

# 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

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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**04 December 2022**

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**  
**Psalm: 72**  
**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**  
**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

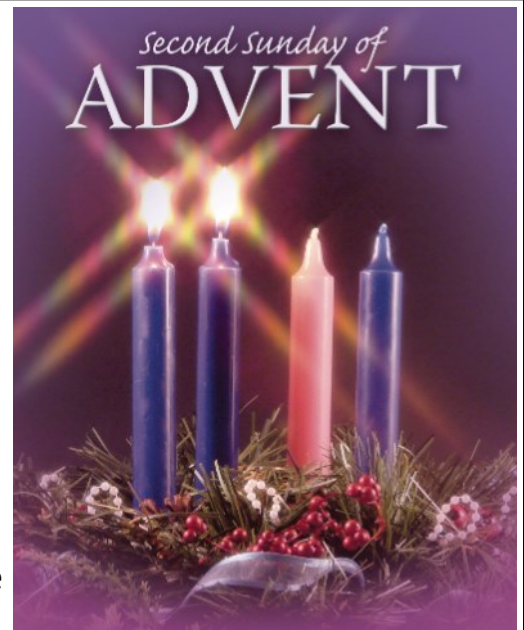
**Preparing a way for the Lord**

In today's liturgy we hear again the lonely voice of John the Baptist exhorting us to prepare a way for the Lord. Let us create a space in our minds and hearts so that the Lord can come to us in this Eucharist. John began his mission with a call to repentance. John the Baptist also play the essential role of proclaiming the lives of repentance, conversion, and renewal, thus preparing the way of the Lord's second coming. We can only process by spiritually preparing for the annual celebration of Christmas, the Lord's first coming, as we reform and renew our lives by repentance and works of charity.

In the first reading from prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of the long-awaited Messiah who will be filled with the fullness of the Spirit of God and the king of justice and peace he would bring.

Psalm 72 sings, 'In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails', Here the Psalmist pictures the Messiah as one who will show compassion to the poor, the lowly, and the afflicted.

**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!*

In the second reading a letter of saint Paul to the Romans talks about the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same friendly way Christ has treated us. Paul pray for the reforming of the Jewish Christian to draw endurance and encouragement from the Old Testament to live in harmony with Gentiles Christians accepting them as equal brothers and sisters while waiting together for the second coming of Jesus.

In today's Gospel, we hear the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'. He challenges the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognise and be ready to meet and accept the promise Messiah. He also challenges them to repentance, conversion, and renewal. Then he tells the common people who expect the Messiah to come soon, to act with justice and charity and let their lives reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters their lives, As the same way as we prepare to welcome Jesus in the Christmas, by hearing to the advice of John the Baptist to us is to prepare the way of the Lord'. And that is to set thing right with God at this Advent as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas and welcome his presence into our lives.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless. Fr. Aleki



**Online Sessions (Evening):**

*Christmas Traditions – Advent Wreaths & Christmas Trees with Beate Matthies*  
 Monday, 05 December, 7-8pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/20/christmas-traditions/>

*Stories, Films & the Bible: The Father (2020) with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.* Monday, 12 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

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




**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.
- The Second Sunday of January up to the last Sunday will be normal like 8am and 10am mass
- 2023 COLUMBAN Art calendar is available for \$10.00 each—Office has EFTPOS
- Daily Mass Calendars are now available—\$5
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (06 Dec)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (13 Dec)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (14 Dec)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (21 Dec)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (25 Dec)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (11 Dec)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (18 Dec)



**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."



**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**

- 24 Dec - Vigil Mass - 10 pm
- 25 Dec - Christmas Day - 9 am
- 31 Dec - New Years Eve Mass - 11 pm
- 1 Jan – Mary the Mother of God Mass - 9 am



### PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **93** 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.

### MASS & TAONGA BLESSING – 11 Dec 2pm at HĀTO PETERA CHAPEL and TE KAMAKA WHARENUI

Celebrate Mass and in recognition of the return of taonga – relics and images of Hāto Petera formerly held in the school administration block. Whare Karakia, 103 College Road, Northcote | Celebrated by Bishop Steven Lowe and assisted by Auckland Diocese Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley. The recently launched autobiography of the late Tā Toby Curtis will also be available.

