

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm - CLOSED

WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday - CLOSED

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CLOSED during COVID19

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
05 September 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

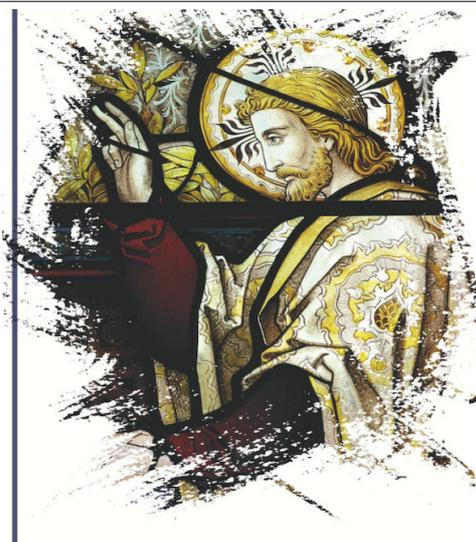
Psalm: 146

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The deaf hear and the dumb speak



We are in the 23rd Sunday of our Ordinary time Year B and we hear Jesus open the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. We need God to touch our ears in order to be able to hear his word, and we need him to touch our tongues in order for us to profess our faith.

The readings of today offer two challenges first to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless and care to love to the needy and open our ears to hear the word of God and open our eyes to see God's presence in everyone through loosen our tongue to praise and worship God loudly and to convey the Good News of God' love and salvation to others.

In the first reading we hear prophet Isaiah urges the people to take courage, because God is coming to save his people. He tells us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless, 'He comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag. then the tongue of the mute will sing'. Today's readings celebrate healing.

Psalm 146 praise the Lord for all works of justice and healing. My soul, give praise to the Lord. When Francis of Assisi saw something beautiful, he was moved to praise the artist of that beauty. Our psalm today is an invitation to see the good deeds of people and to praise God whose grace is seen in this goodness. It sings of God who gives sight to the blind, raises up those who are bowed down and welcomes strangers. It is also repeatedly recognises the Lord's part: it is the Lord. it reminds one of the beloved disciple's recognition of the Risen Lord after the huge catch of fish. It is the Lord whose grace

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

COVID-19 Update

Auckland will remain in **Alert Level 4** until at least Tuesday 14 September 2021.

May our eyes be opened to see their goodness and may our tongues be loosened to praise the Lord, the giver of all goodness. 'My soul, give praise to the Lord'. In the second reading we hear James views that the class distinction should have no place among Christians. James gives us basic and challenge principles of social justice. He tells the Christians that there is no partiality based on external appearance and to practise God's preferential option for the poor. He warns them against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special concern about the rich.

In today's gospel we hear Jesus cures a Gentile man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. In Mark's mind Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, 'The ears of the deaf will be unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy'. And 'The eyes of blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped'. Jesus performed this miracle in Gentile territory. The faith response of the Gentiles contrasts sharply with that of many of his own people. This miracle is the only cure in the Gospels that is described as taking place gradually. Mark saw it as an illustration of growth in faith. It is what happens to every Christian at Baptism. Christ touches our ears so that we can hear his word, and touches our tongues so that we can profess our faith. Hence, we too can say, 'He has done all things well, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'. We thank God for the gift of hearing and speech we have so that we can hear his gospel and speak of professing of our faith in Jesus.

This miracle is about the opening of a person's ears so that he may be able to hear the word of God; and the loosening of his tongue so that he may be able to profess faith in Jesus. Even us we have perfect hearing and yet not hear the word of God. And person could have perfect speech, and be unable to make an act of faith. Hence, it comes as no surprise that the ceremony of touching the ears and the tongue made its way into the rite of Baptism from the early times, and is still there to this day. The minister touches the ears and mouth of the person being baptised and says, 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father'.

The story of the deaf and dumb man does three things. First, it reveals Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of Israel, it is what prophet Isaiah foretold the Messiah would do, He makes the ears of the deaf to hear and the tongue of the dumb to sing.

