



# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**SUNDAY MASS:** 8am, 10am  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10am-12pm  
**WEEKDAY MASS:** 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact Parish priest  
**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact Office

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 July 2022

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
**Psalm:** 90  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-5,9-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

### Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

To whom will all this wealth of yours go? How much is enough.



Today's readings questions us about the greedy acquisition of wealth and power since everything and everyone is here and gone tomorrow, the important thing of what the meaning of life is, cannot be found in selfishly of the wealth and possession but only in sharing these with the needy. Possessions exercise a big hold on our hearts. And the result is that we forget the more important things in life. Jesus today said our main concern should be to 'make ourselves rich in the sight of God'. In truth, all of us are poor before God. And it is only God who can truly enrich us.

In the first reading of Qoheleth, the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Vanity is vanities!. It is human nature to want our work to be productive. Our human nature also leads us to yearn for a sense of fulfilment and purpose in life. Some days leave us wanting and sorrow and grief find their way into our life. Yet, for people of faith, worldly wisdom is insufficient.

Psalm 90 helps us to recognize the passing nature of our days on earth.  
We will return to the dust out of which God created us.

**If you're sick,  
please stay HOME**



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

We could respond to these truths with the hopelessness of Qoheleth in the first reading, or we could make the psalmist's words of hope our own and ask the Lord to fill us with his kindness when day breaks so that we may shout with joy and gladness all our days.

In the second reading a letter of saint Paul to the Colossians, he encourages his audience to seek what is above, rather than what is on earth. Paul provides a list of vices that Christians need to put to death since our old selves have died in Baptism, and we have put on a new self. Our relationships with one another must embody our new selves. They must honour the truth that no divisions exist in Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns against greed, and stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God. It also deals with the difficulties that possessions can cause for the disciples of Jesus. For Jesus in searching for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, forgets eternal life, and forgets his obligations to the poor.

He is truly a 'fool because he has not known how to use wisely the wealth which he had. The Gospel directly responds to Qoheleth's emptiness as we learn from the parable of the rich fool that earthly wealth does not matter to God. What matters is the direction of one's life.

Have we renounced greed? Is our life headed in the direction of the Kingdom of God? Does our life include the riches of the teaching of Jesus? Do we utterly depend on God? Jesus's parable led the disciples and the person in the crowd who boldly asked Jesus to tell his brother to share his inheritance with him.

Let us be generous in sharing our time, our talents, and our treasure in Christian stewardship.

God Bless, Fr Aleki

### **Announcements :**

- **PLEASE register with Our Parish online OR complete the paper form at the back of the church and pop it into the office letterbox.**
- Today Sunday is a special Sunday for the Catholic Caring Foundation a fund grant for the care and support of families and communities who struggle with the affects of poverty and hardship. Today's two masses we have a Second special collections after communion for the Catholic Caring Foundation, the Patron is the 12th Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland , Bishop Stephen Lowe.
- Thanks Suzie for the training of the readers yesterday, a commission will be for these readers and the new one.
- We also thank Julita, and Susana, the parents and our youth for the hard work of preparing for the Starlight yesterday evening at Rosmini college hall.
- Fr Aleki will be away for the Auckland Assembly gathering at Waitangi from 8th Monday Evening to 11th Thursday afternoon of August, so there will be no masses on 7th to 11th of August, We have mass at Friday the 12th of August.
- No Multicultural Mass or Youth Mass this month due to Star light performance.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (09 Aug)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (09 Aug)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (10 Aug)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (17 Aug)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (28 Aug)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (07 Aug)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (14 Aug)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (21 Aug)

### **Parish registration— PAPER Form**

*A paper form is now available at the back of the church.*

*If you cannot do this online then please complete it on the paper sheet and leave in the office letter box to be captured, thanks.*



### PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **69** 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.



### Online Sessions (Evening):

Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/07/12/mary-of-nazareth/>

Info - registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and commu-



Online Sessions—1:30 pm:

Will resume on 7 Aug, Sunday at 1:30 pm

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

Meeting ID: 889 2372 7 693

Passcode: 701471



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.

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](mailto: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).



### CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL – CARING SUNDAY

Please remember the Caring Foundation's annual appeal THIS Sunday

The need in our community is even greater this year! A donation to our annual appeal will help families in need throughout the diocese! For ways to donate, go to [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz).

Enquiries are invited for a **21-day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan and Palestine**, leaving on **May 2, 2023**. It will be led by Pat McCarthy, former editor of NZ Catholic, with Fr Chris Denham, dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, as chaplain. Email Pat on [patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz).



### Golden Jubilee

Labour Weekend.

22-24 October, 2022.



Thanks to all those who have been supplying the contact details of previous parishioners. Please continue with if possible an email address or a postal one. There is a sheet at the back of the Church for you to write these if you can't send them to me. ([patlythe@gmail.com](mailto:patlythe@gmail.com))

Another little story from way back. The land behind the church was intended by Archbishop Liston for a school. However as the area was already well served with primary schools, the Education Dept ruled that out.

Red & Joan Cory leased it to grow flowers for sale by and then as a fund raising exercise we planted pine trees to sell at Christmas time. That worked really well, but a few of them got away on us, hence the huge trees which had to be cut down when finally the land was going to be developed.

You'll be able to read the rest of the land saga in the souvenir booklet which will be on sale at the Jubilee for \$10.00.

There are lots of interesting stories to be told. What can you add? Let us know, so that we can include them in the celebrations. <https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/jubilee-registration/>

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Beate Matthies	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Therese Corpuz Sesalina Setu	Anthony Davids Liz O'Reilly
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Liz Anthony	Stephen Chmiel
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongorra
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team A	Yeng Bernabe Andrew Gongorra

## Next Week READINGS

07 August 2022

First Reading:  
Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalms: 33

Second Reading:  
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12

Gospel:  
Luke 12:32-48

### SPECIAL MASSES

- Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm
- Samoa Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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
- 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 Wednesday 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 \$25.00 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, Marc Theron

Ph: 021-119-1397 or email: [secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz](mailto:secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz)

### 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](mailto:secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz)