

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CLOSED during COVID19

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 August 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Psalm: 15

Second Reading: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

What is the true religion?



We are on 22nd Sunday of Ordinary time Year B and all the readings describes what is true religion according Jesus is a loving, obedient relationship with God showing in our obeying his commandments, worshipping Him with recognizing His presence in the life of others.

Here it questioning us to say, “why we are coming every Sunday to worship God?” Jesus said of the Pharisees: 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me'. Hence, their worship was hollow and empty. It is a danger that faces us all. We need God's help in order to give him the kind of worship that will honour him and transform our lives. Let us turn to God now with sincere and humble hearts.

In the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy Moses urges the people to be faithful to God's law, which is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom. It describes here that religion is a Covenant relationship with a caring providing and protecting God, fostered by Keeping His Commandments given through Moses. Here God gave Israel the Law so that every Israelite might keep their covenant with Yahweh and thank Him for His love and fidelity to them His chosen people. This Law was intended to keep them united, and intelligent nation and being proud of their powerful, protective of their only single God, Yahweh. It is not a burden to be endured but a source of life and wisdom.

*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 15 is an inner integrity, as pilgrims enter the temple of the Lord they have an examination of conscience, just as we have at the start of Mass. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? The voice of the priest is then heard with a list of qualities, which we can consider under headings of justice, reverence and integrity.

Justice is to be the guideline of our actions. It involves speaking the truth from the heart, wronging nobody and not casting a slur on our neighbour.

Reverence, in the sense of valuing the gift of faith, is protected by one who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. That means avoiding the people or situations, which would weaken our faith, while seeking those situations or people, which strengthen our relationship with God. Integrity ensures that one is faithful to one's state of life in marriage or religious commitment, come what may. It means never availing of the chance to take the rip off somebody and takes no interest on a loan. Nor does one accept bribes. This psalm 15 refers to a person who practises true religion, blameless, reverence and justice and integrity of dealing with others.

In the second reading saint James said, it is not enough to listen to the word of God; we must put it into practice. He defines that true religion is keeping the word of God and doing His will by helping the needy, the poor and the weak in the community. Here James challenges the Christ's followers to become doers of the word not merely hearers. James shows the essential link between faith and love. Nothing could be more practical than this. Nowhere is the way to sanctify so clearly indicated.

In today's gospel Jesus tells the Pharisees that they have substituted their own laws for the Law of God, and are more concerned about outer cleanness than cleanness of heart. Here we meet a controversy over ritual cleanness. Mark shows us what happened in practice. To the Law of God given through Moses, they added their own traditions, which came to be regarded as equally authoritative and binding. Worse, they got in the way of God's Law. Mark is making clear to Gentile Christians that being followers of Christ does not involve them in the observance of Jewish practices. Jesus teaches them these lessons. First don't teach human doctrines as dogmas of Faith. Second, Sincerity of heart, internal disposition, purity, and holiness are more important than mere external ritual observances. Thirdly, keep your heart holy as it is the source of sins, vices and evil habits.

The observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people. And finally, is the External piety without internal holiness • is hypocrisy.

As we enter to this new week during our delta Covid 19 let us learn to keep God's commandments and law and allow us to worship God in our own home and offer to God our lives and asking Him His pardon for our sins and we also thank God for His blessings and may this always give us strength to maintain the spirit of unity and love in the presence of the family with keeping our close relationship with God alive at all times.

God Bless
Fr Aleki

Announcements :

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

I am very aware of the many places of interest in our place Beach Haven community. If you have been in these places please GET TESTED and isolate. I hope this will be healed but it is a big number of the close contact with those who are affected. Therefore to cut off this delta virus is to stay at home. Vigilant is needed to be alert all time during this time of lockdown. Let us stand together on fighting this virus to stay at home our Lord Jesus promised us that he will be with us until the end of time so where two, three or more in my name then I will be with them until the end of time.

