

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626
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SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm
WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

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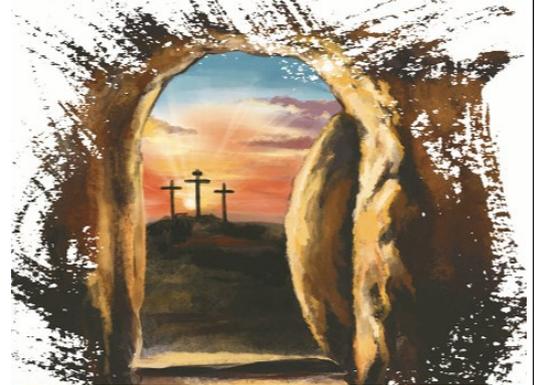
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Office Closed from 15 April till 25 April

Easter Sunday
17 April 2022

First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43
Psalm: 118
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The teaching of the scripture is that he must rise from the dead



Today we celebrate the feast of the Easter Sunday, it is a significance of Easter because it is literally means , the feast of fresh flowers.

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons: First the resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. Second it is guarantee of our own resurrection. Third is always gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears and finally it gives us the meaning to our own prayers. Easter day is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. Jesus has overcome death, not only for himself, but for all of us. The joy of Easter fills all the earth, the joy that death has been conquered.

Why is the Resurrection of Jesus very important for our own belief? First Jesus himself testified to his resurrection from the dead, giving it as a sign of his divinity (Mark 8:31; Matthew 17:22; Luke 9:22). Tear down this temple and in three days I will build it again '(John 2:19). Second is the empty tomb was found empty on the Easter Sunday (Luke 24:3). And the guards claimed that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every Jew knew that it was impossible for the terrified disciples to steal the body of Christ from a tomb guarded by a 16-armed Roman Guard detachment (Matthew 28:13). The purpose of the empty tomb reminds us believers that faith comes from hearing. Third, the transformation of Jesus' disciples, Fourth, The Jews and the Romans could not approve the resurrection of Christ by presenting the dead body of Jesus. Fifth, The Apostles and early Christians would not have fearlessly preached Christ as Saviour and faced martyrdom if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus' Resurrection.

Sixth, the conversion of the Apostle Paul from a persecutor of the Christians to a zealous preacher of Christ supports the truth of Christ's Resurrection (Galatians 1:11-17, Acts 9:1...). Seventh, the assurance and the certainty of the Apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

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

First reading from the Acts we heart part of an early sermon of Peter saying, ' We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead. The Apostles spread the word of God through the power of the Spirit. It spreads in stages from Jerusalem to all Judaea, then to Samaria and to the ends of the earth. In this, his final great discourse, Peter announces the last stage the ends of the earth. The men who experienced so intimately the presence of the Risen Lord are to carry their witness even to the Gentiles.

Psalm 118, 'This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad'. Love has no end. All are called to proclaim that his love has no end. saint Paul told the Corinthians that there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; the greatest of these is love. In the second reading saint Paul tells the Colossians that through their Baptism they are already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way. Paul reminds us to look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is. The new life of the Christian is Resurrection life. The victorious presence of Christ in the Christian demands a new life according to a new pattern. This is what Paul means by looking for the things that are in Heaven'.

In today's Gospel, the teaching of the scripture is that he must rise from the dead. One of the themes stated in the Prologue of John's Gospel is this: there are many who see Jesus and what he does, but there is only a small group that believes what he does. It was possible to see signs and wonders and yet not believe that in Jesus the final salvation of God had been brought into world history. The other disciple saw the empty tomb, and he believed. This is the attitude of the Christian. He cannot see the body of Jesus but like the disciples he is called on to believe. He believes that from the midst of degradation and death there came the fullness of life. Despair is thus replaced by hope and life. On discovering that Jesus' tomb is empty (with the discarded linen cloths is not direct proof of the resurrection), the disciples begin to grasp what the scriptures had foretold, namely, that he would rise from the dead. Many of readings of the Easter cycle were meant to instruct the newly baptised on the Christian way of life, and our second reading is the good example of it. Thus, the Easter season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptised members of Christ's Body. The great and distinctive article of Christian faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Risen Christ makes it possible for his people to live a higher raised up life of love, faith, and hope.

What captures the excitement of today's Gospel this morning of the apostles on the first Easter morning. It gives us a glimpse into their newfound happiness as they hurried to spread the Good News. The joy of the apostles is meant to be our joy too. A new dimension should enter our lives too for we also have been given this bright promise of everlasting life. Easter is about the joy of rebirth in the spirit of God, and we don't have to wait until the next life to enjoy it. Easter life is Now. We rejoice as we realize that we are not walking the pathway of life alone. Christ is with us at every step of our life as our Saviour, our Redeemer and our Healer.



