

# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626  
www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz

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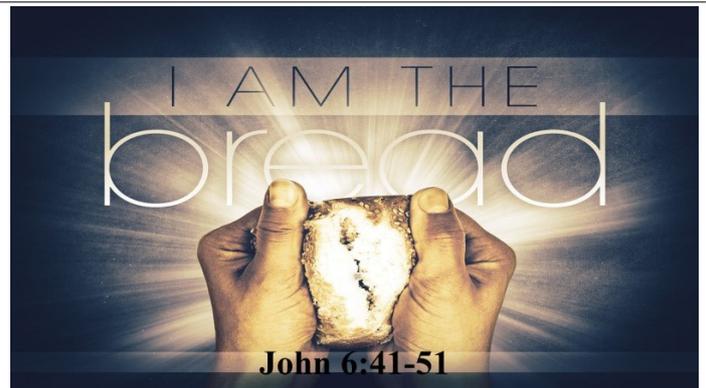
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**08 August 2021**

**First Reading: 1Kings 19:4-8**  
**Psalm: 34**  
**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2**  
**Gospel: John 6: 41-51**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**



## Food for the Journey

We are God's people, journeying in faith towards the promised land of eternal life. We are bound to encounter doubts and difficulties along the way. The Lord in whose name we gather, is not only the goal of our journey but our companion on the way. And in the world, we live with people of all races and creeds hunger more for spiritual food rather than physical food. In Jesus' time, he response to the people who spiritual hunger that he himself is the Bread of life that came down from Heaven and feeds them with His words.

In the first reading we hear prophet Elijah tried Ahab to turn back to worship Yahweh, his wife, Queen Jezebel brought her pagan gods, Baal into Israel, and established temple to the deities. Elijah attacked Israel's apostasy. Jezebel's prophets were put to the sword, then she vowed to do to Elijah of what he had done to her prophets. So, Elijah was forced to Negeb desert. After day's run in the desert, he was exhausted and could not go further. He was beaten down by his mission. In despair he sat down under a broom tree and prayed for death. He cried out like Moses, 'This is enough'.

This cry of all prophets who feel the burden of responsibility placed on them by Yahweh. God sent His angel to feed a broken and dispirited Elijah who then walked all the way to the mountain of God, Horeb. After being nourished by the Lord, he was strengthened for the long journey to mount Horeb where God instructed him to continue his prophetic work. The bread given to Elijah strengthened him for his forty days and forty nights journey.

Elijah reminds all who sojourn through this life that when the mission and the journey become too difficult and we become discouraged, we are given the bread of presence to strengthen and to keep us going. That promise is to continue for us in the bread of the Eucharist.



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

Psalm 34 talks about the Bread for the journey. 'taste and see that the Lord is good. It expressed the experience of Elijah in the wilderness. The angel who touched him in his depressed sleep gave him water to drink and a hot scone to eat. Happy are those who seek refuge in Him. This bread for the journey which Elijah tasted was a wonderful anticipation of the bread of life that Jesus would give.

In the second reading saint Paul urges the Ephesians to walk in the way of love and thus live up to their calling. He reminds them instead of seeking satisfaction in the food of anger, slander, bitterness, and malice. They are to nourish each other with spiritual food of compassion, kindness, and forgiveness. In today's gospel, we hear Jesus declaring that he is 'the bread of life that has come down from heaven, to give life to the world, the bread in question is primarily the revelation given to people by Jesus. Faith is gift from God it does demand openness on our part. Jesus proclaims that he is the incarnate Son of God, who is the new and perfect manna, literally 'come down from Heaven'.

In every mass, the Holy Eucharist, Jesus gives us a share of eternal life, and a food for our journey. In the Eucharist is the food for our journey that Jesus gives will help us walk all the way to God's eternal kingdom and alone the way we may have the privilege of being God's angel to another human being who is experiencing a low moment. It is only the kind of love and support that expect from people who eat at the same table. The final verse of today's gospel, Jesus tells his audience that he is the living bread come down from heaven, and that all who eat his bread will live forever and that it is life for the world. Bread is therefore, the Eucharist.

Let us accept the challenge that we are called to become bread and drink for others because we are what we eat? Let us recognize Jesus whom we consume is the Holy Eucharist is God who helps up as food for our journey toward the kingdom of God. Let us also appreciate the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ, the Sacrament. The Eucharist has been called Viaticum, that is, bread for a journey.

Somewhat like a soldier's rations. However, over the years Viaticum came to be applied in a very narrow sense. It came to mean Communion given to someone who was dying. Thus, it was seen as the bread for the last stage of the Christian's earthly journey. But the Eucharist is meant to sustain us all through our journey. Lord teaches me to believe and understand that in the Eucharist that you are the bread of life and a bread for our journey toward the kingdom of Heaven.

**Announcements :**

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

- Reminder on our feast day Maria Assumpta 15th of August the third Sunday we will have one mass at 10am follow with sharing lunch. Please bring your own lunch to share with others in our hall thank you. We will share the cake of our feast looking forward to seeing you there.
- Due to the formation of the new PPC on 22 August all Liturgy and PPC meetings for August have been postponed until the formation of the new PPC.
- **TODAY** - Sacramental Programme - 9h30-10h30
- **TODAY** - Samoan Mass—11:45 am
- **10 Aug** - Finance Committee - 7pm
- **15 Aug** - Maria Assumpta Feast Day—11:00 am
- **15 Aug** - Tongan Mass - Cancelled - Feast 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 05 Sep)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday of month - 11:45 am (Next 12 Sep)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday of the month - 1 pm (Next 19 Sep)
- **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 Vacancies:

Vacancy Auckland Catholic Diocese -  
Tertiary Chaplaincy  
Counsellor needed – Catholic  
Social Services



For more information on vacancies, please  
visit the Diocesan website [https://  
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

### Holy Rosary Series

A six session series to learn about the history, the prayers  
and the mysteries of the Rosary, with hands-on teaching  
to make your own Rosary – Sunday 2pm – 4pm (\$15 pp  
per session includes all rosary making materials and af-  
ternoon tea)

Sun 12 Sep | Sun 3 Oct | Sun 14 Nov |  
Sun 12 Dec

Come to one, some or all.

