

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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4th Sunday of Lent
14 March 2021

First Reading: 2Chronicle 36:14-16 19-23
Psalm: 137
Second Reading: Ephesain 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

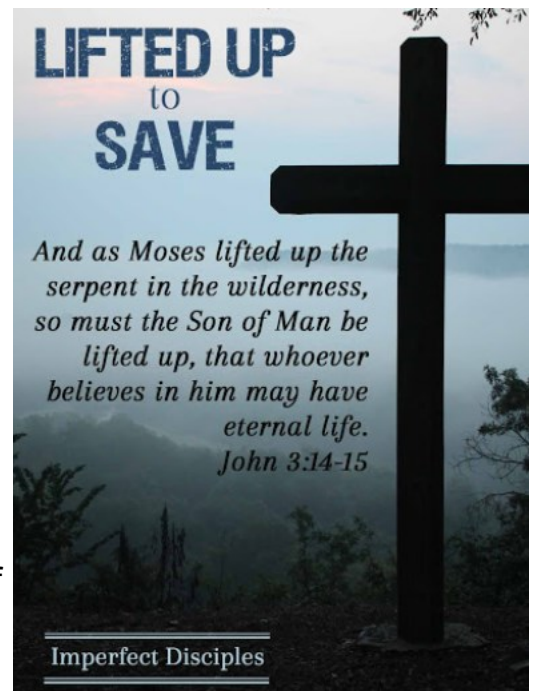
Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

God expresses His love, mercy and compassion to us through His only Son Jesus Christ

All readings today stress on our salvation as a gift of freely of the merciful God given to us through Christ and in him stress God's mercy and compassion and his great love, kindness, and grace.

In the first reading we hear the wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people. Because of their sins allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But God's mercy is seen in their home coming. And it shows how God remained faithful to his people despite of their infidelities. It also reflects the infidelities and shameful practices of the People and how God's messengers were ridiculed, until there was no further remedy. Having disregarded the covenant, their temple was destroyed, their land taken, and they were deported to Babylon. We learn God's mercy and patience of God where he chose Cyrus a pagan king as an instrument of His mercy and salvation of His chosen people to free and go back to their homeland.

Psalm 137 picks up the sadness of the exiles by the river of Babylon. Many of the exiles abandoned their belief in God's intervention and protection, but a faithful remnant persevered in their hope of returning to the land which they believed that God had once given to them.



*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 Second reading St Paul reminds us and the Ephesians that our own effort have not saved us but through the love and mercy of God. Because His mercy is so rich which grant us eternal salvation and eternal life as a gift through Jesus Christ.

In today's Gospel John teaches us that God's love the world so much that he sent His only Son everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Christ did not come to condemn the world but to save us. Jesus came into the world as a light. Sadly, some preferred darkness to the light, thus sealing their own condemnation. Judgement is not passed by God; people judge themselves by their response to the light. It is clear from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians stresses on the love of God has shown us in Christ. And our own salvation is not our own efforts but to the goodness of God.

As we enter to this new week let us walk with the love of God and His merciful with compassion toward others.

Announcements :
PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

Wish you have a faithful Sunday,

Thanks here for the finance committee and the liturgy committee for our loving meeting and helping in enriching our parish as we move closer to the holy week and Easter. PPC meeting next Thursday at 7pm.

May God bless you all.
Fr Aleki

Meeting of the Altar Servers after 10am mass in the church

If we STAY at Covid level 2:

- We will continue with 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
- **14 Mar** – TODAY - Samoan Mass - 11:45 am
 - **18 Mar** – PPC Meeting - 7 pm
 - **19 Mar** - Stations of Cross start every Friday - 7 pm
 - **21 Mar** - Tongan Mass - 1 pm
 - **23 Mar** – Easter preparation for Reconciliation - 7 pm
 - **28 Mar** - Multicultural Mass - 10 am

New Meeting Times

- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm (Next 04 April)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday of month - 11:45 am (Next 11 April)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday of the month - 1 pm (Next 18 April)
- **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.



Sign-in. Stop the virus.



Caritas

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND You can either use the Weekly 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 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.

Lenten Giving Packs



Grant Applications, 2021

We are now accepting grant applications until April 9th, 2021. To

download a grant application form and to find out who can apply, please visit our website.



Together we care for the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable.

Nau Mai Haere Mai "COME AND SEE" Come and explore a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy Saturday 27 March 2021 9.30am to 1.30pm Te Waipuna Puawai 12a Umere Cres, Ellerslie. RSVP by 24 March and for more information contact: - vocations@mercy.org.nz Sr Fatima Ph 021 084 29440 Sr Linda Ph 021 263 0439

Choral Mass in Celebration of St Joseph

"Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. We are delighted to bring you a beautiful Choral Mass celebrating the feast day of St Joseph in the Year of St Joseph 7 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph **Friday 19th March 2021**. Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. We look forward to welcoming you once more to the Cathedral. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.



Ashes will be distributed at all Masses first Sunday in Level 1

Lenten 2 Rite Reconciliations

- Wednesday 17 March 7pm - Mairangi Bay
- Thursday 18 March 7pm Takapuna - St Joseph's
- Sunday 21 March 7pm - Devonport
- Tuesday 23 March 7pm - Beach Haven**
- Thursday 25 March 7pm - Northcote
- Friday 26 March 7pm - Glenfield



Warmly invites all women to our **March Meeting**

Topic:
CHANGE MY HEART , O GOD (Luke 19: 8-9)

Speaker: Barbara Hines

When: **Wednesday 17th March 2021, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

Where: Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield

Contact: Sylvia 021 088 22990
Email: aldonsylvia@gmail.com
www.dove.org.nz



The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students

If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2021, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship.

For more information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Phone (09) 360 3057 or email catheriner@cda.org.nz

Vinnies needs helpers.

We need you to help us make a difference for people in our local community by sorting and pricing donations and helping customers. You can work hours that suit you and make some new friends. Please contact: Wanda – Ph: 443-5274, 021-248-0629 or glenfield.vinnies@gmail.com

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Sesa Setu	Cedric Tevaga
Ministers Of The Word	Therese Corpuz Te Aorere Chan	Ifo Ah-Kuoi Andrew Gongora
Ministers of Communion	Atela Brahne Mataafa Elisaia Tulifau	Filipina Naititi Tulifau Iulia Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Pat Lythe/ Litara Asiaasiau	Julita Seumanutafa
Computer	Christiana Setu	Filomena Filipino
Organist	Anna Tran	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team C	Stephen Chmiel Chanida Shaw

Next Week READINGS

21 March 2021

First Reading:
Jer 31:31-34

Psalm: 51

Second Reading:
Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel:
John 11:1-45

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

Parish Pastoral Council meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month 7.00pm.

NEWSLETTER:

Do you want the Newsletter via email ?

I send out emails every FRIDAY to the "Newsletter List" I have. If you do not receive these emails and would like too then please email me on mariaassumpta@xtra.co.nz



CDA Connect

Are you wanting to know what is happening in the diocese? CDA Connect is a monthly newsletter concerning happenings in the diocese.



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