Golden Jubilee

Labour Weekend.
22-24 October, 2022.
The Maria Assumpta

golden jubilee committee is keen to see any interesting photos of prominent parishioners, events and activities (B&W, or colour) for a parish history. Please contact Pat McCarthy, at patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or on (09) 480-4463.

Columban Calendars

for sale -\$12
Daily Mass Calendar
for sale - \$5

Please email the office to Order

Wish you all have a blessed and a Hap-Easter.

God Bless, Fr Aleki

Announcements :

- **21 April** - PPC Meeting - 7 pm
- We will start our weekly mass, open our hall for cup of tea after mass, and probably Samoan , Tongan and Filipino mass will be held. Then our Church will be open welcoming to all parishioners.
- **Wear a MASK** - as cases stay high please wear your mask.
- Mass face masks will be required, there will be no singing, communion will be in the hand only.

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.



Our New Parish Database

THANK YOU to the first 50 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.

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.



Online Sessions—1pm:

Join us on Zoom every Sunday at 1pm

<https://bit.ly/35OZ7Gb>
Meeting ID: 889 2372 7693
Passcode: 701471



SUMMIT is going to be an incredible weekend for youth and young adult leaders from April 22 @ 5:30 pm - April 24 @ 1:00 pm. The weekend will focus on FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually FILLED for ministry. To find out more information and to register, click here: <https://bit.ly/3KxBxgy>



Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

- Programmes and Courses 2022:
- NZ Certificate in Christian Studies;
- NZ Diploma in Christian Studies;
- Bachelor of Theology Degree;
- Graduate Diploma in Theology;
- Continuing Education Courses
- www.ctc.ac.nz Email: office@ctc.ac.nz



RISE UP Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry

We are excited to launch RISE UP, a three-day youth camp for 13-18 year old's, from **April 20 @ 5:00 pm - April 22 @ 12:00 pm.**

RISE UP is going to be an awesome 3 days of fun, friends and faith for the teens of our Diocese! To find out more information and to register, click here:
<https://bit.ly/3vdggCz>

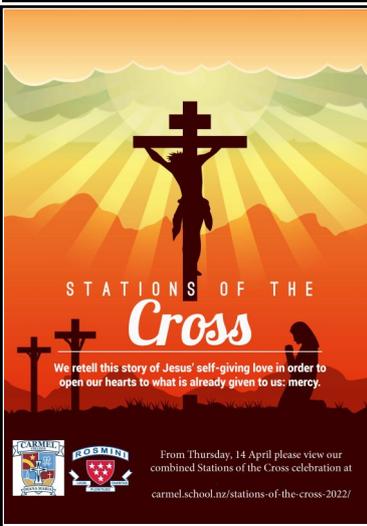


TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions: Women in the Scriptures & Mythology
Part 1: Women of the Old Testament— Kieran Fenn fms. Wednesday, 20 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.
Part 2: Women in the Sistine Chapel with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Friday, 29 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation <https://bit.ly/3lBecc3>

Please also see additional information about Esther, Judith and Miriam at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/04/09/miriam-esther-judith/>

Info - registration: info@studyjoy.nz
Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://bit.ly/3APE4gF>



Stations of the Cross re-enactment

Each year Carmel and Rosmini Colleges hold a joint Stations of the Cross re-enactment by our senior students, accompanied by our combined choir and orchestra.

It is very powerful to see our young adults share in this long-standing Catholic Tradition. This year due to the Covid restrictions we are going to pre-record and release it online to the community on Holy Thursday. We would like to encourage all our families in our community to watch this event.

<https://bit.ly/3jk9VO9>



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

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
Welcome/Notices	Liz Anthony	Sesalina Setu
Ministers Of The Word	Charles Grinter; Florinda Azavedo	Anthony Davids Ifo Ah Kuoi
Ministers of Communion	n/a	n/a
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Mutu	Stephen Chmiel
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	n/a	n/a
Counters	Team B	Anastasia Tusani Liz Antony

Next Week READINGS

24 April 2022

First Reading:
Acts 5:12-16

Psalm: 118

Second Reading:
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel:
John 20:19-31

SPECIAL MASSES

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm

Samoan Mass: 2nd Sunday of month - 11:45 am

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

Multicultural Mass: 4th Sunday of every other month.- 10 am

Youth Mass: 4th Sunday of every other month. - 10 am

Maori Mass: 5th 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: To be advised

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 hall. To be advised

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.

NEWSLETTER:

Do you want the Newsletter via email ?

PLEASE register with the church online here:

<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

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@mariaassumpta.org.nz