



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

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 September 2022

First Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7
Psalm: 146
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Rich Man, Poor Man

Jesus told a story about a rich man who refused to share even the crumbs from his table with a starving beggar who sat at his gate. One great evil in our world today is the terrible indifference towards one's Neighbour which is so widespread. Yet all of us are beggars before God. Today's readings warn the selfish and use of God's blessings, wealth without sharing it with those who are in need and poor is a serious sin. It stresses more on the responsibility of the rich for the poor and remind us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.

It is also to warn against making money the goal of existence. It is sins of neglect. Amos upbraids those who are smugly ensconced in luxury while 'about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all'. This refers to the sin of the Sons of Jacob who did not directly murder Joseph, their brother, but simply left him in a well to perish. Jesus tells the parable of the rich man whose sin was in neglecting the poor man at his gate. Lazarus, poor, hungry, lacking medical care, and unjustly treated is the personification of Luke's four beatitudes. The rich man personifies the four woes. The only person in any parable to be given a named is Lazarus, meaning God has compassion.

In the first reading prophet Amos speaks against the wealthy of both Judah and Israel of the expense of the poor who spend their time and money only on themselves alone. They were unconcerned about what was happening to the country, which was about to be destroyed by the Assyrians. It took us to see it was about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all'. It refers to the sons of Jacob who did not directly murder Joseph, their brother, but simply left him in a well to perish.

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

Psalm 146 praise God who cares for the poor and it celebrates this compassion of God.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." - Lk 16:25

**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 saint Paul expresses as Jesus was faithful to his call in face of an hostility that led his death, so Christians facing persecution should be faithful to God's call.

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of a very rich man who ignored the plight of a beggar sitting at his gate. In the first reading Amos spoke against the wealthy of Judah and Israel who were unconcerned of what was happening to the country which was about to be destroyed by the Assyrians. Indeed, by their lifestyle they were undermining the very fabric of the country and they hadn't the slightest concern for the plight of the poor. Amos warned them that they would be the first to be led off into exile. This is precisely the sin of the rich man (Dives) in the Gospel: Cushioned by a lavish lifestyle, he is oblivious to the presence of a poor man at his gate. Dives was a worldling who didn't look beyond the good things of this life.

It is a parable about the responsibility of wealth. Some of the harshest words in the Bible are directed at the uncaring rich. What Jesus warns us pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to feed and show mercy to poor Lazarus meaning God is compassion or God is my help. And the rich man was punished not of being rich but for neglecting of the scripture, the sins of neglect. Charity has to be proactive, looking beyond self, taking the initiative, making the gesture, doing what is possible. It is the Lord who inspired the work of those who work for justice and the alleviation of poverty. Through their concern, the Lord will reign forever. What challenge us that we all have rich enough to share out of our blessings with others, God blesses each one of us with the wealth and health we have or even the talents, today's parable invites us to share what we have with others around without using it exclusively for our own gain. And our choice here will be determining the kind of eternity we will have. Lazarus was not only a poor person but a person who believe and trust in God.

God Bless,
Fr Aleki



Maori Proverb:

"He mahi takitini tāku mahi, ehara i te mahi takitahi."
"My efforts were the efforts of many, not just of one."

"He toa takitini tāku toa, ehara i te toa takitahi."
"My courage was the courage of many, not just of one."



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.**
- A reminder that there is only THREE weeks left for paying and registering for our 50th year Jubilee, the **FINAL day is 13 October.**
- Thanks for our Youth and parents, musicians and supporters for you singing practice and preparation for our 10 'o clock mass we pray that the grace of God always with you to have a sense of belonging and loving for our own parish.
- **Safeguarding workshop** with Lisa May Gray, Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, will lead our workshop on 6 October at 7pm in the hall.

Covid19 update from our Northshore deanery

- **Hand sanitiser** - Continue providing it at church entrances, and for ministers of Holy Communion.
- **Masks** - Optional use, ministers to wear masks while ministering Communion only, because of various peoples' sensitivities.
- **Sign of peace** - Continue bowing for now.
- **Communion on the tongue** - Discourage, but accept people who extend their tongues – you are encouraged to come to Communion LAST.
- **Communion from the chalice** - Delay re-introducing the cup until we are more sure of the health situation. We will not offer the cup to ministers of Holy Communion or altar servers until we can offer it to the whole assembly. Watch this space.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (04 Oct)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (11 Oct)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (12 Oct)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (21 Sep)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TODAY)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (02 Oct)
- **Samoa Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (09 Oct)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (16 Oct)



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **83** 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 or grab a form at the back of the Church.



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).



Fundraising Breakfast.

Venue : Spencer on Byron,
Date: Monday 17 October 7am – 9am

The Guest presenter is Alan Duff – who will share his life story and reflect on positive conversations in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Alan Duff is author of "Once were Warriors" and founded the charity Duffy Books in Homes.

Book a table of 10, or buy individual tickets.

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admin@depaulhouse.org.nz or phone 480-5959

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding a **free online event**, "No hope in hell: How a real Gospel view of the afterlife can make us better missionaries" on Thursday 13 October at 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom. The speaker is Cameron Surrey of the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy. Come along with your whanau and friends.

Register for free at <https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlqce-gqzsvH9Eu8vW8t9BLNz7ZvTkGFOM>



Golden Jubilee

Labour Weekend.
22-24 October, 2022.



REGISTER here <https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/jubilee-registration/>

We need to know numbers for catering purposes as well as setting up the venues. Use the **printed registration form** or the online process. You will be invoiced if you do not wish to pay with cash.



Only 3 weeks left to register. It is getting closer and the numbers are building.

Another story from the past On Sunday the 8th December (1974) in the Zealandia, it was announced that there was to be a new parish priest for Beach Haven from Feb 1975, Father W. Jordan. Fr Bill Jordan was well known to many as Second World War Guerrilla leader, Major Bill Jordan, who fought a 4-year campaign behind enemy lines in Greece and France. 1975 was when communion in the hand was introduced. Father (Major) Jordan drilled us in the correct way to queue up to receive communion. Start with one side from the front and go to the back of that side, then from the back of the other side up to the front. To this day that is how we receive communion in an orderly fashion.

Help requested

We are going to need some help on Friday and Saturday. On Friday we will be setting up the hall with displays and could do with some help. On Saturday we plan to play some music between the presentations/speakers, between 11.00am and 4pm Are you able to provide a CD player or other such machine with instrumental music for background? Using Spotify is really not viable. And it would be helpful to lfo with some help in the kitchen. Even if you offered an hour or two?



See Pat, Beate or Bill.

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Pat Lythe	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Aurora Munoz Florinda Azavedo	Suzie McCarthy Ray Tenisio
Ministers of Communion	Atela Brahne	Pat McCarthy
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Mutu	Anthony Davids
Computer	Charles Grinter	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team A	Yeng Bernabe Andrew Gongora

Next Week READINGS

02 October 2022

First Reading:
Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

Psalm: 95

Second Reading:
2Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Gospel:
Luke 17:5-10

SPECIAL MASSES

- Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm
- Samoan 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
- 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 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