

# 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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact Parish priest  
**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact Parish priest

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm - CLOSED 24 Dec—18 Jan 2021

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**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

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

The Annunciation of Angel Gabriel to Mary to  
be the mother of the Son of God

Today's reading focus's on the atmosphere that's leading up to the first coming of Jesus to our world, it is of his coming to us now and at the end of time.

Our gospel today addressed directly on the key role of Mary in the plan of God for the work of our own salvation. Today's reading describes God's promise to David and its fulfilment in Jesus, the Son of David. And they tell us for the preparation of the coming of Jesus was full of surprises.

God's plan of salvation in history has contained many surprises. In the first reading from the second book of Samuel saying the kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord. David wants to build a house for God but instead God promises to build an everlasting dynasty for him. This reading surprises us by telling of God promise to David that he would have a long line of royal descendants culminating in a final king, Jesus Christ.



Psalm 89 recalls us of all God's promises and fulfilment and surprises us by saying that God's promise to David and his descendants explain to us as in term of a covenant. 'I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord'. It is an example of memory being the bridge of hope between past promise and future fulfilment.



**Fourth  
Sunday  
of  
Advent**

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

The second reading a letter of St Paul to the Roman about God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles has come to fulfilment in Christ. And what surprising us here St Paul tells us the unveiling of God's plan for our salvation through Christ.

In today's gospel, Luke tells us God's promise to David was fulfilled in Jesus. Now we know that David was the king of a united country, with Jerusalem as the capital. He set about to build a house, temple for the Lord. But the Lord pre-empts David's plan. It is the Lord who will build a dynasty for David, which will last forever. When Jerusalem was destroyed in 587BC, it seemed that the promise would not be fulfilled. Still, the hope remained that a Messiah would come from the house of David. This expectation was fulfilled in our gospel of today, when Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of the Redeemer, who through Joseph, would be of the line of David. Gabriel's words echo the words of God's promise to David.

In today's gospel, Angel Gabriel surprises Mary his message even she is a virgin betrothed to Joseph, she will become a mother. First she become the mother through the Holy Spirit who will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you and therefore, this child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God. And Mary is to name him Jesus means our Saviour. And God will make Him a king and as a descendant in the line of king David. Jesus will rule over the House of Jacob forever and His kingdom will have no end.

And even a surprising sign of Divine, Elizabeth, Mary's aged barren cousin is six months pregnant for what Angel Gabriel says, 'Nothing shall be impossible with God'. Hence what is surprising and reminding us that God's promise is best fulfilled not in buildings, or even in a great kings like Solomon but likely a humble souls handmaid of the Lord, Mary who totally put all her trust fully in God's promise. Mary said to Gabriel, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me'.

What amazing us to know that we may experience a profoundly experience of God probably in the church or chapel then we know God can and will visit us also in the ordinary setting of our lives may be at home or in our work places. Wherever and however God may speak to us in various ways just let us pray that we like Mary to give our yes to God by saying like Mary: 'I am the lowly servant of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me'.

As we enter to this new week near to Christmas may our yes become yes and no become no.  
God bless Fr Aleki

### Announcements :

Thanks for Emma and the supporters for the event of the youth last Friday and jabe a wonderful Chrstmas and New Year.

Thanks for PPC committee for their meeting this week and Merry Christmas

**2021 Daily Mass Calendars**—\$5 at office

• **24 Dec** - Christmas Carols at 11:30am

• **24 Dec** - Midnight Mass at 12:00am

**28 Dec** - PPC would like to Hosts a BBQ to end the Year. Bring a **PLATE to SHARE**.

Parish will provide some Meat and Drink however we request those who wish to attend to please email the office with

numbers of your family who wish to attend for catering purposes. **RSVP** to the office on

[mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz)

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## 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

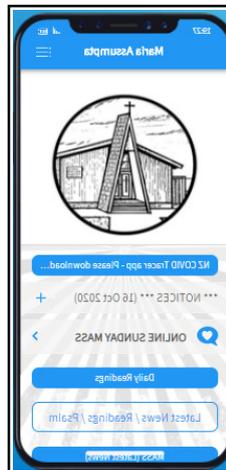
If someone you know is sharing misinformation, message them privately and ask them not to.

### 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.



PLEASE Download the [Web App](https://tinyurl.com/y7cr7uaw) onto your phone and then save a link to your homepage on your phone <https://tinyurl.com/y7cr7uaw>



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

**MAKE  
SUMMER  
UNSTOPPABLE**



Unite  
against  
COVID-19

We remind you that we are still on Alert level 1 and to make it an "Unstoppable Summer" by following some simple steps:

- Wash your hands
- Scan QR codes
- Stay home if you're sick
- And wear a mask when travelling on public transport

These steps can help to fight COVID-19 and we can make it an Unstoppable Summer



### 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.

Don't throw away Christmas card envelopes without tearing off the **stamps** first. Those stamps could support ministries in Peru and Timor Leste.

So just tear off the stamps without damaging them and send them to: **PO Box 6404, North Dunedin 9059**

Every stamp is a contribution. Stamps from every country and every denomination are welcome.

Please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yctnrzet>

**Christmas Day Mass Shine TV** – Shine will broadcast Christmas Day Mass starting at **1.50pm**. Shine is on Free-to-air Channel 25 and Sky TV Channel 201. Mass comes from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and the presider is Bishop Michael Gielen.

Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. Or it can be watched from <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/> Mass will be broadcast at 2pm the next Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family and that will conclude this current provision of broadcast Mass.



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).

### TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

**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](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

### 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	Midnight Mass 12am	Christmas Mass 9 am	New Year Day Mass 9 am
Welcome/Notices	Bill Kilgalon	Te Aorere	Beate Matthies
Ministers Of The Word	Joh Cogle Peteli Setu	Pat Lythe Stephen Chmiel	Anne Shaw Charles Grinter
Ministers of Communion	Pat McCarthy Janet Monga Pina Naititi	Elisaia Tulifau	Mathilde Mujawamariya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Anderson Christina Setu	Anne Anderson Ray	Liz Anthony
Computer	Andrew Gongora	Chris Simpson	Chris Simpson
Organist	Ausage Setu	Ana Tran	TBA

### Next Week READINGS - 27 December 2020

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14  
Psalm 128  
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

This Newsletter will be our final one for 2020. The first newsletter for 2021 will be on Sunday 24 January.

### 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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 10.00am.

**Finance Committee meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm.

**Liturgy Committee meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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://mailchi.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](mailto:mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz)



### 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](mailto:mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz)