

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

1st Sunday of Advent
28 November 2021

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: 25

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula



Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man'

Today we begin the first Sunday of Advent of Year C, and that means another liturgical year has ended and now we stand at a new beginning. The word 'Advent' has two messages to convey first we remember and celebrate and second we look forward to Christ's coming in glory. It means our focus of our attention on the coming of Christ. And we live between two comings of Christ, firstly his first coming in humility and weakness at Bethlehem, and second his second coming in majesty and power at the end of time.

According to Saint Paul, he said that with each passing year 'our salvation is nearer than we first believed.' Let us reflect for a moment on how much we need the Lord's salvation in our lives and in the world. Advent is a time that we prepare for the coming of Jesus as sharing with us as a human being.

It is a time of waiting for Christ, and allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is a time for us purifying of our hearts through repentance as well as renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings of Christ into our lives. And beside of his coming into our world but through his birthday, he comes into our lives as we live them through His Church, it is through his sacraments and word of God together with the worshipping community as we die, and finally in his second coming.

The purpose of Advent is to help us prepare for Christmas. One can't understand the message of Christmas unless we are familiar with at least the broad outlines of the history of salvation. The Advent liturgy relives in a microcosmic way that history of Israel, viewing it through the eyes of Christian faith. It shows that all of that history was pointing and leading towards Jesus. He was the one who fulfilled the messianic prophecies. Advent takes us back in time so that we may appreciate the greatness of what we are heirs to. We are the heirs to the promises God made to the prophets.

Advent helps us to appreciate the great blessings God has given us in Christ.



Be a **DOER!**

KARAWHIUA

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

Liturgical time is circular as it ends in the beginning and begins at the end. God is the beginning and the end. From meditating on the past we draw direction and hope for the future. Celebrating the advent of God draws together dimensions of past history, future hope and present alertness. The First Sunday of Advent every year draws attention to the future coming of the Lord at the end of time. The evangelists speak of the end-time in apocalyptic terms, which arouse feelings of fear and distress but also of hope and expectation. 'Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand'.

In the first reading prophet Jeremiah assures the people that God will send the promised one, the Messiah. It means to await and hope for an ideal descendant of King David who as a Messiah of God will bring safe and security, peace, and justice to his chosen people. We as Christian believe that Jeremiah awaiting and hoping have been fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Jeremiah assures us that the Lord our justice will fulfil His promises. And so we need not to be afraid despite the frighten events and universal moral degradation.

Psalm 25 expresses that, 'To you, O Lord, I lift my soul'. It is an ideal of expressing of patient, vigilant with prayerful waiting for the Lord if we lift up our soul, Our prayer is raising of the heart and mind to God. So we offer our minds to God that he might teach us to walk in his ways and know his truth. In the second reading saint Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love the Thessalonians have for each other, and thus prepare them for the second coming of Christ. He urges the Thessalonians to continue their life of holiness and mutual love he has taught them as they wait for the coming the Lord Jesus Christ with all His holy ones'.

In today's Gospel Luke borrowed language from the Old Testament to describes the second coming of Christ. Christmas should prepare for it with confidence, vigilance and prayer. In todays first reading points to the first coming of Christ. It says that the Messiah will be descended from the stock of David, and his reign will be marked by wisdom, justice and integrity. So Our Gospel's ideals with the second coming was near, and would be preceded by cosmic signs. The disciples are urged to await the Lord's coming with confidence, vigilance and prayer: How to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ is also the topic of the Second Reading. Luke also urges us of Jesus' prophesies the signs and portent's that will accompany the Second Coming of Christ and encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant and well prepared because when these signs begin to happen, then we should stand erect and raise up our heads because our redemption is at hand (Luke 21:28). What Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's providence. This concludes with an exhortation to watchfulness. Since no one knows the time when these things are to be accomplished, it is necessary to be on the watch lest that day fall upon us unexpectedly like a snare which will catch in its meshes all who are not prepared for the Lord's coming.

As we enter into the new week of the new beginning of Year C let us prepare well ourselves for the second coming of Christ by allowing him to reborn daily in our lives. So Advent gives us time to make it happen with preparing of repenting and confessing our sins with renewing our own lives through prayer and penance and share our blessings with others. Advent helps us to check what we put right in our lives and see how we have failed and assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us take the challenge by asking this question, is that what does it profit us if Jesus is reborn in two thousands of cribs all over the world and reborn in our heart?

May God bless you all of this first Sunday of Advent.

God Bless, Fr Aleki



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Announcements :

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Father Aleki for the 30 November 2021.

With the **Traffic Light system** taking place next week please read carefully how the Church will be operating in this new Covid19 Framework on the next page and online.

Please stay at home as this is the safest way to help us to stay safe and hopefully allow us to change our lockdown level but be sure you **GET your VACCINE** as this Delta is more dangerous than last years first lockdown.

Daily reflections can be found on our Facebook and Fathers Facebook page.

If you wish to contact me, don't hesitate to call Father 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.

Online Events



A reminder that the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic. <https://bit.ly/3np6J9f>
It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV 201.

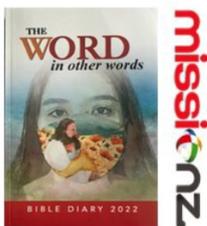


Advent PRAYER AND ACTION

An Invitation:

In this season when we prepare with hope for the coming of Emmanuel – God with us all are invited to join a circle of prayer. Prayer for ourselves, our communities, the world. Each morning from the first **Sunday of Advent 28 November – Christmas Eve** at 8.30am on the diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic> advent prayer will be offered. Young people from our school communities, representatives from parish and ethnic communities, diocesan staff will lead us prayer. We the diocese gathering to pause and pray together. Then at 10.30 am [1-24 December] same place we will upload an Advent Calendar. Please join us.

