



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

4th Sunday of Advent 18 December 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm: 24
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula



Prepare for Christmas, The Emmanuel, God is with us

As we approach Christmas, the pace of things speeds up, so that the spiritual side tends to get lost. Let us pause to make room in our minds and hearts so that Christ may come to us during this Eucharist. The Emmanuel- God with us, and Jesus is referred to the child to be born. So Jesus is God is with us this title that Matthew shows us in Chapter one and the end of his Chapter 28 that he said Jesus is always with us up to the end of time, then it says to us that the whole of the Gospel of Matthew is about God is with us.

Today we light the final Advent candle marks the beginning of the final Week before Christmas and is a time of prayer. It is also called 'the Angel's candle signifies 'Love, we light the final purple candle that symbolizes 'Love', God is with us, Emmanuel. All three readings deal with the identity of 'the One who was to come'.



**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 first reading prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of a very special child, a child who will be called 'Emmanuel, that is, God-with-us.

Psalm 24 sings, 'Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory'. This Psalm is a pilgrimage psalm who went up in procession towards the house of God they praised the Lord as the creator of the world and all its wonders. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

In the second reading a letter to the Hebrews these opening letter to the Romans draw attention to the human and divine 'root' of Jesus. It reminds us to be thankful for Jesus Christ's Self-offering, the perfect sacrifice of loving obedience that liberated us from sin. In obedient, willing eagerness to do God's will, 'Behold, I come to do Your Will', Christ gave Himself in the place of all other ritual sacrifices offered as the means of sanctification.

In today's Gospel, Matthew shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus, this special child, Jesus so the second reading and the Gospel make it clear that Jesus was the Son of David. This was so because Joseph, his legal father, was descended from the line of David, But he is more than that, He is also the Son of God. For Matthew's story of the birth of Jesus centers on the person of Joseph. Mary plays no active role in Matthew's story of the infancy of Jesus. Yet, like many of the women from Israel's sacred history. The mystery is so great that even her betrothed cannot understand (Matthew 1:19). In his puzzlement, the Lord calls Joseph to a remarkable act of faith and obedience. Joseph seeking a sign then the message from the Angel to silent still and believe. So, Joseph in his silent bow to the divine will. Let us acknowledge what brings us to this Christmas and this week is our Emmanuel, so we need to recognise the Real presence of the Emmanuel in us, in our Eucharist, in His words, in the Sacraments, and in the prayer of the community and even people around us.

Have a blessed Sunday, 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.**
- 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 (07 Feb)
- This Wednesday a meeting of the PPC at 7pm
- This Tuesday 20th is our parish reconciliation at 7pm
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (14 Feb)
- **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 (12 Feb)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (TODAY)



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



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):

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 Min-istries	Midnight Mass - 10pm	Christmas Mass- 9am	New Years Eve Mass - 11pm	New Years Day Mass - 9am
Welcome/Notices	Charles Grinter	Stephen Chmiel	Ana Tusani	Pat Lythe
Ministers Of The Word	Pat Lythe Sesalina Setu	Tuan Nguyen Therese Corpuz	Lolesio Filipo Anthony Davids	Charles Grinter Florinda Azavedo
Ministers of Com-munion	Mathilde Mujawamariya	Maria Wilcox	Maria Taualofa'i	Atela Brahne
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anthony Davids	Litara Asiasiau	Tofipau Raymundi Tenisio	Anne Mutu
Computer	Andrew Gongora	Chris Simpson	Filomena Afatia Ene	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Si'uleo Vitale	Ana Tran	Filomena Filipo	Ausage Setu
Counters	Team A	Yeng Bernabe Andrew Gongora	Team B	Anastasia Tusani Liz Antony

Next Week READINGS

25 December 2022

Midnight Mass (10pm)

First Reading:
Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm: 96

Second Reading:
Titus 2:11-14

Gospel:
Luke 2:1-14

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