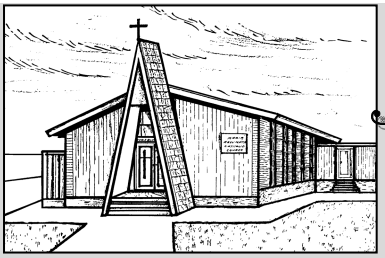

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm - CLOSED until 18 Jan 2021

Holy Family
27 December 2020

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Psalm 104
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8,1112,17;19
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Midnight Mass 25th Friday December 2020

Isaiah 9:1-7 This prophecy about the coming of a Saviour-child who will rescue his people from oppression, is fulfilled in Jesus. As divine wisdom he is wonderful counsellor he is mighty God, 'Father of the world to come 'Prince of everlasting peace'. To those in darkness, a child will be born who will have dominion over the earth.

Psalm 96:1-2,2-3,11-12,13. Let heaven and earth exult in joy. Sing a new song to the Lord.

Titus2:11-14 God has appeared, brings salvation to all. St. Paul reminds us what is expected of us if we are to enjoy the salvation won for us by Jesus.

Luke 2:1-14. This tells about the birth of Jesus and how the news of his birth was brought by angels to Shepherds. Mary gives birth to her child outside the town, laying him in the house of the animals, wrapping a new born child in bands of cloth. The shepherds of Bethlehem the first one who announce the birth of Jesus. The birth of a Saviour bringing peace of a different kind. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those who enjoying God's favour.

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

Christmas day Mass 25th Friday December 2020

Isaiah 52:7-10. This great hymn of exultation at the return of the exiles from Babylon is also poem of joy for our redemption.

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Hebrew 1:1-6. The whole history of God's dealing with his people in the past was a preparation for the coming of his son at a particular moment in history.

John 1:1-18. This is a great hymn to the word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God.

Christmas is a time filled with many exciting things, often there are gifts and gatherings , food and good times. Christmas a time we step back and take in deep and rich meaning of this sacred event. God entered our human condition and is able to identify with all that we experience in life. As the birth of the Saviour and his appears to the shepherds reveals that each and everyone of us is invited to come and meet him. God humbled Himself in the most profound way so that we could come to know Him and His perfect love for us. Do not be afraid to come to meet him, love him, adore Him, get to know him and give glory to God of his blessings.

Wish you all to have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Holy Family Mass- 27th Sunday December 2020

Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3. Abraham and Sarah are given a child as a reward for their faith.

Psalm 104:1-6,8-9. The Lord remembers his Covenant for ever.

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19. The outcome of the faith of Abraham and Sarah.

Luke 2:22,39-40. The child Jesus was presence to God than lived at home in Nazareth.

Today we reflect on the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth. We know very little about this period of Jesus' life. But today St Luke tells us that in Nazareth the child grew to maturity , and he was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was with him.

Luke tells us that his parents did everything what the law required and here we can conclude that Jesus grew up in a religious home in Nazareth, characterized by prayer and faithfulness to God's law. So his 30th year in Nazareth he learn and familiarity with the Hebrew scriptures the Torah, the Prophets and the Psalms revealing throughout his public ministry.

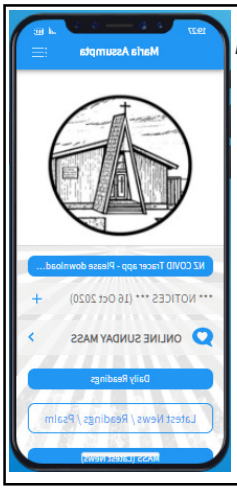
The Holy Family experience difficult times in Nazareth , Joseph and Mary lost him when Jesus was twelve years old.

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

At a certain stage Mary and Jesus grief at the death of Joseph. What we learn from this Holy Family helps our own family , the essential of faith in God and love for each other and have courage in difficult times and the life of the Holy Family continues to offer us encouragement and inspiration.

As we enter to the last week of this year may the inspiration of the Holy Family leads us to a new week of the new year with a happy and faithful year.

God bless. Fr. Aleki.



PLEASE Download the Web App onto your phone and then save a link to your homepage on your phone ***https://tinyurl.com/y7cr7uaw***

Announcements :

The office will be close, January seems a holy one, so no more meeting until we reach February 2021

2021 Daily Mass Calendars—$5 at office

- **24 Dec** - Christmas Carols at 11:30pm
- **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***

- **31 Dec** - New Years Mass at 11:00 pm
- **1 Jan** - Mass at 9:00am

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*

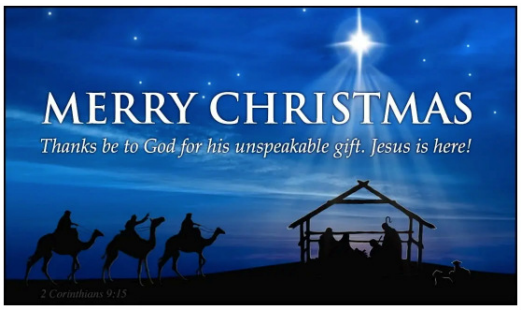
These steps can help to fight COVID-19 and we can make it an Unstoppable Summer

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



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

Enua 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://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**

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