



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

2nd Sunday of Easter
11 April 2021

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Psalm: 118
Second Reading: 1John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula



God's love is divine and merciful which is full of compassion and forgiveness.

In the opening prayer and the closing prayer of today liturgy, we are asked to share God's Mercy and life. We are Christians who wash away sins in the water of Baptism, are given new birth in the Holy Spirit and are redeemed by the blood of Christ. Our primary focus during the Easter season is to immerse ourselves in the paschal mystery. The opening prayer reflects this paschal faith and life.

All readings of today is about God's mercy and we need a trusting faith and forgiveness of our sins.

To be mercy, we need to be forgiving and cleanse heart, in the first reading today shows how the first Christian community live and share what they had. The community stressed on their acts of mercy practiced by the early Christians community before the Jews and the Romans who started persecuting them. They lived their lives by sharing love and compassion with the mercy of God through the teaching of Christ, so this witnessing community derived its strength from their community prayer like breaking of the bread and the teaching of the Apostles. It shows this community shared their faith and their possession.

*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 118 sings, ' Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting'. In the second reading from the first letter of saint John that Christians are children of God and show their love for God by keeping his commandments. John focus on practicing of obeying of the God old Testament commandments and the commandment of love like love others as Jesus loves us with a selfless and agape love. So, this love demands that we can treat others with God's mercy and compassion.

This second reading stresses that the Christian vocation to love and through faith in Christ, we have become children of God. And they can show their love for God by keeping his commandments and if they love God, they will surely love their fellow Christians, because they too are children of God. And through Baptism we share in Christ's victory over the powers of evil.

In today's gospel, we see the divine mercy of Jesus has given to doubt Thomas, when he touched the wounds of the risen Christ Thomas' doubt was turned into faith, saying, ' My Lord and My God'. The appearance of Jesus to his apostles showing them his wounds and give them his peace on them. Then he entrusts his mission to them by giving them the gift of the Spirit and the power of forgiving sin. Then Thomas professed his faith, ' My Lord and My God, John's gospel ended up today passage.

Today's gospel reminds us how Jesus, the risen Lord instituted the sacrament of reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy., The Risen Christ gave his apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, 'Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained' (John 20:28). John illustrates here how Jesus showed his Divine mercy to doubt apostle and stresses on the importance of faith.

As we enter to this new week let us welcome the invitation of God to practice mercy in our lives and let us pray for the faith that we may always surrender to God our service of love for others.

May the Divine Mercy of God bless us all.

God Bless Fr Aleki

Announcements :

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

Thank you so much for a wonderful and generous collection for the Holy Places.

Thank you to all the parishioners who came to give a last farewell to Aunty Molly De Bruce.

This week we have meeting with the Finance committee on Tuesday at 7pm and Liturgy committee on Wednesday at 7pm.

- **11 Apr** - TODAY - Samoan Mass - 11:45 am
- **13 Apr** - Finance Committee Meeting - 7 pm
- **14 Apr** - Liturgy Committee Meeting - 7 pm
- **15 Apr** - PPC Committee Meeting - 7 pm
- **25 Apr** - YOUTH Mass - 10 am

New Meeting Times

- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm (Next 02 May)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday of month - 11:45 am (Next 09 May)
- **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.

Lenten Giving Packs

St Mark Catholic Mission Parish is celebrating its 50th Jubilee Year (1971-2021) on 18 April 2021, Sunday, 10AM, with an outdoor Mass at the Parish School Ground with Bishop Michael Gielan as the main presider.

We invite all priests and parishioners who served at St Mark to join us on this celebration of thanksgiving. For further information, please call the office 09 576 7959 or email us at admin@stmark.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.



Ngā mihi o te Aranga, The Maria Assumpta conference of St Vincent de Paul wishes you all a Holy Easter.

Our foodbank is experiencing a steady demand and we need all forms of non perishable food. We especially need tinned food and baking essentials like flour and sugar. 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 join us, 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).



Diocesan Vacancy:

Administration Assistant – Part Time

The Diocese is seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and efficient person for the role of Administration Assistant to provide administration and logistical support to the Leader Pastoral Services Group and Vicar for Education. This is a part time role of 20 hours per week. Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, along with proficient computer aptitude in Word, Excel, Free Source Design e.g. Canva and knowledge of websites, social media, Facebook are required along with the ability to prioritise work and time management.

Care for the Poor Advocate

The Catholic Diocese is seeking **full time** person for a 1-year fixed term contract for a new role of Care for the Poor Advocate. This role will promote, drive and enable the elimination of Child Poverty through Caring for the Poor initiatives and advocacy; lead food security discussions and initiatives and lobby government on Caring for the Poor and eliminating Child Poverty and Food Security. This position will work with and alongside Parish Priests, Parishes, ethnic Chaplaincies, faith communities, Catholic Caring Foundation, Catholic Social Services and Justice and Peace Commission to enable care for the poor, and initiatives for eliminating child poverty.

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



St Anne's Parish Manurewa.

Are You Our Next Operations Manager? Do you have what it takes to lead in one of NZ's biggest, busiest, and most active parishes?

St Anne's Manurewa is looking for a highly capable and motivated Parish Operations Manager for 22 hours per week, including some evening meetings. See the full job on SEEK. Apply today and become part of the close-knit, hands-on team at the heart of the St Anne's Catholic Parish.

<https://tinyurl.com/3bsbs558>



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



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

Next Week Ministries	9:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Sesa Setu	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Rita Webster Te Aorere Chan	Andrew Gongora Tapunuu Lolesio F
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox Vic Peters	Stephanie Martin Fautua Peter Tevaga
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Anderson	Stephen Chmiel
Computer	Christiana Setu	Filomena Filipo
Organist	Ana Tran	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Te Aorere Chan Andrew Gongora

Next Week READINGS

18 April 2021

First Reading:
Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Psalm: 5

Second Reading:
1John 2:1-5

Gospel:
Luke 24:35-48

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 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

Enea 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