

# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**SUNDAY MASS:** 8am, 10am - BOOK ONLINE  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10am-12pm - CLOSED  
**WEEKDAY MASS:** 9am - Tuesday to Saturday - CLOSED

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact Parish priest  
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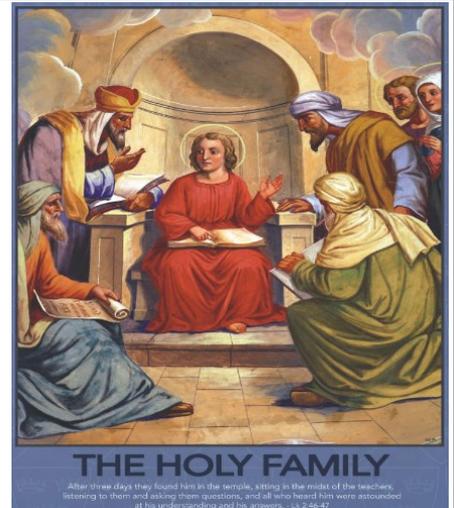
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

## The Holy Family 26 December 2021

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:2-6**  
**Psalm: 84**  
**Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21**  
**Gospel: Luke 2:41-52**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

10 pm Christmas Night Mass



**Isaiah 9:1-7.** This prophecy about the coming of a Saviour-child who will rescue his people from oppression, is fulfilled in Jesus

**Psalm 95:1-3,11-13.** ® Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord

**Titus 2:11-14.** God's grace has been revealed to all people

**Luke 2:1-14.** Good News and a great joy to all the world today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

9am - Christmas day mass

**Isaiah 52:7-10.** All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God

**Psalm 97:1-6.** ® All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

**Hebrews 1:1-6.** In our time, God speaks to us through his Son.

**John 1:1-18.** The word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

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

'Do not be afraid. Behold, I bring you news of great joy.. '. A holy day has dawned up on us come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a Saviour had been born to you. As we gather here this night / morning our Saviour is present among us, not as a little helpless baby, but as our risen Lord. Let us cast aside fear, and open our hearts to receive the joy only he can give. Wish you a merry Christmas to you all may the blessing of the coming of our Saviour blesses us all.

## 26th Sunday 2021 - Holy Family

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist day with red traffic light on the feast of the Holy Family, we should remember that we form part of the family of the People of God. Let pause to reflect on our call to unity, and ask God to remove the things that divide us.

In the first reading we hear that there is a deals with the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God. Samuel a very special child. Hannah saw him as a gift from God, a sign of God's favour to her. It is not surprising then that she dedicated him to the Lord. In due time Samuel made his own that dedication, and went on to play a major role in the history of Israel. In truth, every child is a gift from God. All parents have hopes and dreams for their children. But parents can't determine the future for their children. The children must find their own way. Besides, God may have other plans for them that conflict with those of their parents.

Psalms 84 sings, 'How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord'. It is about that lovely house where God dwells. It is the song of pilgrims on the way to the temple. One verse, not recited today, is about going through the Bitter valley. As they go through the Bitter valley, they make it a place of springs, it refers to any particular place but to the pilgrims' experience of tiredness and thirst. Their desire to reach God's house transcends all hardship. In prayer on the feast of family life, we remember all those have never known family love and security. Their Bitter Valley appears to have no way out.

In the second reading John tells us that we are God's children and should live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

In today's gospel Luke tells the story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem. It shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families. We are inclined to say that Jesus got lost in the Temple. But Jesus did not get lost in the Temple. Rather, he was at home there he began to find himself, and to discover his true identity. He was not just the Son of Mary, but the unique Son of God. Many lost, lonely, homeless souls have come to the house of God, or have wandered into it almost by accident, and felt at home there, and found peace there, and found themselves there. In God's house we discover who we are. Whatever the world may think of us, in God's house we know we are God's precious daughters and sons. For John he made it very clear that we are belong to God's family. Jesus had a double identity.

He was the Son of Mary, and also the Son of God. We too have a double identity. We are not just children of our parents but also children of God. Saint John makes this very clear. We belong to God's family. It was God who first love us and nothing for us to do to earn God's love the very fact that we are the sign of God's love for us. Children respond to the love of their parents by obeying them. We respond to God's love by obeying his commandments especially his commandment of love. In the incident of the losing and finding of Jesus in the Temple, we see the love that Mary and Joseph had for Jesus. Afterwards he went down to Nazareth with them and obeyed them.

Home is a place where we are accepted as we are, with our strengths and weaknesses. This kind of acceptance enables us to grow as human beings and children of God. For Luke Mary is the only adult who will last into the public ministry and even into the beginning of the Church. She is presented to us as a model Christian believer.

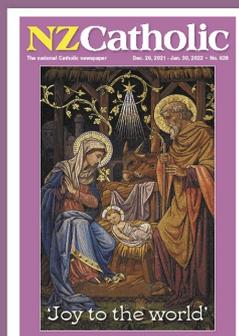
As we come close to Christmas and a new year may the blessings of this Christmas bless you all and may the guidance of Mother Mary leads us all into a new year with a hope of many blessings to come. Love you all and may God, Emmanuel in special in your heart.



Mary pray for all family. wish you all have a blessed day

Love and Prayer  
your servant

Fr . Aleki Piula.



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### Our New Parish Database

As part of our NEW, Auckland Diocese mandated Parish Database implementation, we need everyone to register with us as we currently have poor records of our wonderful community.

THANK YOU to the first 19 Families who have already registered, fantastic.

**If you do not have time and ONLY want to register yourself** just leave the SPOUSE and CHILDREN as None/NO to register yourself only and it will only take 2 minutes.

This will assist us in sending out accurate communication once we have a complete idea of our actual parish numbers and especially our young tamariki.

We look forward to having actual names associated with emails and accurate contact details etc so we can grow together.

This will allow us to finally properly communicate with our wonderful community.

Registration link is below:

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

**No Internet Access or find it hard to use the Internet?**

Please come into the office so we can assist you in completing this registration online.



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://bit.ly/3oiaygj>



### Te Ara a Maria

MARY'S WAY

19 December 2021  
to 15 February 2022



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND  
[www.tearaamaria.nz](http://www.tearaamaria.nz)

The newly commissioned art piece "Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua Holy Mary Mother of God" began a nationwide hikoī wairua (pilgrimage). The art piece will journey through our diocese from 19 December 2021 to 15 February 2022.

It will only be at our Parish for ONE day on 2 Jan 2022.

#### Other Parishes close by:

TE WHĀNAU TAPU PARISH,  
1 Clyde Street, Epsom.  
19 to 24 December 2021

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH,  
19 Banff Avenue, Epsom.  
24 and 25 December 2021

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH,  
10 Dominion Street, Takapuna.  
26 December 2021 to 1 January 2022

#### UPDATED MASS TIMES:

- ALL OF THESE ARE AT **RED** IN THE COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK and are only open to those with a MY VACCINE PASS. Social distancing is required so the number of people in the church is max 52.
  - WEDNESDAY - 22 DECEMBER - Reconciliation Service - 7pm
  - FRIDAY - 24 DECEMBER - Christmas Vigil Mass - 10.00 pm
  - CHRISTMAS DAY - Mass 9.00am
  - SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER - Mass 9.00am (one Mass only)
- THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE AT **ORANGE** IN THE COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK and are only open to those with a MY VACCINE PASSPORT. Social distancing is not required so there is no limit on numbers.
  - FRIDAY—31 DECEMBER - NEW YEARS EVE Mass at 10.00pm
  - SATURDAY - 1 JANUARY - NEW YEARS DAY Mass at 9.00am
  - SUNDAY—2 JANUARY - Mass at 8.00am and 10.00am



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)

Dear Parishioners, please consider coming to help out at our Vinnies Charity shops. We need lots of volunteers and helpers – even for an hour or two once a week would be wonderful. Our oldest volunteer is 87 and our youngest is 14! If you can, please join our friendly team at either Beach Haven or Glenfield. Volunteering can be so rewarding!

Contact Janet on 022-356-3811 or [Janetlee.vinnies@gmail.com](mailto:Janetlee.vinnies@gmail.com)





**Daily Mass Calendar**  
**2022**

**Columban Calendars**

for sale - \$12

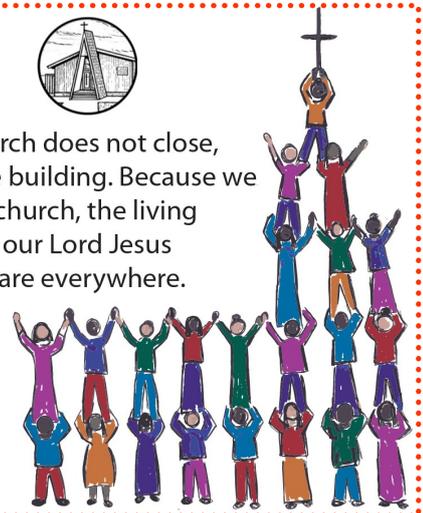
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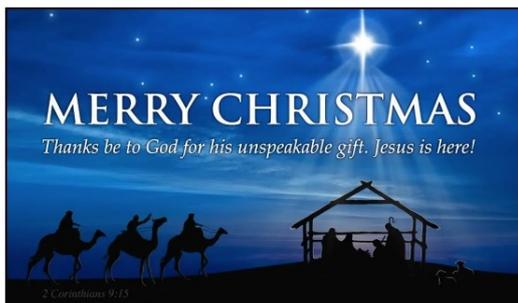
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The church does not close, only the building. Because we are the church, the living body of our Lord Jesus and we are everywhere.



This Newsletter will be our final one for 2021. The first newsletter for 2022 will be on Sunday 30 January. The office will open again on 24 Jan 2022



**Readings for the Christmas Season:**

24 December—10 pm Christmas Night:

- Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)
- Psalm response: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord

25 Sat THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas) [Holyday of Obligation]

- 9am Christmas Day : Isaiah 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/ John 1:1-18
- Psalm response: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

9am 26 SUN THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- Ecclesiastes 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 //Lk 2:41-52 (17)
- Psalm response: How happy they who dwell in your house. O Lord

10pm(Fri) and 9am 1 Sat SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

- Numbers 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

2 SUN : THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8am and 10am

- Is 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20)
- Psalm response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