Second, it reveals Jesus as a compassionate person. By dealing with a deaf and dumb man privately and personally showing in taking him away from the public and heals him. Finally, today's gospel reveals the solution to the problem that many of us experience today. We are unable to pray. We are unable to speak to God and to hear him speak to us in our heart. We are spiritual dead and dumb. The solution to this vexing problem is to do what the deaf and dumb man did. It is to seek out Jesus and ask him to heal us. More concretely, it is to set aside a few minutes for daily prayer to give Jesus a chance to touch us, heals us, and make us whole once again.

We need to be able to hear the word of God. Then we need to be able to profess that word with our lips. Finally, we need to put it into practice in our lives. The word of God, when heard and acted on, is like seed falling on good soil; it makes our lives fruitful. As we enter to this new week may our ears open to listen to God's word often and loosen our tongue to speak of his words.

Announcements :

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

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.

- Please visit the Parish Website "Family Life" page for all up to date information.
- The Church's WebApp also has all the latest information and Newsletters
- Please stay safe and well and more information about help with food and Covid19 support packages are noted on the next page.
- If you wish to contact me, don't hesitate to call me on (09) 483 7919 (Presbytery).

What's Happening THIS WEEKEND

Live-Streamed Adoration, Friday 3 Sep at 7pm

Event link: <https://fb.me/e/SrsHJqxW>

This Friday at 7pm we will live-stream Eucharistic Adoration from Bishop Michael's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BishopGielen>).

We're encouraging communities to come together to pray for an increase in Vocations, and now with an extended lockdown, we have a wonderful opportunity to join together to intercede and hold one another in prayer! Light a candle, invite the kids to join in, make use of the chat box where many will be sharing their prayer intentions, and grab your bible and rosary beads to help enter into this Holy Hour.



Thinking about the Priesthood?

Zoom 'Come and See' Coffee Morning -

Saturday 4 Sept. at 9am

<https://bit.ly/38A7yTZ>

Meeting ID: 825 4188 5204 **Passcode:** 087756

Are you being called? Join Fr Tony and Fr Maliu for a Coffee to chat about discerning the priesthood - We're taking our Come and See online to give a fresh perspective on the beautiful vocation of priesthood. Our Diocesan priests and seminarians will share about their journey to priesthood and unpack some of the big Q's around discernment, seminary life, and the joy of their vocation. Come with your questions and cuppa - we look forward to seeing you there!



Zoom Parish Meeting after 2pm Shine TV Mass

Beate Matthies is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Maria Assumpta

Time: Sep 5, 2021 03:00 PM Auckland,

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/2VfBamy>

Meeting ID: 871 6595 9105

Passcode: 473340



DAILY

BREAKING OPEN
THE GOSPEL
TODAY

Rochelle Diaz
ACYM
Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Breaking Open the Gospel of
the Day Members of the
Diocesan

Community proclaim the Gospel of the
Day and reflect on its meaning in our lives
and this situation



Heavenly Father, Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children. We honour our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.
Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.



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/>



COVID-19 Support Packages

If you would like to access a Whānau Ora Family Support Package, please contact one of our partners below who are happy to help:



The Fono
Europa Kupu – Whānau Ora
Manager

Phone: 0800 366 648

Email: Feleoko@thefono.org

Website: <https://bit.ly/3jFxsfn>



The Village Community Services Trust
Alena / Maliena Jones – General Manager

Phone: 021 845 535

Food parcel request link: <https://bit.ly/2WSy1tF>



Tongan Health Society Inc. Langimalie

Seini Latu - Phone: 021 902 029

Tupou Tavalea - Phone: 021 654 546

Katalina Lomu - Phone: 027 580 1111

PSALM 146: LORD COME AND SAVE US

Noel Ancell



Lord, come and save us; Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, Who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

GLORY TO GOD

Tony Alonso

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.*

Verse 1: 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. *(Refrain)*

Verse 2: Cantor/Choir

Verse 3: 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.



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



O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Words; Charles Wesley Tune: RICHMOND

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!



My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ; you blind,
behold your Saviour come;
and leap, you lame, for joy!

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

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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.

SING A NEW SONG

Dan Schutte

*Sing a new song unto the Lord,
let your song be sung
from mountains high.*

*Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing Alleluia*

All God's people people dance for joy.

O come before the Lord
and play for Him on glad tambourines
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen,
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised
I know my Saviour lives.