Contact [rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com](mailto:rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com)  
to register or for more info.



### Life Teen Summer Camp

Auckland is happening from  
**14-18 January 2022** at YMCA  
Camp Adair, Hunua. Inviting all

those 18+ years to join us for the best camp ever and  
serve in a variety of roles as we lead teens  
closer to Christ. If you have time or a heart  
of service or a gift or talent to share, we  
have a place for you.



Contact us: [summercamp@cda.org.nz](mailto:summercamp@cda.org.nz) or  
[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/ltscak22](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/ltscak22)



The Maria Assumpta conference of St Vin-  
cent de Paul thanks parishioners for your  
ongoing support. Will you help us to serve  
the poor? **We need members** and volun-  
teers who will deliver food parcels, collect  
and drop off furniture, staff one of the two shops, and  
listen to and help the poor. We also need some members  
with good computer skills. If you are interested, speak to  
Charles or Chris, or call one of the shops. You are also  
welcome to come along to one of our meetings, which  
happen after the 8 am Mass on the second and fourth  
Sundays of the month.

You can leave food donations in the basket at the back of  
the church before Mass on Sundays or you can contact  
one of us and we will arrange to collect them from you.  
Clothing and household items can be donated at the El-  
lice Road or Beach Haven shops during shop hours. If you  
wish to assist us more, or if you know of someone need-  
ing assistance, please contact either Chris (020 4139  
5170), Charles (022 0242 753), or the Beach Haven shop  
(482 3017).



Miha Maori at Hato Petera, College Rd  
Northcote, Saturday evening **14th Aug,**  
**5.00 pm.** Rosary at 4.30 pm. "Naumai!  
Haere mai!"

You will receive a booklet of the karakia  
(prayers) and himene (hymns) of Te Miha (the Mass).

Hot soup with bread/buns provided after Miha.  
Hope to see you there too!

### Website for Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way project

A website has been created to help promote the bishops'  
renewal of the dedication of the country to Our Lady As-  
sumed into Heaven.

The renewal project has the title Te Ara a Maria: Mary's  
Way and runs for 12 months from 15 August.

Go here for the website: [www.tearaamaria.nz](http://www.tearaamaria.nz)

The website contains details of the project. It will be up-  
dated regularly to include the schedule of  
the nationwide hikoi of the artwork created  
for the project. The hikoi starts on August 18  
in Invercargill.



### Auckland Inter-Faith Council (AIFC) AGM

Thursday, August 12 2021 7:30 pm

VENUE: **24 St Stephens Avenue**, Parnell (some parking  
available in adjacent lot; or on the road)

TIME: 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm AGM\* | 8:00 pm – 8:30 pm –  
Guest Speaker and Discussion | 8:30 pm - 9 pm - Coffee,  
tea and light refreshments. All are welcome and there is  
no charge to attend the meeting.

### Time Out Days – For those who see a day retreat -

9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Tue 24 August |  
Wed 15 September | Wed 20 October | Tue 16 November |  
Wed 8 December

Bookings:

[admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

Tel: 09 625 6651



### TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Titipounamu Study & Joy is celebrating 1 Year and gives  
thanks with **FREE** August events:

Online Sessions (Evening):

The Eucharist with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 16 August, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

The Eucharist – a Gospel event and Sacrament with Prof  
Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 23 August, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

<https://bit.ly/3j16moA>

Info - registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings  
and video clips on religion, interfaith and  
community available at

<https://bit.ly/3gEmtQB>



Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	No Mass	Pat Lythe
Ministers Of The Word	No Mass	Florinda Azavedo Tapunuu Lolesio Filipino
Ministers of Communion	No Mass	Maria Wilcox Pat McCarthy
Prayers Of The Faithful	No Mass	Pat Lythe/W Anthony Davids/R
Computer	No Mass	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	No Mass	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Te Aorere Chan Andrew Gongora

## Next Week READINGS

15 August 2021

First Reading:  
Apoc 11:19;12:1-6,10

Psalm: 45B

Second Reading:  
1Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel:  
Luke 1:39-56

### SPECIAL MASSES

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

**Samoan 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 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

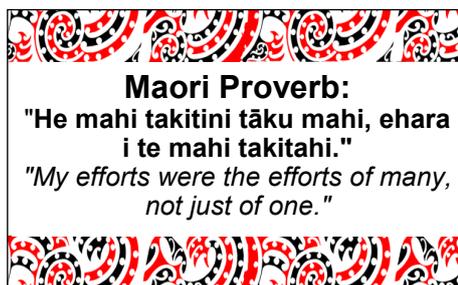
**Enua Ola Group - Zumba :** Every Tuesday, 6pm in parish hall.

**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 [secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz](mailto:secretary@mariaassumpta.org.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**

Should be made ONLINE at:

<https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/venue-hall-hire-2/>

Hall Hire fee: \$150 Bond and \$30.00 per hour.  
(Hall hire is for all time Hall is used- decorating included)



### 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](mailto: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: [secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz](mailto:secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz)