



Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626
www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz

SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm
WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

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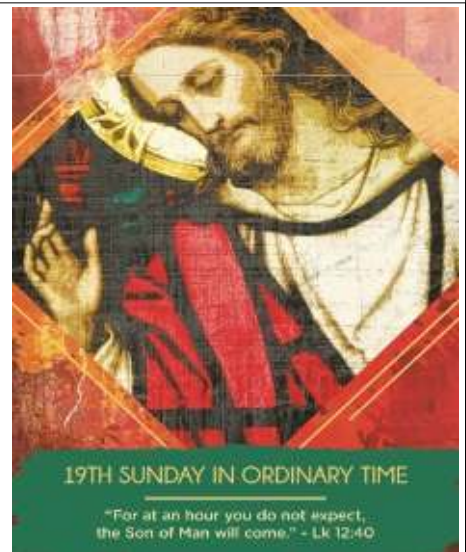
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
07 August 2022

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm: 33
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

See that you are prepared



Today's readings teach us the necessity for us to put our trusting faith in God's promises and vigilant preparedness among us to meet our God at the time of our death, that means fidelity in doing God's will is the best preparation for our death. How do we become as a watchful servant, we are servants of God and of one another? But what kind of servants are we? so let us ask God's forgiveness for our sins and carelessness in our service of God and of one another.

In the first reading from the book of wisdom, Just as God came to the rescue of the Jews in Egypt, so he will save those who put their trust in him. It is about the recounts God's action on behalf of Israel during the Exodus from Egypt. Here points out how the Israelites benefited from the very things by which the Egyptians were punished and thus sets forth a historical basis for trust in God.

Psalm 33 sings, "Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own"
This psalm invites us to express our own confidence in God and to declare our trust in His Providence. We are a chosen people. Chosen to be.

**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!*

Out of the countless people who might have been conceived in my parents' loving union, one seed was fertilised I was chosen to be. 'I thank you Lord for the wonder of my being'. Our psalm gives us the phrases of prayer to show our appreciation of being chosen and blessed by God.

In the second reading the letter to the Hebrews from the last chapter it defines Faith as 'the realization of what is hoped for, and evidence of things not seen'. So, we are called to imitate the faith of the patriarchs, especially that of Abraham, 'our father in faith'.

In today's Gospel the parable of the waiting servants urges a constant watchfulness and faithfulness. Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His Kingdom. But they are to be always prepared, because the Son of Man will come in unexpected hour, either in the moment of their death or at the end of the world., whichever is comes first. In today's parable Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil) probably may not steal our treasure of divine grace or our relationship with God by his temptations. Here Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying Jesus' commandment of love and offering humble and sacrificial service to others. The important one in the Gospel is on readiness for the return of the Lord. There is no need to discourage but must look with confidence to the Father who has chosen them for his kingdom. They are like bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom (Jesus) to return from the wedding feast. Since they do not know the exact hour of his return, they must maintain a constant watchfulness and faithfulness. What is relevance for all Christians for Luke is the calling of the leaders in the community to a selfless service of their Lord and of their fellow Christians. The people of God must be alert and responsive, a People who are sensitive to the activity of God. They are men on the watch.

God Bless, Fr Aleki



Talofa Lava fellow parishioners. My name is Julita Naititi-Seumanutafa, Maria Assumpta's newly appointed youth convenor. For those who may not know me, I am a 17 year old and year 13 at Carmel College. I have been

a parishioner here for 17 short years, throughout these years have come to serve through the ministry of the word, alter server and most recently this role.

At Maria Assumpta we thrive on our willingness to welcome, therefore I make this welcoming plea to all families with children to come along and join our youth community. As a youth convenor I will be assisting your children in growing their faith, aswell as planting seeds of service, justice and hope. We are a small entity of 25 diverse current members, we welcome any children over the age of 5 to join and grow with us all.

If your family & children would like to join or have any questions feel free to contact Fr. Aleki or myself. Updates on the youth will also be in future bulletins. Thank you for your time and have a blessed week ahead.

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.**
- Our Youth will be performed today at 10am mass after the holy communion, I thank here to Julita Naititi , Susana , and thank you to Ifo and Emma and the rest of parents for supporting your children for the starlight last Saturday, thank you to all children who involve in this event.
- 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 8th to 11th of August, We have mass at Friday the 12th of August.
- There will be a mass at gam on 3rd Saturday of September with confession to our sacramental programme children , one week ahead of the first holy communion and confirmation by Bishop Steve Lowe at 10am on 11th Sunday of September 2022. This is the first time to welcoming our new Bishop to Maria Assumpta, this is the first time to a Bishop to do our first holy communion and confirmation it is always Msg David Tonks.
- Today' both masses the commission of the new readers thanks here to Suzie for the training last Saturday.
- **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 (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (14 Aug)



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

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

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).



New ways to live for a Brighter Future

A friendly group where you'll discover the life skills you need to thrive on a low income

Living well on Low Incomes

The Cedar Centre – The Anglican Parish of Birkdale Beach Haven - are running a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) course starting on Wednesday **17 August**.

Phone **0508 227 888** to Book your spot.



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.



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)

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 Te Aorere Chan	Anthony Davids Liz O'Reilly
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	R & A Anderson	Andrew Congorra
Computer	Christiana Setu	Andrew Congorra
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Filomena Filipino
Counters	Team B	Anastasia Tusani Liz Antony

Next Week READINGS

14 August 2022

First Reading:
Jeremiah 38:46.8-10

Psalms: 39

Second Reading:
Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel:
Luke 13:49-53

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.**
- 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

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