



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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 January 2021

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10 **Psalm:** 25
Second Reading: 1Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark1:14-20

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Sunday of the Word of God

Today is established by Pope Francis to be regarded as the Sunday of the Word of God and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, Pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the Liturgy.

As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speak to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible seen as a year of long event for our urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and the Risen Lord who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. And for this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with the Sacred Scripture so that our hearts won't remain cold with eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness'

The Lord who teaches us his ways, Like Jonah, Christ was sent to preach repentance. He calls us to change our ways. We are not to become engrossed in the world, but to believe the good news and live for the kingdom of God. Repentance is one of the main themes of the readings.



THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER ZEBEDEE IN THE BOAT
ALONG WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.
- MK 1:20

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

In the first reading it relates to how Jonah's preaching finds an unexpected response from the pagan Ninevites. The story shows the possibility of the pagan city to repent and turn to God. It also shows the mercy and forgiveness of God. And if Ninevites city fully respond to Jonah's preaching than how much more of us fully response to the preaching of Jesus.

Psalms 25 sings, 'Lord, make me know your ways', The psalm chosen to accompany with today's gospel is a prayer that God, in his mercy and love, would teach us his ways: ' Lord, teaches me your paths, makes me walk in your truth, and teaches me for God my Saviour. You show the path to those who stray and guide the humble in the right path and teach Your way to the poor'.

In the second reading St Paul proposes a level of detachment from the dear, familiar things. Believing that the return of the Lord was imminent, Paul counsels an attitude of detachment from the things of this world. What is the important point that Paul brings here is that we are destined for the next world. This should profoundly affect the way we live in this world. What Paul wants to get our priorities right, and get a proper balanced view of things, and the last important is our eternal destiny and how we stand in the sight of God at our last day of judgement.

Today's gospel launches Jesus on his public ministry. He proclaimed the good news that the time had come for the reign of God on earth. The implication was that up till then people had yielded to the reign of the devil. Jesus instructed his listeners to repent and believe the good news. The word, repent, literally means to think again, repensare. Jesus offered the world a new way of seeing, a new system of values and a new standard of loving. Jesus called the fishermen to leave their boats and follow him. To become a follower demands more than subscribing to a set of doctrines or moral principles.

To believe means, above all, to give one's heart to the Lord in a personal relationship. It means to walk the road of life in the company of the Lord, to think with his mind and to act out his values. In the beginning of the new millennium Pope John Paul II offered no magic formula for the problems and challenges of our age. 'No', he wrote, 'we shall not be saved by a formula but by a Person, and the assurance which he gives us; I am with you'.

The essence of the good news is Jesus, the Saviour, risen and with us. Jesus begins his public ministry to preach and calls his first disciples. He begins his preaching by calling on people to repent and embrace good news. For Mark, 'believe in the Gospel meant believe in the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Gospel shows the prompt response of the first disciples to his call to follow him.

Let us thank God through our service and open to change through mediating on God's word and living out God's kingdom. May his word dwell in us.

Have a wonderful Sunday
God bless
Fr Aleki

Announcements :

Our thoughts and Prayers are with Mary Aull's family who died suddenly this week.
Anyone volunteers for children liturgy ?

- **TODAY** - Meeting for youth after 10am mass in hall please regarding:.
-Alter servers with Fr Aleki
-Upcoming youth mass on 28 Feb
-Enrol members old & new

- **31 Jan** - Maori Mass—10am
- **28 Feb** -Youth Mass—10am

New Meeting Times

- **Finance Com** – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm (Next 9 Feb)
- **Liturgy Com** – 2nd Wednesday of each month. (Next 10 Feb)
- **PPC**- 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.00pm. (Next 18 Feb)
- Youth Mass and Multicultural alternate on every 4th Sunday of the month

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.

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MENS' FELLOWSHIP

Meeting date: Wed 27 Jan 2021 7.30pm

Location: St Josephs Centre, Takapuna

Speaker: Kevin McCormick

Presentation: Life in the Spirit: our prophetic calling. Kevin recently joined Joshua and has a passion for building up the Church and finding ways to empower men and women to respond to live a life in the Spirit which is our prophetic calling. Come and hear him speak as he has a message for all men. There will be opportunities for prayer, sharing and fellowship over a cuppa. We look forward to your company and getting to know you.

For more information contact Russell 022 034 5678.



Happy New Year from the Maria Assumpta Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul and a big thank you to everyone for your support over the summer holiday season. Our foodbank is experiencing a steady demand and we need all forms of non perishable food. We are especially short of tinned foods. 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 (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://tinyurl.com/y3h86saw>

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.

4 Mondays in March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session.

ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

Start: 01 March

<https://tinyurl.com/y386hr9u>

On-Site Event: Ancient Rock-Hewn Churches in Ethiopia with Nic Birt

Saturday, 13 March, 7-9pm at the Coptic Orthodox Church in Birkdale, Northshore

<https://tinyurl.com/yyajfrsw>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Social Justice Retreat

Social Justice Retreat 9am-4pm Saturday 6 March 2021 at St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr Merv Duffy SM.

It will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and *Fratelli Tutti*. \$20 including lunch.

Places are limited so please contact Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz asap if you are interested in attending.



Daily Mass
Calendar

2021



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Please come to the Parish Office to get yours.

Liturgy Committee Formation (by Liturgy Centre)

February 18 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Pompallier Centre

Please let Ana know if you would like to attend:
tusania@gmail.com or 021-083-57633.



We are asking volunteers for the liturgical ministries of reader, Prayers of the faithful, welcomer, projector operator and Ministers of communion. There is a list at the back of the church to put your name on. PLEASE support our Church

Message of Thanks from the Lui Family

A special thank you to Father Aleki for clearing his time to lead our mothers funeral service. On behalf of my family I would like to say "Thank you to everyone who travelled near and afar to attend the service". Words are beyond grateful and blessed. We really appreciate it. Vasiti Ofa Petelo was and always is blessed to be in this beautiful and heart warming community. A special thank you to those who stayed back and cleaned everything in the Church and the Hall. May God Bless all your hearts and Souls and we thank you so much.

Suma and Vainga Lui

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Pat Lythe	Bill Kilgalon
Ministers Of The Word	Tuan Nguyen Therese Corpuz	Sesa Setu Ana Tusani
Ministers of Communion	Maria Tualof'ai	Mathilde Mujawamariya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Mutu	Peteli Setu
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Organist	Filomena Filipo	Ausage Setu
Counters	Team B	Anastasia Tusani Liz Antony

Next Week READINGS

31 January 2020

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 95

Second Reading:
1Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel:
Mark 1:21-28

SPECIAL MASSES

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm

Samoa Mass: 2nd Sunday of month - 11:45 am

Tongan Mass: 3rd Sunday of the month - 1 pm

Multicultural Mass: 4th Sunday of every other month. Alternates with Youth Mass - 10 am

Youth Mass: 4th Sunday of every other month. Alternates with Multicultural Mass - 10 am

Maori Mass: 5th Sunday of month - 10 am

Note: Singing Practice: Saturdays after morning Mass. We will advise when this 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)

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Youth Group: To be advised

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

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

Multicultural group meeting: To be advised

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

Liturgy Committee meeting: 32nd 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