



# 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

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**21 February 2021**

**First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15**  
**Psalm: 25**  
**Second Reading: 1Peter 3:18-22**  
**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert**

The first Sunday of Lent prepare us to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. The church helps us to achieve this goal by leading us to repent and reorder our priorities and change our values and ambition through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving with self-control. In our baptism we share the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In the first reading we hear the first covenant was the promise made by God to Noah not to destroy the world and his descendant after the flood.

Psalm 25 sings, 'Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant'. And for God's faithfulness is sure. God's characteristic will shape the life of the forgiven penitent. He is truth, compassion, love, kindness, goodness, uprightness, humility, and justice.

In the second reading the first letter of St Peter shows us how Noah's time of the water's flood prefigured baptism by which we are saved. It reminds us that Noah and his family were saved from the flood and we are saved through the waters of Baptism. So, our Baptism is an outward sign of the new covenant that God has made with his people. It makes us adopted children of God, heirs of Heaven as well as the temple of the Holy Spirit.



***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 today's gospel, after Jesus' baptism, he spent forty days in the desert, during which time he was tempted by Satan. He faced and defeated the devil for forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately following his baptism. Jesus started preaching his messianic mission: 'The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel'.

As we enter this new week of lent may we have strength of Jesus to face and overcome temptation by using prayer, penance, and the word of God. So, during this lent let us confront the devil by listening to Jesus' speaking to us through his words, practicing self-control and may this time help us to grow spiritually into maturity and committing more to devotion in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I pray for each one of you during this level 2 and hopefully to turn to level 1 soon.

May God bless you all.  
Fr Aleki

**Announcements :**

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

Ash Wednesday has not quite been "Ash" Wednesday this year, but you'll be pleased to know that Bishop Pat has suggested we distribute the ashes later in Lent – on the first Sunday after we move back to Covid Level 1.

We are blessed that our lives have not been too disrupted by this latest level 3 confinement. But it is also a good reminder that we must work together as a community to maintain the freedom and privilege we have enjoyed in New Zealand - and to rejoice in blessings which elude people in most other countries.

You continue to be remembered in the prayer of your parish staff.

**With the change at to Covid level 2:**

- We return to weekday Masses.
- Sunday Masses; Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am. We can only seat a maximum of 100 in the church.
- You will need to SCAN in / sign in at the entrances to church.
- Under level 2, Holy Communion is ministered onto the hand (not on the tongue) and the chalice is not offered. There is no holy water in the fonts. And the sign of peace is offered without physical contact. Physical distancing of 1 metre is observed.
- No singing and No after Mass Tea.
- Scan the QR code at the entrance, and use the hand sanitiser.
- You are encouraged to stay home if you are unwell.
- We still have the station of the Cross on Friday evening at 7pm under 100 people

**Other:**

- Reminding those who book the hall please take up all your decoration and clean up on the day of hire—not the next day.



- **TODAY** – Tongan Mass - 1pm
- **24 Feb** – Finance Committee Meeting - 7 pm
- **25 Feb** – PPC Meeting - 7pm
- **26 Feb** – Stations of Cross start every Friday - 7 pm
- **28 Feb** – Youth Mass—10am

**New Meeting Times**

- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm (Next 7 March)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday of month - 11:45 am (Next 14 March)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday of the month - 1 pm (Next 21 March)
- **Youth Mass and Multicultural** alternate on every 4th Sunday of the month

**IF YOU SEE COVID-19 MISINFORMATION**

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| <p><b>1 DON'T ENGAGE</b><br/>If you reply, share, or quote misinformation, you help to spread it.</p>   | <p><b>2 BLOCK THEM</b><br/>If someone you don't know is sharing misinformation, block them.</p>                   |
| <p><b>3 MESSAGE PRIVATELY</b><br/>If someone you know is sharing misinformation, message them privately and ask them not to.</p>                                      | <p><b>4 REPORT</b><br/>Report misinformation to platforms or group admins asking them to remove that content.</p> |
| <p><b>5 INSTEAD, SPREAD OFFICIAL ADVICE</b><br/>Drown out fake news by sharing official scientific advice, as well as posts promoting good causes in tough times.</p> |   |



Sign-in. Stop the virus.



# Caritas

## Lenten Giving Packs

You can either use the Weekly **AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND** Donation Envelopes or use a Single Donation Envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. A free post envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.

Please **do include your contact details**, such as name, address and email details, so that we can send you a tax receipt. Alternatively, you can donate online by visiting [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) and pay by credit card or make a direct transfer to Caritas' bank account.

Donations received in these envelopes by 31st March will be sent a receipt for the 2020/2021 tax year. Donations received after 1st April will be sent a receipt for the 2021/2022 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.



The Maria Assumpta conference of St Vincent de Paul needs someone to assist us with bread deliveries on a Monday evening. You would need access to a car and it would take about an hour of your time. If you could assist, please call Charles at the number below. Our foodbank especially needs tinned foods at the moment. 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 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 at Coptic Orthodox Church, Birkdale: Ancient Rock-Hewn Churches in Ethiopia with Nic Birt.

Saturday, 13 March, 7-9pm. Free.

<https://tinyurl.com/yyajfrsw>

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

Are you interested in facilitating post-abortion healing A training day is available 27th Feb via zoom on the **Living in Colour programme** which deals specifically with abortion loss. It has excellent workbooks and a facilitator guide for lay people.

Queries: Catherine Gillies 021-432-020

Register Online: <https://livingincolour.nz/>



Experienced Administration Assistant/PA general secretarial/PA, bookkeeping and parish communications including social media duties. It is a busy role and the successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, bookkeeping experience (MYOB/Xero) as well as being a fantastic organiser and must be available to work on Sundays. St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush. To view the full advert, please visit the Diocesan website under Diocesan Services, People and Staff Vacancies.



February Diocesan Youth Mass | Hosted by The Logos Project Join us for the first Diocesan Youth Mass of 2021!!

This will be held at:

St Patrick's Cathedral - 7pm Sunday  
28th of February.

We would love to see you all and to welcome you back. Mass will be hosted by the Logos Project and year 13 school leaders and will be celebrated by Fr Kev Murphy SM. For more info contact Felicity on 022 635 2366 or see our Facebook page @akcym

**ARE YOU A TERTIARY STUDENT IN AUCKLAND?** You are invited to the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) for our 2021 Welcome BBQ. ENJOY delicious food, CONNECT with other Catholic students, and DISCOVER your 'Home away from home' in the city. 5PM-7PM, Friday 5th March ACTC, 110 Symonds St, Grafton. For more info visit: [facebook.com/thechaplains](https://facebook.com/thechaplains)



### Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday, starting 19 February, at 7 pm.

### Ministers Availability during Lent/Easter:

Could you please indicate your availability on the clipboard at the back of the Church please, or you can call Ana on 021-083-57633, or email [tusania@gmail.com](mailto:tusania@gmail.com)

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Pat Lythe	YOUTH
Ministers Of The Word	Te Aorere Chan Rita Webster	YOUTH
Ministers of Communion	Janet Monga Elisaia Talifau	Cedric Tevaga Peter Tevaga
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Anderson/w	YOUTH
Computer	Chris Simpson	Christiana Setu
Organist	Filomena Filipo	Ausage Setu
Counters	Team F	Bruce Shaw Sela Capel

## Next Week READINGS

28 February 2021

First Reading:  
Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Psalm 116

Second Reading:  
Romans 8:31-34

Gospel:  
Mark 9:2-10

### SPECIAL MASSES

**Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm

**Samoa Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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](mailto: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](mailto:mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz)