

# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626  
[www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz](http://www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz)

**SUNDAY MASS:** 8am, 10am - Red Level—max 52

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10am-12pm - CLOSED

**WEEKDAY MASS:** 9am - Tuesday to Saturday - CLOSED

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

Contact Parish priest

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact Parish priest

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon (working from home), Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**06 February 2022**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 32:15-18

**Psalm:** 85

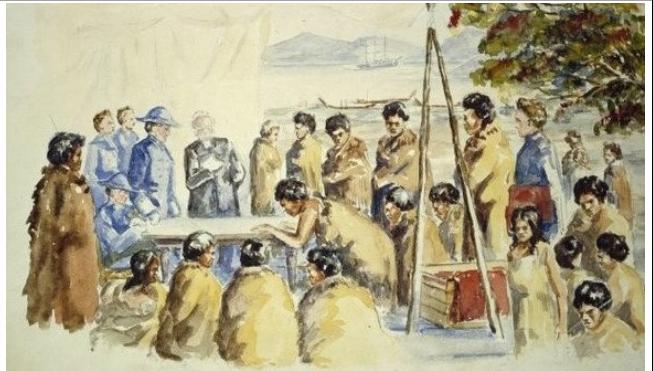
**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

**Gospel:** John 14:23-27

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**



**The Gift of Peace**



Today we celebrate Waitangi Day and the New Zealand Catholic Bishops decided it is important for us to know our history behind and this is like an opportunity we have and how well do we think people understand and support the bicultural nature of New Zealand society and Church? and what challenges us? what could we do differently?

In thinking about signing the Treaty of Waitangi, a partnership was established, a relationship forged. All people of this nation, are party to that partnership. Today we pray for a greater understanding of that partnership, for a willingness to live out our responsibilities under that partnership, for respect and tolerance among all peoples and for wise governance of our nation and when we sing together our national Anthem with a sense of gratitude in our

own hearts for our own home in this beautiful country. We need a gift of peace among ourselves, In today's Gospel Jesus said to his apostles, 'Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you.'. We cannot give peace to others if we don't have it ourselves. Jesus was able to give peace to others because he had it himself. The Lord will give us too his peace. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah told us about integrity that will bring peace, justice give lasting security' what is Integrity? it is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. what is justice? it is just behaviour or treatment, a concern for justice, peace, and genuine respect for people. where have we seen them? This reading challenges us how we live together with harmony, peace, justice, and love in this land.

In Psalm 85 sings the mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced. 'O Lord, you once favoured your land and revived the fortunes of Jacob, you forgave the guilt of your people and covered all their sins. So, faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. Then the Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. In the second reading from a second letter of saint Paul to the Corinth saying,' you are a letter from Christ, written with the Spirit of the living God, on the tablet of your living hearts'. What does this letter from Christ', written on your heart, say? The letter is not written on a paper but in the human heart, like the new covenant: 'Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah' (Jeremiah 31:31). When we turn to the Lord the veil is removed and now the Lord is the Spirit. and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

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

In today's Gospel we hear the farewell discourse of Jesus with his disciples at the Last Supper, it dominated by the thought of his imminent departure, giving them courage. Jesus is concerned to assure his disciples that he will not leave them orphans. Despite his leaving, he and they will not be apart. If they keep his word they will remind them of his words. Peace is his final gift to them, a peace the world cannot give. Do not let our hearts be troubled or afraid. As what the New Zealand Bishop conference wants us to know about our history, the Waitangi Day is a New Zealand's national day, it is to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document on February 6th 1840. This Treaty made New Zealand a part of the British Empire, guaranteed Māori rights to their land and gave Māori the rights of British citizens. After eleven years long we just have our Waitangi Day right on Sunday, it is very special to celebrate today.

On the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa reaffirmed the church's commitment to promote bicultural relationships in our multicultural society. To New Zealand generally, we say, we all need to know our history and the different legacies it has left to Māori and Tau iwi (other not Māori). In many parts of the world, indigenous people face the loss of land, of language, of culture and identity. In the Treaty of Waitangi, we find the moral basis for our presence in Aotearoa New Zealand and a vision that sets this country apart.

We hold in our hands a great treasure, the opportunity to create a society that truly honours the rights of its indigenous people. We have an opportunity to heal wounds that have been present for too long. The Treaty of Waitangi was built on respect for persons and respect for their diversity. There is a way forward. It lies in continued goodwill and open recognition that there are many paths that we as a Nation can embark on as we strive to realise the bicultural foundation of our society. Together, we must find the way which meets the demands of justice and of solidarity among people of New Zealand. We need peace and justice to prevail among us.

In today's Gospel Jesus said about giving a special gift to his disciples that the world cannot give, this is his gift to them, so that do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. The Hebrew word for peace is Shalom, a word very widely used in the Bible. It is so rich in content that the English word 'peace' conveys only a fraction of what it means. In general, it conveys a sense of universal completeness, a condition in which nothing is lacking. The state of perfect wellbeing which the word signifies belongs only to God. When one possesses peace, one is in perfect communion with God. For Jesus peace does not consist in mere prosperity and wellbeing.

An essential component of peace is righteousness. So, where there is no righteousness, there is no genuine peace. Hence, there is no peace for the wicked. Peace is a state of inner calm and designates right relations with God and with others. Peace is a gift from God. Jesus can offer peace to his disciples because he had it himself, so peace is communion with God. Since Jesus is in perfect communion with God, he can give us the gift of peace. The first time after Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, he didn't blame them or even scold them for failing him. Instead, he broke through the closed doors of fear and doubt and spoke the words they desperately needed to hear. He said, 'Peace be with you'. And by means of those lovely words he turned their despair into hope, and their sadness into joy.

Fortunate are we if we taste the peace of Jesus, the peace which passes all understanding, the peace which this world cannot give, a peace no one can take away from us, a peace which can exist in the midst of a troubled world, and even in the midst of unresolved problems. Peace is God's gift to us, but it can also be our gift to one another. Hence in today's celebration what do we see the important of the opportunity we have. So how well do we think to understand and support the bicultural nature of the society we live and the church? so what is challenge us? and what could we do differently?

Happy Waitangi Day to everyone may God bless you all.

God Bless, Fr Aleki

#### Announcements :

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE and have your vaccine passes ready.

- 9 Feb- Liturgy com. meeting 7pm –hall
- 17 Feb - PPC meeting at 7pm—hall
- Mass will be held at 8.00am and 10.00am on Sundays for fully vaccinated people.
- Everyone over the age of 12 will need to have the 'My Vaccine Pass'.
- 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"
- At Mass face masks will be required, there will be no singing, communion will be in the hand only.
- There will not be refreshments in the Hall after Mass.

## 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.

**Registration  
is Now OPEN!**

## Our New Parish Database

THANK YOU to the first 23 Families who have already registered, fantastic.

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.

PLEASE set aside around 5 min to complete this registration.



Registration link is below:

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

**No Internet Access?** Please come into the office so we can assist you in completing this registration online.



**Tokoni Ma'a Tonga – T.M.T Catholics 4 Tonga** – all of our hearts are broken with the news from Tonga. There won't be a faith community in the diocese that doesn't have a Tongan family or two (or more), and every one of those family will be hurting and fearful for those back on the islands.

So, let's gather as a diocese to pray for and raise money for the people of Tonga. Save the date **Saturday 12 February**, start planning your fundraiser, your prayer your support. And together we can make a difference.

Donations can also be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund ([www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online)) or via Caritas bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include first & last name and put Tonga as the code)



The Catholic Theological College (CTC)  
TWO job vacancies:

### Administrative Officer

The purpose of this position is to provide administrative support with a particular focus on matters related to the registration and student liaison at the Catholic Theological College. <https://bit.ly/3r5qCDn>



### Auckland Site Coordinator

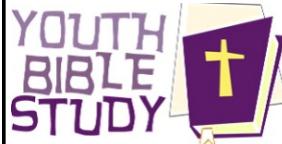
The Auckland Site Coordinator will coordinate delivery of the Level 5 and 6 courses in the Auckland diocese for the Catholic Theological College and liaise with Catholic Schools in the diocese.

<https://bit.ly/3r7YGz5>



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>



Online Sessions—1pm:

Join us on Zoom every Sunday at 1pm

<https://bit.ly/35OZ7Gb>

Meeting ID: 889 2372 7693

Passcode: 701471



3 or 4 burly men to assist in clearing out a house filled with hoarded treasures and/or junk.  
9am to noon on **Saturday 12 February**.  
Please contact Michael Coats 027-257-8449



### COOK – part time and on-call – St John Vianney House

St John Vianney House is a live in retirement home for priests, around 10 in number.

We are looking for an energetic, keen home cook, who enjoys preparing simple, tasty and nutritious meals, including some home baking. The position is to act as a relief cook, to cover absences and holidays, but could include a regular 5-7.30 pm shift.

The shifts would be either breakfast and lunch, or an evening meal. **Applications close 20th February 2022.**

Please contact Birgitte 0211866119, or

Email: [birgitterh@cda.org.nz](mailto:birgitterh@cda.org.nz)

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>



The Maria Assumpta conference of St Vincent de Paul thanks parishioners for your ongoing support. We are continuing to provide support contactlessly during red level and our foodbank always needs donations. Breakfast foods, tinned foods (especially spaghetti and vegetables), and spreads etc.

for school lunches are in short supply at the moment. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact either Chris (020 4139 5170) or Charles (022 0242 753).

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)

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).



| Next Week Ministries    | 8:00am Mass                       | 10:00am Mass                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Door (scanning in)      | Dame Pat Lythe<br>Anne Anderson   | Bill Kilgallon<br>Anthony Davids |
| Welcome/Notices         | Dame Pat Lythe                    | Johanna Cogle                    |
| Ministers Of The Word   | Beate Matthies<br>Charles Grinter | Lolesio Filipo<br>Stephen Chmiel |
| Ministers of Communion  | n/a                               | n/a                              |
| Prayers Of The Faithful | Vic Peters                        | Anastasia Tusani                 |
| Computer                | Chris Simpson                     | Andrew Gongora                   |
| Musicians               | n/a                               | n/a                              |
| Counters                | Team E                            | Bruce Shaw<br>Sela Capel         |

### SPECIAL MASSES

**Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm - Cancelled for now

**Samoan Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month - 11:45 am - Cancelled for now

**Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday of the month - 1 pm

**Multicultural Mass:** 4th Sunday of every other month..- 10 am - Cancelled for now

**Youth Mass:** 4th Sunday of every other month. - 10 am - Cancelled for now

**Maori Mass:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Cancelled during Red Level.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Youth Group:** To be advised

**NSSCC Fono:** 4th Sunday of the month, 11.30am – 3.00pm -To be advised

**Enua 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.

### **Next Week READINGS**

13 February 2022

First Reading:  
Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: 1

Second Reading:  
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Gospel:  
Mark 8:1-10

### **NEWSLETTER:**

Do you want the Newsletter via email ?

PLEASE register with the church online here:

[https://  
beachhavencatho-  
lic.org.nz/parishioner  
-registration/](https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/parishioner-registration/)



### **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**

Should be made ONLINE at:

<https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/venue-hall-hire-2/>



**Hall Hire fee: \$150 Bond and \$30.00 per hour.**

(Hall hire is for all time Hall is used- decorating included)

### **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:021 294-0292 or email:  
[david.sharkey003@gmail.com](mailto: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: [secretary@mariassumpta.org.nz](mailto:secretary@mariassumpta.org.nz)