

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent
11 December 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10
Psalm: 146
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

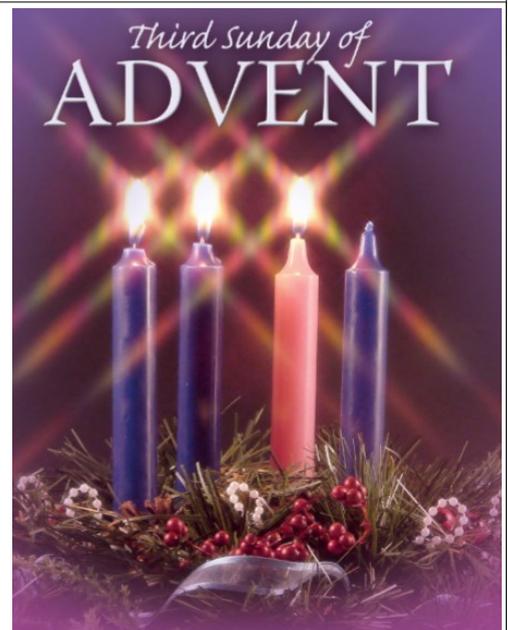
Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

Today is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday and as we move on of our liturgy then the mood of the entire liturgy of the Advent that there is a sense of joyful expectation, an awareness that the fulfilment of God's great plan for us is near. , we begin with the antiphon: 'Gaudete in Domino semper' ('Rejoice in the Lord always'). We light the third candle of the Advent wreath which signifies 'JOY', it called 'Shepherd's Candle and is rose or pink that represents Joy because is a liturgical colour for joy, we express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Saviour, we rejoice because we are celebrating the day of Christ's birth, we recognise Jesus's daily presence in our midst, and we wait for Christ's return in glory.

As we approach Christmas, today's readings speak of an active, joyful waiting. And with this type of waiting, total trust is placed in God while we do everything to accomplish our task. At his coming Christ fulfilled the expectations of the prophets. He made the blind see again, the lame walk, the lepers clean, the deaf hear, raise up the dead, and preach the Good News to the poor. We must not lose heart in face of all the evils of the world, for we too have a glorious expectation.

**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!*

The power of God through Jesus never fails to lift up those who are most in need of new life. It is a marvellous display of compassion for suffering humanity. In the Eucharist we encounter the same compassionate Jesus. Let us not be afraid to let him see our wounds and handicaps. In the first reading prophet Isaiah said that God is the hope of his people who are crushed by misfortune. Psalm 145 sings, 'Lord, come and save us'.

In the second reading from James urges us to be patient with one another and offers patient regarding the Lord's final coming. The farmers sow seeds in the ground, then let nature take its course.

In today's Gospel offers the perfect example of waiting in John the Baptist, whose whole life was spent in active waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah. John asks from the prison to his disciples to go and ask Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' then Jesus answer: 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regains their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And happy is the man who does not lose faith in me' (Matthew 11:4-6). Indeed, we must rejoice for the Good News of Jesus Christ is right before us. Are we already in a rejoicing mood? Or are we feeling sad and unhappy? God has been very good to us in our lives. The only problem we have is that we often fail to see this goodness. We focus on what we want. Most of the time, we complain about many things, especially when our whims are not fulfilled. Little do we realise that there are innumerable people in need and who are truly suffering from poverty, sickness and injustice. When we open our eyes and reflect on our real situation, we begin to discover that our concerns are very insignificant compared to the overwhelming problems of countless people. We then understand that there are many things we have that others don't have. the fact is: God has actually been very good to us.

We see Jesus at work and hear his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin John. Jesus dispelled John's doubts by showing that he was doing precisely the kind of things that has been predicted for the messianic times by prophet such as Isaiah. Once again, Matthew sees Jesus as the one who fulfils the messianic prophecies. Jesus is saying that his actions show who he is. We are Christian we lead our lives like John the Baptist, waiting patiently while actively striving to prepare a way for Christ into our lives and into the lives of others.

Let us rejoice and be glad for the Lord is coming!

Have a blessed Sunday, 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."



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

24 Dec - Vigil Mass - 10 pm (Carols at 9:30 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

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 8 am and 10 am 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 (08 Feb)
- **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 (05 Feb)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (TODAY)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (18 Dec)



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.



Online Sessions (Evening):

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/>

The Infancy Narratives in the Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 19 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/ Donation. ZOOM. <https://bit.ly/3HjRfxc>

Info - registration: info@studyjoy.nz
Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings etc available at <https://bit.ly/3APE4gF>



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 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 09-480-5959



The Maria Assumpta conference of St Vincent de Paul thanks parishioners for your ongoing support. Our foodbank always needs donations, especially over the summer holiday season. Tinned foods (especially baked beans, spaghetti, fruit and vegetables), and bathroom goods are in short supply at the moment. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact either Chris (020 4139 5170) or Charles (022 0242 753).

We really need members and volunteers.

Please consider helping out either in our Conference or at our Vinnies Charity shops. We need lots of volunteers and helpers – even for an hour or two once a week would be wonderful. Our oldest volunteer is 87 and our youngest is 14!

If you can, please join our friendly team at either Beach Haven or Glenfield. Volunteering can be so rewarding! For volunteering at the shops, contact Janet on 022-356-3811 or 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 Tapuwāe - 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	Sesalina Setu	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Michael Coats Therese Corpuz	Andrew Gongora Elizabeth O'Reilly
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters	Pat McCarthy
Prayers Of The Faithful	Liz Anthony	Stephen Schmiel
Computer	Christiana Setu	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team D	Chris Simpson

Next Week READINGS

18 December 2022

First Reading:
Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: 24

Second Reading:
Romans 1:1-17

Gospel:
Matthew 1:18-25

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