



# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626  
[www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz](http://www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz)

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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact Parish priest  
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 August 2022

**First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21**  
**Psalms: 117**  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**  
**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

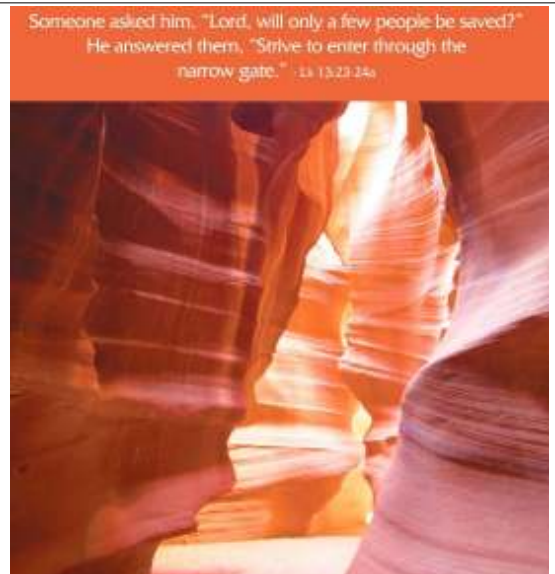
### The Narrow Gate

A final journey of Jesus to Jerusalem prepared for his suffering and death, Jesus responds to the question asking how many will be saved? And he answered how one is to enter into salvation and how urgent one strive now before the Master closes the door. Then Jesus wants to ask ourselves, 'Am I prepared to be saved, choosing the narrow gate like sacrificial love by loving others as Jesus loves them?'. Jesus said, 'People will come from north and south, from east and west, and take their places in the Kingdom'. We have come here from many different directions. But all of these directions have served to bring us to this house of God. We give thanks to God for that and ask that we may be found worthy of God's kingdom.

In the first reading, Prophet Isaiah said that Gentiles will be converted and receive a share in Israel's blessings. Isaiah depicts the gathering together of all the nations to the one People of God at the end of time. It seems that he intends to show the knowledge of the God of Israel being spread by the dispersion of the Jews all over the world. All men are drawn to the worship of God. Israel's mission as the Light of Nations is accomplished.

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

Psalms 117 sings, 'Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Strong is God's love for us; He is faithful for ever.'



*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 letter to the Hebrews, As a father shows his concern for his son by training him in discipline, so God trains his children through suffering. The Lord disciplines those he loves. Christian life is like physical training. It involves suffering as indispensable element. This is an educational process whereby the young are brought to maturity, enabled to cope with life, and it is the duty of any father to ensure the training of his son. So it is that the Lord trains His children in suffering.

In today's Gospel, the kingdom of God is offered, not just to the Jews, but to people from the four corners of the world. God's will that all people should be saved. People will come from all over the world to share in the messianic kingdom, and the Jews will have no advantage over the Gentiles, Jesus refused to get into the numbers game, or speculate about matters that are best left to the wisdom and mercy of God. The main thing is: the Kingdom is present and the door open.

But the door is not so wide that people can saunter casually in at their own convenience; it is a narrow opening through which they must trust themselves with determination. Besides, the door will not be open indefinitely. The message was originally intended for the Jews, but Luke now intends it as a warning to the disciples of Jesus. There were those who thought they could enter the kingdom simply because they had a superficial acquaintance with the Master, but whose commitment was limited to words. There are those who even did evil, and who still expected to get in. It is a warning against presumption. Salvation depends on the favour of God and the honest struggle to follow his ways. Salvation is God 's gift and we have to allow God to be God and through our own baptism we are members of the new Chosen People but we must not rely on that fact alone. we must endeavour to produce the fruits of the kingdom, namely, goodness, right living and truth.

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.**
- Remind everyone please if you test positive then do not come to church stay at home isolate for 7 days, we have someone got positive came to 8 'o clock mass last Sunday, if you get sick, or feel sick better stay at home isolate for 7 days.
- 3rd Saturday of September mass with reconciliation of the first holy communion and confirmation at 9am and 11th Sunday is our first holy communion and confirmation for children lead by Bishop Steve Lowe at 10am mass.
- We have a new approach for cleaning our church especially those ethnic masses on Sunday's. We will clean up on that Saturday in the Church, like Filipino on the first Saturday, the Samoan will be the second Saturday and the Tongan will be the third Saturday.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (06 Sep)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (13 Sep)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (14 Sep)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (21 Sep)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (28 Aug)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (04 Sep)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (11 Sep)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (TODAY)

## Working Bee



Saturday 27 August  
and 03 September

Lets get together to get our wonderful parish up to scratch for our Jubilee and the Bishops

visit to our Parish in September and October this year.

*Please can you contact the office if you can help the parish to carry out some painting jobs.*



### PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **70** 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.

### PARISH RETREAT TEAM

We are looking for people who could help in putting together a "Parish Retreat Programme" that will be presented to the North Shore Deanery. A background in Catholic Theology or experience in attending or facilitating retreats may be of great help. Please contact Michael Coats at [parishspirit@gmail.com](mailto:parishspirit@gmail.com)



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).

### TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

#### Online Sessions (Evening):

Marian Dogmas with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm

Mary of Nazareth - Prof Thomas O'Loughlin, Kieran Fenn

Monday, 29 August, 7-8.30pm.

ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

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

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

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



### Officer Manager – Holy Cross Seminary (application close 22 August 2022)

Holy Cross Seminary based in Ponsonby, Auckland is looking for an experienced Office Manager to be an integral part of our team. This is a full-time permanent role, although possible part-time candidates could be considered (30 hours minimum). This would suit someone who enjoys a varied role and building strong relationships in a collegial community. Applications to [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz) by 22 August.



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	Anthony Davids
Ministers Of The Word	Tuan Nguyen Pat Lythe	Andrew Congorra Sesalina Setu
Ministers of Communion	Peter Tevaga	Mathilde Mujawamiraya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Multi-Culture
Computer	Michael Coats	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Ana Tran	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team D	Chris Simpson Joh Cogle

## Next Week READINGS

28 August 2022

First Reading:  
Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29

Psalms: 68

Second Reading:  
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel:  
Luke 14:1,7-14

### 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)