The Word in other Words



A Bible Diary containing the Daily Gospel Read-ing and a short day reflection penned by missionaries work in different mission places worldwide. This Bible Diary is a valuable help in prayer and meditation, especially during this time of the Pandemic.

To order: Call MISSIO-NZ Office (09) 489 6549 or email info@missio.nz or use our online www.missio.nz/donate page facility clicking Bible Diary on the dropdown window. Each copy is \$20 + postage. Postage \$5.10 up to 2 books/\$7.20 up to 4 books/20 books \$27.



SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Bishop Dunn, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for this scholarship. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2022. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is **03 DECEMBER 2021**



This is a time when the Domestic Church is so important. Visit the Family Life Page on our website where we have put together a number of resources for all. <https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/family-life/>



New Covid19 Traffic Light System

The COVID-19 Protection Framework, also known as the **traffic light system**, will start on the Friday 3 December 2021. We have put a **summary online** on how it will all operate. Please read this. <https://bit.ly/3lag99j>



The PPC has issued two **very important letters** to:

- Parishioners on how we will operate (<https://bit.ly/3DVtSp9>)
- All our current volunteers in all Ministries



How the Traffic Light system will operate at Maria Assumpta going forward:

- Our first two Masses will be on 12 Dec 2021 at 8 am and 10 am.
- ONLY Fully Vaccinated Parishioners can attend Mass.
- All who are involved in all ministries and all key holders will have to be fully vaccinated and have the "My Vaccine Pass".
- Masks will be Mandatory.
- Only 52 parishioners can attend each Mass.
- You have to have BOOKED using the booking system or have phoned the Secretary to make a booking to attend Mass. Please Send Marc a txt on 021-119-1397, if you cannot book online.
- Your "My Vaccine Pass" will have to be produced with ID to enter the Church for Mass and will be checked using the "NZ Pass Verifier App"



St Vincent de Paul is continuing to provide support contactlessly during the level 3. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact either Chris (020 4139 5170) or Charles (022 0242 753)



Zoom Parish Meeting after 2pm Shine TV Mass

Beate Matthes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Maria Assumpta Whakawhanaungatanga

Time: Nov 28, 2021 03:00 PM Auckland,

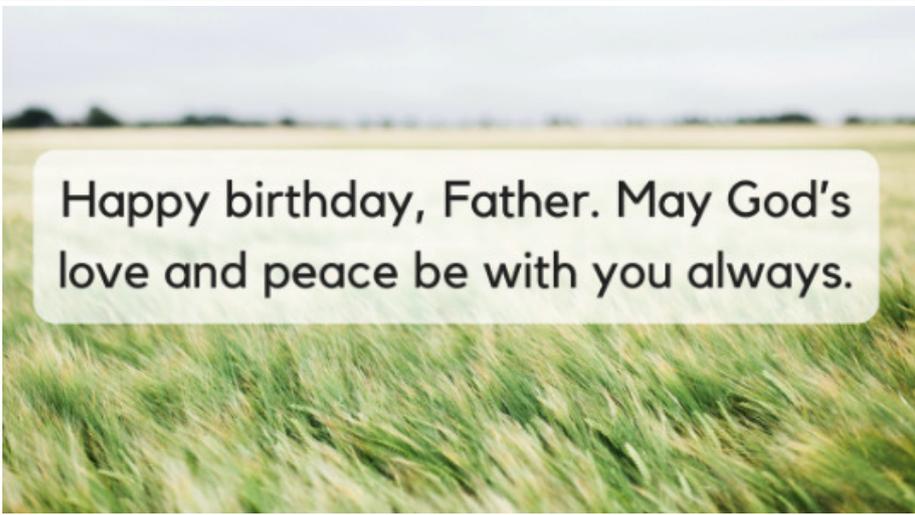
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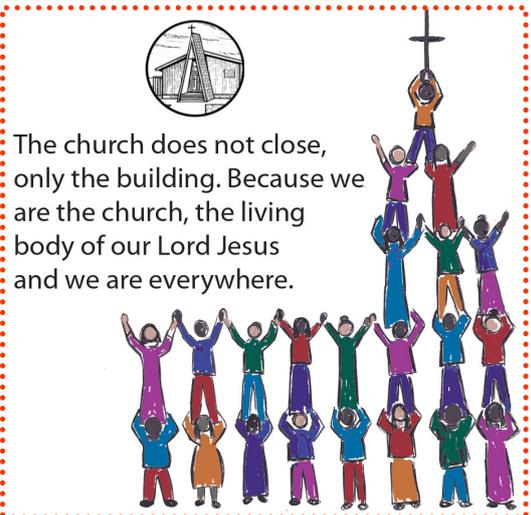
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Happy birthday, Father. May God's love and peace be with you always.



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



Daily Mass Calendar

2022

Columban Calendars

for sale - \$12

Daily Mass Calendar

for sale - \$5

Please email the office to Order



LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Charles Wesley

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.

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.

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.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Ev'ry island, sea, and mountain,
heav'n and earth, shall flee away;
all who hate him must, confounded,
hear the trump proclaim the day:
Come to judgment! Come to judgment!
Come to judgment, come away!

Now Redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints, by man rejected,
now shall meet him in the air.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly, O come quickly;
alleluia! come, Lord, come.

