

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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^{2nd} Sunday of Easter
24 April 2022

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16
Psalm: 118
Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13,17-19
Gospel: John 20:19-31

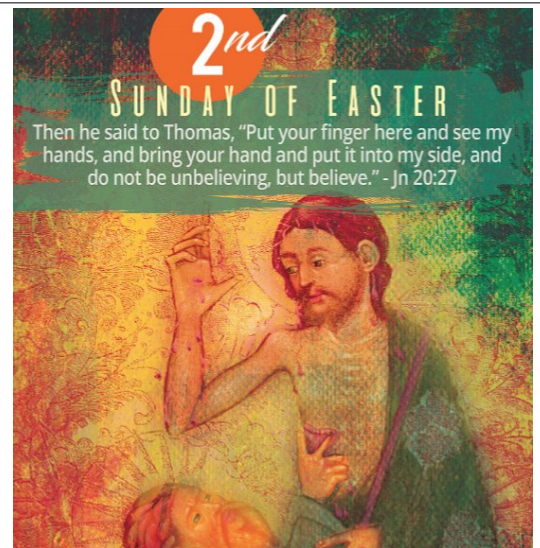
Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them

Today we like the apostle Thomas, from time to time we all doubt. We should not hide our questions. We must do what Thomas did, bring those doubts to the Lord. And our risen Lord will say to us what he said to Thomas : 'Cease doubting and believe.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, this tells of the high regard in which the apostles were held by the ordinary people, and of the cures they worked for the sick. The number of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. This is the third of the three summary statements in the early part of the Acts. They paint an idyllic picture of the growing Church which carries the witness of the apostolic group into the world. These summaries are pauses when the reader of Acts is reminded of the progress of God's word. What this summary emphasizes is the wonders and signs wrought in the group.

Psalm 118 sings, ' Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting'. All of us have experienced moments of Calvary darkness and feelings of rejection. Then, through closed doors, into the room of fear, comes the Risen Lord, Our Saviour. He shows the wounds of rejection, but his greeting is full of peace and his very breath bestows the Spirit of forgiveness and divine love.



*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 the second reading the book of Revelation, 'I was dead and now I am to live forever and ever. John is commissioned to write down his visions. His inaugural vision is one of Christ in glory. The account is replete with Old Testament imagery. The seven lampstands are the seven churches to whom John addresses the vision. In the midst of the Churches stands the Risen Christ. He is the Son of Man, the heavenly being of the Book of Daniel, who ushers in the Rule of God. He is vested in priestly garments. John's vision leaves him prostrate. The Risen Lord proclaims his mastery over death. John is bidden to write a message one which has meaning for the Church until the of end of time.

In today's Gospel, we see that by seeing and touching the wounds of his risen Lord, Thomas the doubter is cured of his unbelief. After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them. This is John's Pentecost. Jesus comes and his coming means peace for his disciples as they experience the presence of the Risen Christ. They receive the Spirit. Breathing is a prophetic action reminiscent of the action of God in the creation account in Genesis 2:7. This is the new creation of the Apostolic group. They are given their commission to go out into the world. Jesus' coming convicted the world of sin, his very presence forced men to form an attitude of either acceptance or rejection towards him. So too, the Church's presence, offering men the same invitation from God, forces men to decide for or against Christ. Thomas represents those who have not witnessed the Risen Lord. Their arguments do not convince him. It is only the experience of the Risen Lord that changes him from unbelief to faith. His act of faith is the greatest and final title bestowed on Jesus in the gospel of John: 'My Lord and My God', You are Yahweh God.

The position of Thomas is contrasted with the situation of other Christians in the time to come. Their belief will be based on the testimony and lives of men who transmit their experience of the Risen Lord. John ends the gospel proper by explaining the reason for which he wrote. His book is meant to bring men to faith. How do people come to believe in the resurrection of Christ? Not through argument or proof, but through experiencing it: through seeing the effect it has on the lives of people. The mission of Christians in the world is to let all men see the power of the Risen Lord in them. The story of Thomas stands for all of us who travel the road of doubt. Jesus met him at the very point of his uncertainty. Doubt for him proved to be a growing point of a faith made stronger when tested. 'Blessed are they who have not

seen and yet believe' (John 20:29), those who have faith in Him just like us are blessed indeed. And 'faith without work is dead' (James 4:17) that means faith is always faith in a person and not in a thing. It is because the person makes faith work and not the thing. So, faith and work must go together. Let us walk together our faith with our work, God bless.

God Bless, Fr Aleki

Announcements :

- I thanks for all who helped out for preparing our Holy Week, to the PPC members, to all liturgy groups and everyone who contribute thanks you once again may the happiness of the Easter overwhelm you all.
- Wear a MASK - as cases stay high please wear your mask.
- This will be our last were there will be no singing and communion will be in the hand only.



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

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.



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



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



Catholic Education Services – Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor

Our Catholic Education Services have a vacancy for a full time Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor, starting in Term 3. The role is to develop, strengthen and support the leadership role of the Directors of Religious Studies & HOD's Religious Education in Catholic Schools. The role will also provide professional development, formation and resources for teachers in Religious Education and Catholic Special Character.

Applicants will have a tertiary qualification in Religious Education or a commitment to undertake appropriate study, hold current NZ Teacher registration, interest in and experience in teaching religious education in Years 7 to 10, would be advantageous.

Please visit our website <https://bit.ly/3E7g6jU> to view the full advert and to apply. Applications close 13th of May.



WAY2GO South-East Auckland

Saturday 7th May 2022

St Columba Presbyterian Church

480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany Downs, Auckland. Please bring your own lunch. Morning tea and drinks provided.

Register here: <https://sunz.arlo.co/checkout>

Annette Osborne: annette.o@sunz.org.nz

Our theme is "First things First" and we will focus on the key aspects of children's ministry. We will explore the importance of prioritising a deep faith grounded in the Bible and prayer, and look at how the church can encourage lifelong faith in children and families.



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions: Women in the Scriptures & Mythology 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>



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	Beate Matthies	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Dame Pat Lythe Te Aorere Chan	Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo Bill Kilgallon
Ministers of Communion	TBC (Atela on standby)	TBC
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Stephanie Martin
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	TBC	TBC
Counters	Team C	Stephen Chmiel Sela Capel

Next Week READINGS

01 May 2022

First Reading:
Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Psalms: 30

Second Reading:
Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel:
John 21:1-19

SPECIAL MASSES

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm

Samoa 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