For any further questions or discussions contact:

Manuel Beazley – Diocesan Vicar for Māori:  
027 808 8969, [ManuelB@cda.org.nz](mailto:ManuelB@cda.org.nz)



### De Paul House Transitional housing and family support.

**Food Bank Depleted!** Can you help? Our shelves are looking **VERY bare** in most products.

Tinned fish, corned beef, pasta sauces, biscuits, crackers, rice, long life milk, powdered milk, tinned fruit, muesli bars, tea, coffee, milo. Personal care – shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, baby wipes, frozen meals or meat.

We share our food bank with the 45 families resident with us, but also with a growing outreach in the local communities and includes elderly pensioners.

Contact [reception@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:reception@depaulhouse.org.nz) 09-480-5959

### De Paul House Early Childhood Centre needs volunteers

Do you love interacting, playing and caring for babies to 5 year olds.

The centre is open 9.30am to 12.30pm. Monday to Friday. Volunteers support the paid team leaders. Volunteers usually work one morning a week or can be on call when volunteers are away. Volunteer Manager [lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz) 09-480-5959



We congratulate the parishioners of Maria Assumpta on the success of their Golden Jubilee celebrations. Over the past 18 months, the Conference has received \$10,042 in donations and spent \$13,360 in providing support to those in need. Of this, \$12,428 was spent directly supporting people with food and bills. Our four volunteers have spent 253 hours giving \$7,700 of donated food to 80 families. These hours include delivering bread to 26 homes (70 adults and children) and to 2 supported living homes (8 adults) every week. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact either Chris (020 4139 5170) or Charles (022 0242 753) Please consider becoming a member. We need more people both in our conference and at our Vinnies Charity shops. We need lots of volunteers and helpers – even for an hour or two once a week would be wonderful. If you can, please join our friendly team at either Beach Haven or Glenfield. Volunteering can be so rewarding! To volunteer in a shop please contact Janet on 022-356-3811 or [Janetlee.vinnies@gmail.com](mailto:Janetlee.vinnies@gmail.com)

### DATES FOR RECONCILIATIONS (SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME AND ADVENT)

23 November 2022	7:00 PM	FIRST RECONCILIATION	SAINT MARY'S, NORTHCOTE
30 November 2022	6:00 PM	RECONCILIATION (SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME)	SAINT JOSEPH'S, TAKAPUNA
7 December 2022	7:00 PM	ADVENT RITE II RECONCILIATION	SAINT JOSEPH'S, TAKAPUNA
13 December 2022	7:00 PM	ADVENT RITE II RECONCILIATION	SAINT JOHN'S, OREWA
15 December 2022	7:00 PM	ADVENT RITE II RECONCILIATION	SAINT THOMAS MORE, GLENFIELD
16 December 2022	7:00 PM	ADVENT RITE II RECONCILIATION	SAINT MARY'S, NORTHCOTE
18 December 2022	7:00 PM	ADVENT RITE II RECONCILIATION	SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES AND ALL SOULS, DEVONPORT
20 December 2022	7:00 PM	ADVENT RITE II RECONCILIATION	MARIA ASSUMPTA, BEACH HAVEN

### Ngā Tapuwae - Sacred Footsteps 2023.

Northland pilgrimage 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to hiko with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. We will explore, experience and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at the place where the first Mass in NZ occurred.

Please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwaepilgrimage/> or contact: Deacon Stephen Fraser 021439407

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Pat Lythe	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Florinda Azavedo Beate Matthies	Bill Kilgallon Suzie McCarthy
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau	Anthony Davids
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team C	Stephen Chmiel Sela Capel

## Next Week READINGS

11 December 2022

First Reading:  
Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Psalm: 146

Second Reading:  
James 5:7-10

Gospel:  
Matthew 11:2-11

### 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)