- Jesus won't leave us alone, he always with us even this time of Covid19 Delta. You are all in my daily prayer. If you want to get daily reflection, add to me, 'Aleki Piula in the face book then you will receive my daily reflection since from last year holy week.
- If you wish to contact me, don't hesitate to call me on (09) 483 7919 (Presbytery).

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.

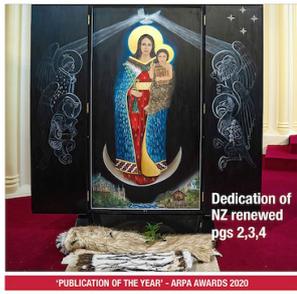
4 REPORT

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.

NZ in Mary's care



We are providing, free of charge, a digital link to the latest issue.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/ac3b7938-55ec-43ec-a0b9-3c02cb565718>



Love your neighbour as yourself, get vaccinated
Arohaina koe ki tōu hoa tata, ānō ko koe

Support the Covid-19 vaccination programme

The FREE Pfizer vaccine is now being offered to members of the public, starting with those most at risk.

The Catholic Bishops are urging you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your whanau and your community. You will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination; those with underlying health conditions who would be at higher risk of catching the virus and young children. **Get vaccinated!**

Arohaina koe ki tōu hoa tata, ānō ko koe, me whai i te rongoā āraimate.

E aro'a atu i to tangata tupu. Aere atu i te patia paruru.

Mahalin mo ang iyong kapwa, magpabakuna.

Ofa ki ho'o kaungā'api, 'o hangē ko ho'o 'ofa kiate koe; huhu malu'i leva.

Afai e te alofa i lou tua'oi, aua ne'i mava le fa'ama'i, ona fai lea o lou tui puipui.



The Maria Assumpta conference of St Vincent de Paul thanks parishioners for your ongoing support. Will you help us to serve the poor? **We need members** and volunteers 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 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).



The church does not close, only the building. Because we are the church, the living body of our Lord Jesus and we are everywhere.



Resources in times of Lockdown

We have placed a number of resources and links on our website including Online Mass links, Children's Gospel Reflection and Family Liturgy:

<https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/family-life/>

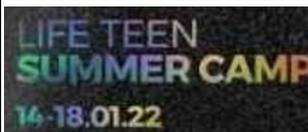


"Young People, you are not the tomorrow, you are not the 'meantime', you are the Now of God." - Pope Francis

Auckland Catholic Young Adults Community

An awesome community for those who are wanting to deepen their Catholic faith.

Follow their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM/>) or website (www.akyouth.org.nz) 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 or www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/ltsac22

Create in me a Clean Heart

Chorus:

*Create in me a clean heart, O Lord
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O Lord
And renew a right spirit within me.*

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Have mercy on me, O Lord in all your goodness.
In your great compassion, wipe my sins.
Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me from my sins
And renew a right spirit within me.

Open my lips, and I proclaim your praise.
My humble heart I offer up to you.
May the sacrifice I give be pleasing in your eyes
And renew a right spirit within me.

Spirit and Grace

Spirit and grace, here in this meal.
You are the wind that breathes through the field.
Gather the wheat and form us in Christ.
Come, be our source and breath of life.

In this bread, blessed, broken and shared,
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O spirit, make your grace revealed
In this holy meal.

Spirit and grace, here in this meal.
You are the life that flows through the vine.
Gather this drink and form us in Christ.
Come, be our source and blood of life.

In this bread, blessed, broken and shared,
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O spirit, make your grace revealed
In this holy meal.

Spirit and grace, here in this place.
You are the light that shines in this space.
Gather your people and form us in Christ.
Come, be the heartbeat of our lives.

In this bread, blessed, broken and shared,
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O spirit, make your grace revealed
In this holy meal.

Spirit of God, sending us forth;
We spread your wisdom throughout all the earth
Gather the nations and form us in Christ.
Come, be the presence in our lives.

In this bread, blessed, broken and shared,
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O spirit, make your grace revealed
In this holy meal.

When we walk with the Lord (Trust and Obey)

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But his smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour he shows, and the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we will walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

GLORIA

Douglas Mews

Glory to God in the highest,
And on Earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages. God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.