Naumai! Haeremai!

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Beate Matthies	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Charles Grinter Florinda Azavedo	Suzie McCarthy Lolesio Filipo
Ministers of Communion	Janet Monga	Pina Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Anderson/Ray	Bill Killgalon
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Organist	Ana Tran	Junior Elisara
Counters	Team E	Judy Seyb Joh Cogle

Next Week READINGS

01 November 2020

First Reading:
Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

Psalm 24

Second Reading:
John 3:1-3

Gospel:
Matthew 5:1-12

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.

CDA Connect

Are you wanting to know what is happening in the diocese? CDA Connect is a monthly newsletter concerning happenings in the diocese.

Read the current edition <https://mail-chi.mp/cda/cda-connect-issue-5827470> and sign-up to get the latest direct to your inbox.

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