



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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Ascension of the Lord 29 May 2022

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The Ascension of the Lord



Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven after his promising to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles as the source of divine power to command them to bear witness to Jesus throughout their lives and go out to preaching the Good News to the whole world. All readings today describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heavenly glory and waiting for the promising of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. And the ascension of Jesus is still with us because it is Jesus' promise, saying, 'I am with you always; yes, to the end of time' (Matthew 28:20). So, Jesus is always with us at all times and in all places and releasing a new energy of the Holy Spirit to the earth. Hence, on this day we celebrate the glorification of Jesus when the Father raised him up in glory. Jesus wants us to share in his glory.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear of the ascension of Jesus into heaven, and of his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples

Psalm 47 suggests that the Ascension of the Risen Lord mount his throne in glory.

In the Second reading from the letter of saint Paul to the Ephesians, here Paul sets out the meaning of the ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him head of the Church and Lord of Creation.



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

And He remain with us in the life-giving Holy Spirit, assuring us that one day we too will be ascending to Heavenly glory, and provided it with His grace so we live out our faith in Him with the mission loving service that He entrusts to us.

In today's Gospel, before ascending into heaven, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. It consists of the end of the Gospel of Luke which contains Luke's first account of the Ascension, which is here presented as occurring on Easter Sunday. The risen Lord shows the apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and rise again. Jesus also gives them a mission to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins and promises to send the Holy Spirit to them. They return in joy to Jerusalem to await the Spirit. Here in Luke's Gospel has shown that 'the time of Israel' has yielded to 'the time of Christ'. Now, 'the time of Christ' is to yield to 'the time of the Church'. Hence, the word of salvation will go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. He will tell us about that in his book of the Acts of the Apostles. 'The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus' life and the start of the Church's mission. The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesu open all our stories to not the good ending but to the glorious ending. This feast reminds us that Jesus, ascension shows us the goal of our earthly journey and destiny is heaven is an eternal dimension to our lives, let us live in the hope



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.

that the words of Jesus will come true to us, 'Where I am, you too shall be'. Though now we have a task to do to preach the Good News and to be his witnesses in the world. Wish you all have a blessed feast of the Ascension of the Lord

God Bless, Fr Aleki

Announcements :

- PLEASE register with Our Parish online.
- Next week we will welcome all Ethnic groups mass, Filipino on the First Sunday at 4pm, Samoan on the Second Sunday at 11:45am, and the Tongan on the Third Sunday at 2pm only this Sunday because of the AGM.
- An invitation to anyone who want to be readers contact Suzie McCarthy and anyone who want to be Eucharistic minister contact Pat Lythe.
- Thanks here to Stephine for our sacramental programme which is still on.
- 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.
- 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.



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



Prayer Chain: Rita has recovered sufficiently to take on again the coordinating of the prayer chain. Her email address is meandad16@gmail.com. If you would like to join the chain or ask for prayer contact Rita, who is slowly recuperating from a knee operation. Next Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**. It is a custom in our parish to wear **RED** clothes to Mass that day. Let us all greet the Holy Spirit in **red**.



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)



Progress report on the Auckland diocesan synodal process

Submissions opened on 21 October 2021, closed on 11 May 2022

- Approximately 500 submissions were received
- About 40 % were from individuals
- Groups varied in size from 3 to 58, ages from 6-92
- Submissions were received from
 - Parishes | 23 (urban and rural) (including Us)
 - Ethnic communities | 5 Pacific and Asian Lay associations | 9 Religious congregations | 6 Schools 4 Primary and secondary
- The young, school communities, Māori, marginalised present but not strong

Submitters said about the process;

- What a privilege, the Church cares about my thoughts.
- I have been waiting for this moment since Vatican II.
- Thank-you for listening.
- Our group thoroughly enjoyed the session.
- We are going to meet to try to develop concrete actions from our conversation.
- We shared, expressed, listened, discussed, agreed and disagreed. We walked together in community, with participation, on a mission.
- It will be white-washed by the diocese. What we need to say will not go to NZCBC or Vatican.

Five main themes or threads emerged from the submissions: The first was: "We heard a call that the Church be more welcoming of diversity. Diversity of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marriage status and theological perspective."

(There will be further reports in subsequent bulletins.)



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	Pat Lythe	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Te Aorere Chan Beate Matthies	Elizabeth O'Reilly Anthony Davids
Ministers of Communion	Atela Brahne	Michael O'Reilly
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Stephanie Martin
Computer	Charles Grinter	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team D	Chris Simpson Joh Cogle

Next Week READINGS

05 June 2022

First Reading:
Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 104

Second Reading:
Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel:
Romans 8:8-17

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 - To be Advised

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

Enea 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/>

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