

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

3rd Sunday of Advent
13 December 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11
Magnificat p177

Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8;19-28

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Rejoice in the Lord always

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday it begins with open antiphon: 'Gaudete in Domino Semper' meaning 'Rejoice in the Lord always'. It reminds us that we are near to celebrate Christmas, the coming of the Lord then we have to prepare for the very joyful occasion for the birthday of Jesus.

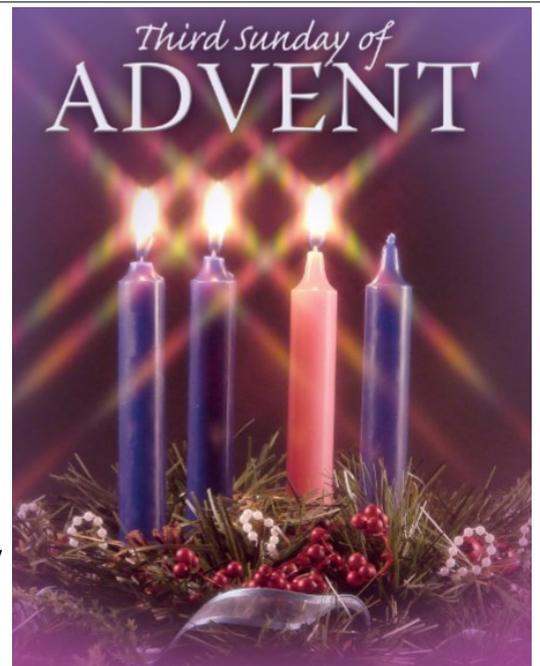
And today we light the rose candle of our Advent wreath reminding us of today's theme of joy and encouragement. So, today's reading requires us of the awaiting of the birthday of Jesus in our hearts and even the holy scripture reminds us the coming of Jesus, past, present, and future is a reason for us to rejoicing.

It is Gaudete Sunday when joy at the nearness of the Saviour is the dominant mood. It is celebrated especially in the extract from St Paul to the Thessalonians: 'Be happy at all times, pray constantly'.

In the first reading, prophet Isaiah encourages the Jews' exiles returning from Babylon to rejoice because their God will be their strong guide, in providing and protecting. He also declared that he has been sent by God to usher in the age of salvation. So, Jesus used this prophecy to announce the program of his own ministry.

The responsorial psalm Luke 1:46 here Mary rejoices in the great blessing given to her: 'My soul glorifies the Lord; my spirit finds joy in God my Saviour'. She sees herself as a nothingness made blessed by God's Spirit. an emptiness made fruitful with God's word.

Here the Magnificat we learn a lesson of the beatitudes in the blessing of God on the poor and the reversal of the lot of the wealthy and powerful of this world. In our dark and empty experiences let us see in Mary a sign of what God's grace has done before and will do again.



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



Heading North this summer?

A reminder and encouragement to visit the places of important Catholic history in our diocese, particular Motuti, where Bishop Pompallier remains are interred in St Mary's Church, and Tōtara Point, where the first official Mass was celebrated on 13 January 1838. All are invited to Mass at Tōtara Point Sunday, 10 January 2021 at 11am to commemorate the first Mass in Aotearoa.

See noticeboard for map and information.



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 any form of tinned 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.

We are seeking donations for Christmas Hampers for those families in our parish in need. Any Christmas food items would be welcomed.

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 (020 4139 5170), Charles (022 0242 753), or the Beach Haven shop (482 3017).

Tom Cotter

Tom and Lyn Cotter are long term parishioners of this parish and on Monday evening surrounded by his family, Tom peacefully passed and went to the Lord.

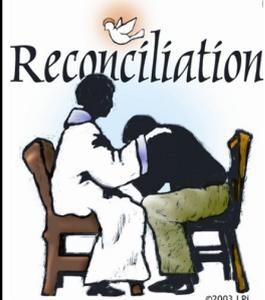
On Monday 14 December at 7.00pm there will be a Rosary vigil in our Parish Church for Tom, followed by refreshments in the Hall for a short period.

He will rest in our Church for the night and will be moved on Tuesday morning for his funeral at St. Thomas More in Glenfield which will commence at 1.00pm. [1300 hours]

Our condolences to Lyn and the Cotter family at this time and we will remember Tom, for all his work for this community during his lifetime.

We will remember him and his family in our prayers.

Welcome Tom, to the Maria Assumpta Angel Team.



Advent Rite 2

Schedule their Advent Rite 2 on the North Shore.

Sunday 6 Dec Devonport 6pm
Tuesday 8 Dec Orewa 7pm

Wednesday 9 Dec Northcote 7pm
Thursday 10 Dec Takapuna 7pm
Friday 11 Dec ECB Mairangi 7pm
Thursday 17 Dec Glenfield 7pm
Friday 18 Dec **Beach Haven** 7pm

Christmas Closure

The Beach Haven and Glenfield Vinnies charity shops thank you all very much for your kind donations and generous support of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We will close on Sat 19th December and reopen on Monday 18th January. We wish you all a very holy, peaceful and safe Christmas.

God Bless.



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Session (Evening): Christmas "Self Care Nibbles" with Clare Barnett. Tuesday, 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm. Fee: \$30. ZOOM

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/christmas-self-care-nibbles/>

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60, ZOOM

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

24 Dec - Midnight Mass - 12 midnight (Carols 11:30pm)

25 Dec - Christmas Day - 9 am

31 Dec - New Years Mass - 11pm

1 Jan – Mary the Mother of God Mass - 9 am

Maori Proverb:

"He mahi takitini tāku mahi, ehara i te mahi takitahi."
"My efforts were the efforts of many, not just of one."

"He toa takitini tāku toa, ehara i te toa takitahi."
"My courage was the courage of many, not just of one."

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Charles Grinter	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Sesa Setu Peteli Setu	Bill Kilgalon Andrew Gongora
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony	Cedric Tevaga
Prayers Of The Faithful	Pat Lythe / Litara	Julita Seumanutafa
Computer	Christina Setu	Filomena Filipo
Organist	Ana Tran	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team B	Anastasia Tusani Liz Antony

Next Week READINGS

20 December 2020

First Reading:
2Samuel 7:1-5,8-11.16
Psalm 89

Second Reading:
Romans 16:25-27

Gospel:
Luke 1:26-38

SPECIAL MASSES

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of month

Samoan Mass: 2nd Sunday of month

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—10am

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: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm.

Liturgy Committee meeting: 2nd 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

Hall Hire fee: \$150 Bond and \$30.00 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