

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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6th Sunday of Easter
22 May 2022

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Psalm 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:12-14,16-17,20
Gospel: John 14:23-29

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Gift of Peace



During the Last Supper Jesus said to the apostles, 'Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you'. We cannot give peace to others if we do not have it ourselves. Jesus was able to give peace to others because he had it himself. The Lord will give us too his peace. On the eve of the passion, Jesus could speak of peace. His peace is an inner strength drawn from union with the Father. Jesus guarantee that the Father will give his followers a paraclete gives them enormous peace, and not as the world gives peace' (John 14:27). Even we can see why. Today's readings show us the effect of the abiding presence of God in His Church and His indwelling in each member of His church, that us.

In the first reading of the Acts of the Apostles a big issue for the early Church was how much of the Law and traditions of Moses should be imposed on Gentile converts. This reading tells us how the problem was solved. It had been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Psalm 67 is Faces of Light, the originally used this psalm to praised God in anticipation of a good harvest. Rich fields and bountiful crops would reflect the smile of God on the people. But in Eastertide, then we apply this psalm to the abundant fruits of the resurrection. It prays that all the nations on the earth may recognise their God and praise Him.



*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 from the book of Revelation we are given a majestic picture of the new Jerusalem, the heavenly Church of the future, when God's Kingdom will come in all its glory. That means it describes about the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the Holy presence of God in the Holy Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem. And this New Jerusalem a city which united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members, His mystical Body, the Church. The city has twelve tribes of the New People of God. The presence of God fills the New Jerusalem, the Church, and changes her appearance completely. The city is founded on the preaching of the twelve apostles. The presence of God is among his people and the Risen Christ completely permeate the city.

In today's Gospel, we hear another portion of Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. It is dominated by the thought of his imminent departure. Jesus is concerned to assure his disciples that he will not leave them orphan. Despite his leaving, he and they will not be apart. If they keep his word they will be drawn into the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit will remind them of his words. Peace is his final gifts to them, a peace the world cannot give. John's Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, will teach us, our Advocate and the source of our peace and joy. It offers a vision of

hopes as well. Jesus gives us the gift of love, and peace and even sending the Holy Spirit to be with us for the end of the world. Peace is God's gift to us, and also be our gift to one another.

God Bless, Fr Aleki

Announcements :

- Thanks for Bill the members of the PPC we just finished our last meeting before we have our AGM on the 19th Sunday of June, a just remind anyone who want to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council you most welcome to promote any one so pick one form at the back of the church.
- Thanks here to Stephine for our sacramental programme which is still is still on.
- Thanks to Stephen and David and Bill and those who help out to fix our Cross on the in front top of our Church, it helps us to reduce much on the cost.
- I encourage here for those the altar servers to give a hand for help out at our 10am mass, I am looking forward for some who are already interested and even the old one thanks.
- PLEASE use the SIDE DOOR while we are waiting to fix the cross.
- 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.



Sacramental Programme

I was pleased to see four children at the meeting last Sunday. The classes are now up and running and I am hopeful that we will see all of the group who began the class last year wanting to complete the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. I am happy to welcome any new children. It is easy to enrol – you can do this on the parish website or turn up and I will give you a form to fill in.

We meet every Sunday between the Masses starting at 9.15 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/>



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.



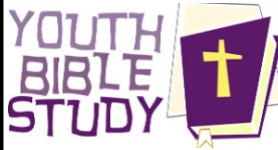
Registration link is below:
<https://bit.ly/3GfSsBX>

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



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



Topics that emerged (not just for our parish but also wider church) as needing improvement or change

- Bible study.** We observed that a wider range of bible study groups is needed because some people on their own interpret the Bible literally. Study groups accustomed people to reading the Bible and understanding it together.
- Education :** We need more education about The proper of the Mass, the Readings of the day etc. Different kinds of Prayer, Catholic norms, catechism, proper music, hymns.
- Encourage more **participation in ministries** by lay people.
- Pastoring a parish**

A parish can operate without a resident priest if necessary and has done. Where the PP does not buy into this community spirit there are problems. We would like the Holy Spirit to ensure that clergy can pastor in this model. We would like to recommend this model of parish to the diocese and to the wider church. It would require:

Clergy who are prepared to be fully collaborative Parish Pastoral Councils or leadership teams which are representative of the diversity in the parish and take responsibility and are also fully collaborative.

Hospitality is a prime principle, welcoming, cups of tea after mass, each individual valued.

That when a PPC is advised that a resident Priest has been asked to move to another parish, he is provided with a detailed written resume of his strengths, skills and abilities and how he has been valued in his priestly work. This to also include recommendations of areas where he may wish to develop further skills and abilities as he travels on his priestly journey.

Next week: A summary of the Auckland diocesan synodal progress to date.

(There will be further reports in subsequent bulletins.)



PARISH AGM will be held on SUNDAY 19 JUNE at 11.30am in the Parish Hall.

The Parish Pastoral Council will report on the last 12 months and we will all look forward to the next 12 months and discuss how we want to develop our parish. The PPC members are elected at the AGM. Please think about whether you could serve as a member or if there is someone you would like to nominate. Nomination forms are at the back of church. If you want to know more about the PPC please speak to me or one of the other members of the PPC – Ana Tusani, Anthony Davids, David Sharkey, Emma Ah Kuoi, Florinda Azavedo, Ifo Ah Kuoi, Liz Anthony. Bill Kilgallon (PPC Chair)



The Maria Assumta conference of St Vincent de Paul thanks parishioners for your ongoing support. Tinned foods (especially vegetables), baking goods and bathroom products are in short supply at the moment. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact Charles (022 0242 753). Food donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church before Mass on Sundays or you can contact one of us below and we will arrange to collect them from you.

Please consider becoming a member of our conference. We really need more people to assist with food parcels and bread deliveries as well as coming to help out at our Vinnies Charity shops. The shops 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	Charles Grinter	Te Aorere Chan
Ministers Of The Word	Anita Knape Florinda Azavedo	Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo Sesalina Setu
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony	Catarina Tyler
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Mutu	Ifo Ah Kuoi
Computer	Michael Coates	Christiana Setu
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team C	Stephen Chmiel Sela Capel

Next Week READINGS

29 May 2022

First Reading:
Acts 1:1-11

Psalms: 68

Second Reading:
Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

Gospel:
Luke 24:46-53

SPECIAL MASSES

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm

Samoa 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.



The latest issue in your church Sunday May 22

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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/>

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