



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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^{4th} **Sunday of Easter**
08 May 2022

First Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52
Psalms 100

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9,14-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The Good Shepherd, I give my sheep eternal life



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday today we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. And the title pastor means Shepherd. So, what does a shepherd do? Shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock, the responsibilities that belong to all the Church's Leaders, and all who are in charge of others. In today's Gospel Jesus, the Good Shepherd, says to us, 'I know my sheep. They listen to my voice and follow me'. Let us reflect for a moment on our failure to respond to the love and care of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

In the first reading of Acts of the Apostles many became believers. During Paul's first missionary journey Paul and Barnabas came to Antioch of Pisidia, a town in Asia Minor. Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel firstly to the Jews, but they reject it; then they preach it to the Gentiles who receive it with joy.

Psalms 100 sings, 'We are his people, the sheep of his flock'. The vocation to teach is a noble calling to remind people that the Lord is God, he made us, we belong to him.

In the second reading from the book of Revelation is contains a vision of those who will come through times of persecution to share in Christ's glory in heaven. It depicts Jesus as both the glories Lamb and the Shepherd. What John vision encourages his readers with the assurance that every person who has ever followed Christ and led others to him and who has suffered rejection and persecution will also know the unending joy of victory and have a share in everlasting life.



*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 is about Jesus as Shepherd. 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me'. It is a day for praying that the church will not lack people who answer the call of the Lord to dedicate their lives in God's service. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will not allow anyone to snatch from his care the shepherd the Father has given him. Jesus is the true Shepherd and will not allow anyone to snatch from his care the sheep that belong to him. He will give them eternal life. What does belonging to him entail? It entails listening to his voice and following him. He explains that the mystery of who he is can only be grasped by the insight of faith. He illustrates his role by the image of a shepherd. His sheep know him because they belong to him. He assures those who do belong to him that none of them could ever have this bond of faith broken by any hostile power.

I can say that everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Like pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc., they are all shepherds. And we become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents have careful of their duties giving their children good example through the way they live their lives Mother and Father (husband and wife) and as parents. The flock is an image of community, Jesus knew this, that's why he wanted his followers to live as a community. In community we find mutual support, encouragement, and companionship. We can't belong to Jesus without belonging also to his flock. The privilege of belonging is not something that is offered to a chosen few, but to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

Let us pray that we become a good shepherd for each other especially our own duties to do let us pray also to all mother may God bless you all in this special Sunday.

God Bless, Fr Aleki



Sacramental Programme

We are restarting the Sacramental Programme now that we are at the Orange Level in the Covid Protection Framework and the children are returning to school.

The Programme prepares children, who are baptised, to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Parents, care-givers and their children are invited to a meeting between the Masses on:
(TODAY) Sunday 8 May at 9.10 am

Please let your family and friends who might not see this newsletter know.

Please register your interest online here:

<https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/sacraments-of-initiation-program/>



*I am looking forward to seeing you all
Stephanie*



Announcements :

- This month is a month of Rosary which emphasizing the important of reciting it, may help out for our spiritual growth.
- Preparation of the first holy communion and confirmation will start soon, more details to follow.
- **Wear a MASK** - as cases stay high please wear your mask.



Golden Jubilee

*Labour Weekend.
22-24 October, 2022.*

Maria Assumpta Parish in Beach Haven, Auckland is celebrating its Golden Jubilee over Labour Weekend. Register your interest and get updated details from
patlythe@gmail.com / Ph 09.4839903 or text 0273441663. We'd love to hear from you.



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first 51 Families who have already registered, fantastic.

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.

Report on the Parish Synodal process

A further elaboration on our response to the synodal questions:

"We the people of this parish journey together. We journey with different kinds of people. Different ethnicity, different cultures and education, young and old, all walks of life, children, youth and adults with our Parish priest, the parish council, the caring group and the different ministries."

"The particular Church where journeying together happens is our parish, a small urban parish with a very multi-cultural population/congregation. The sense of community is strong; Newcomers are made feel welcome and invited to participate and use their gifts. Each individual is valued, regardless of their status."

"In short we are many members and one Body".

"Togetherness, caring and compassion are strong principles"

"We acknowledge our beliefs and understanding. We share our faith in different ways. We also learn to accept our faith from different angles."

"The parish is committed to both bi-culturalism and multi-culturalism. Maori prayers are always included in the Mass. With members from many countries a multi-cultural group (part of the pastoral council's committees) meets to plan multi-cultural liturgies, learning one another's hymns and customs. An altar cloth representing all the flags of the parishioners' home countries is used on special occasions. Some separate ethnic masses are held but there are no competing choirs."

We recommend this way of journeying together to all parishes.

Next week: What we would like to see improved;
What is the Holy Spirit calling us to do?

(There will be further reports in subsequent bulletins.)



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—1:30 pm:

Join us on Zoom every Sunday at 1:30 pm

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

Meeting ID: 889 2372 7693

Passcode: 701471



Click the link



Parish Secretary

Glen Eden Parish
Our Lady of Lourdes

Parish is looking for a new parish secretary. The role involves general administrative tasks, managing invoices and reporting processes. Applicants must be able to handle updating and maintenance of our website and be proficient in MYOB. This is a part-time role between 25-30 hours per week.

Please submit your CV and covering letter outlining your interest in this role to Darinjohnston710@gmail.com.



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	Sesalina Setu	Johanna Cogle
Ministers Of The Word	Floirnda Azavedo Beate Matthies	Suzie McCarthy Anthony Davids
Ministers of Communion	Peter Tevaga	Filipina Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Charles Grinter	Ifo Ah Kuoi
Computer	Christina Setu	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Yeng/Gemma B. Andrew Gongora

Next Week READINGS

15 May 2022

First Reading:
Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: 145

Second Reading:
Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel:
John 13:31-35

SPECIAL MASSES

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm

Samoan Mass: 2nd Sunday of month - 11:45 am - Restart - To be advised

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.

Monday: 9.00 am Liturgy of the Word

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



CDA Connect

Are you wanting to know what is hap-
pening in the
diocese? CDA
Connect is a monthly
newsletter concern-
ing 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/>

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

NON Parishioners: Hall Hire: \$350 Bond.

(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