



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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Ascension of the Lord 16 May 2021

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: 47
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus after forty days of Jesus' resurrection from the dead and going into heaven. He promised his disciples that the Holy Spirit as the source of their heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him by their lives and preaching throughout the world. But he is still with us through his dwelling Holy Spirit as he promised: 'I am with you always to the end of time'. And today's feast we celebrate his final glorification after his suffering, death, and resurrection as a glory in which we also hope to share. It is a day for openness and joy. It is a day for renewing our hope in the goal towards which the Lord is leading us, namely a place in his kingdom. But our sins prevent us from walking freely and joyfully towards Jesus' kingdom.

In the first reading the Acts tells us about the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. It is also show now in the glorious presence of his Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through his followers. Here it also instructed the Apostles to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit so that they might become his witnesses to the ends of the earth' by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then the cloud took Jesus from the sight of the disciples and the two heavenly messengers wear white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus' second coming or return in glory.

Psalm 47 refrain of the response suggesting that by his Ascension, the risen Lord' mounts his throne' in glory.



**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 Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Ephesians the meaning of the ascension: It is the theological meaning of the feast is expressed here: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him head of the Church and Lord of creation. It is the exaltation of Jesus which gives us the assurance that one day, we too will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided we fulfil the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord.

In today's gospel before ascending to his Father, Jesus commissions his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world. It also describes to us on how Lord Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving his final blessing and missionary command to his disciples. This command was to proclaim the Good News to the whole creation, to be his witnesses and to make disciples of all nations. The Apostles are to challenge people of all times and places either to believe or reject the Gospel. The ascension of Jesus is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth. The ascension of Jesus is a source of strength and encouragement for us that help us to overcome doubt about our faith as well as our fear, anxieties and worries and this lesson here gives us that we too are called to share his glory in Heaven.

Announcements :

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

- Seeking for anyone who is interested to help our parish on teaching the RCIA , I would like 2-3 volunteers, all costs covered by the Parish and held at the Catholic Theological College (Columba Centre (Vermont Street). Dates: Friday 16th 6pm to 9pm, Saturday 17th July: 9am -4pm, Friday 6 August 6pm -9pm, Saturday 7th August: 9am-4pm. Please contact Fr Aleki (see notice in Church)
- We are still looking for any help for the Eucharistic minister and new readers if you are interested, please contact Pat Lythe for Eucharistic minister and Suzie McCarthy for reader.
- Thank you to the finance committee and liturgical committee for this week's meetings.
- Thanks to Pat Lythe and the liturgical committee for helping with the eucharistic minister training.
- Thanks to all those parishioners who joined in of the adoration of the Wednesday night and the celebrating of the mass of the Thursday with our Lady of Fatima Rosary.
- Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Join with fellow parishioners in wearing red, the colour of the Holy Spirit
- **TODAY** - Tongan Mass - 1 pm
- **20 May** - PPC Meeting - 7 pm
- **23 May** - Multicultural Mass - 10 am
- **30 May** - Maori Mass - 10 am

As we enter to this new week let us like preaching what we have and proclaim with our lives. wish you a happy Ascension day.

God Bless
Fr Aleki



New Meeting Times

- **Ladies Scripture Group meeting** - every Monday - 10 am
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm (Next 06 June)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday of month - 11:45 am (Next 13 June)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday of the month - 1 pm (Next 20 June)
- **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.



Diocesan Vacancy:

Full Time Catholic Chaplain for Middlemore Hospital. The Diocese is seeking an experienced and suitably qualified person for a full time Catholic chaplaincy position at Middlemore Hospital and Manukau Super Clinic.

Applicants should ideally have completed or be willing to complete a minimum of one Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course or equivalent and/or have experience in parish ministry or other relevant chaplaincy ministry position.

Some formation in Catholic Sacramental Theology is essential and candidates must be at least in a multifaith and ethnic environment.

For a full position description, AND OTHER vacancies, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>



Mass of the Neophytes Bishop Michael welcomes all to join those who have been baptised and received into the Catholic community in a celebration of the Gift of Faith on Saturday 22 May 5.30pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. Validated parking available. Naumai haeremai.

Pope Francis affirms to the "irrevocable" commitment of the Church in promoting unity among Christian Churches. Bishop Pat is hosting 8 Churches uniting in One House, under One Faith through One Baptism in the One Lord of All to an Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held at Christ The King Catholic Church on Tuesday **25th May 2021 @7:30PM**. You are all invited to attend and to participate in this years Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will also be live streaming on SHINE TV and on the various Churches Social Media. Light refreshments will be provided. <https://bit.ly/33Go2Y9>



The Maria Assumpta conference of St Vincent de Paul is grateful for the ongoing support by parishioners. Our foodbank is experiencing a steady demand and we need all forms of non perishable food.

We especially need baking supplies and 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, and we need people to assist, 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)

ACYM For Youth and Young Adult Ministry Updates go to:

www.akyouth.org.nz
www.facebook.com/akcym

Diocesan Youth Mass

Join us for our next Diocesan Youth Mass happening on Sunday, 30th May, 7 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. We cannot wait to celebrate the Eucharist alongside you.



Training - formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer

This training is being offered by the Centre for Liturgy of the Auckland Diocese, in conjunction with the Catholic Theological College. It is to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word. It will take place over 5 Saturdays: May 22nd, June 5th, 12th 26th and July 3rd, 9.30 – 3.00pm each day (bring your lunch). The venue is the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby (except for June 12th). Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register email: liturgy@cda.org.nz

ENROLMENTS FOR 2022



Enrolments for Year 7 pupils for 2022 are open. There are also limited spaces available in Years 8-13.

Please phone Helen on 488-3750

We will be holding an Open Day at the college on Thursday **20 May** at 1.30 pm.

All interested parents and their sons are very welcome to attend.



Enrolment forms will be available at the Open Day.

Go to Joseph: Our Protector and Guide

In this 'Year of St. Joseph' declared by Pope Francis, Joseph's example and patronage come at the perfect time. As the pandemic has forced millions to live hidden away, isolated and alone, we can see Joseph as a model of the hidden life. What do we know about our patron and companion? A day to reflect on the life of St Joseph and what he calls each of us to.

This retreat will be held at Mary MacKillop Centre on Saturday May 29th led by Sisters Lyndall Brown and Jill McLoughlin. Cost: \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged – please register with Sr Julian by **May 24th** marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au or 09 528 1801



Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Charles Grinter	Mata'afa Elisaia T
Ministers Of The Word	Elizabeth O'Reilly Therese Corpuz	Ifo Ah-Kuoi Andrew Gongora
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony Maria Wilcox	Mathilde Mujawamariya Lulia Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Pat Lythe/w Litara Asiasiau/r	Anne Shaw + MC group
Computer	Chris Simpson	Filomena Filipo
Organist	Filomena Filipo	Ausage Setu Dave Tusani
Counters	Team A (one off change)	Andrew Gongora Ana Tusani

Next Week READINGS

23 May 2021

First Reading:
Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 104

Second Reading:
Galatians 5.16-25

Gospel:
John 15.26-27; 16.12-15

SPECIAL MASSES

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm

Samoan 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 mass at 9am follow by adoration up to 12pm

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