

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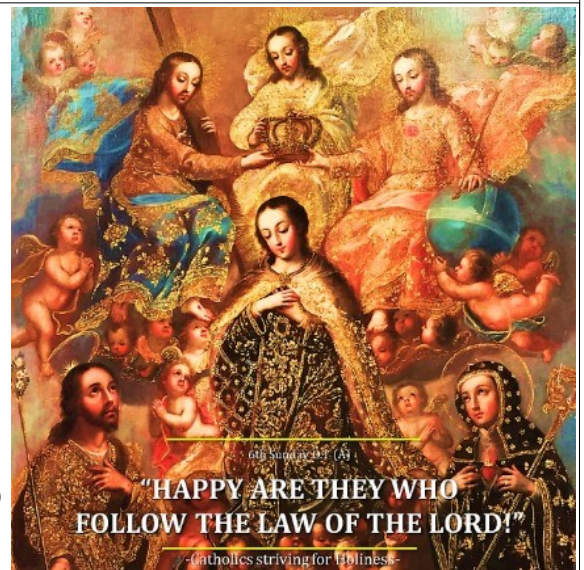
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 February 2023

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm: 119
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

New standards of Goodness



Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe carefully about the laws given by a loving and caring God. In the Old Testament, He revealed His laws to His chosen People through Moses and the prophets, and in the New Testament, through His only Son Jesus Christ. For Israel Torah is the teaching intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer.

The first reading from the book of Sirach views that God has given us the freedom to choose to do good or evil, to choose life or death. Psalm 119 sings, 'Happy are they who follow the Law of the Lord'.

The second reading a first letter of saint Paul to Corinthians that the true wisdom comes from God and reveals the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him.

In today's Gospel, Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples. He said he did not come to abolish the laws and the prophets but to bring them into completion. He is relocated the written scriptures into himself. The law provides a light for our paths and a lamp for our steps. It revives the soul and teaches wisdom to the simple. Seeking God's law leads to a blameless life and makes one's footsteps firm.

**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!



To people who held God's law in sacred regard, Jesus announced that he had not come to abolish it but to complete it. In him, the Word made flesh, the revelation of God's loving covenant with us is complete. Let us obey God's law and church law and by keeping God's law then we become true to God, to ourselves and to others.

by doing so

let us allow God's word of truth to penetrate in our minds and hearts that can make us a men and women of integrity.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless. Fr. Aleki

SEE THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There are still some places available for a 21-day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan and Palestine, leaving on May 2, 2023, led by Pat McCarthy, with chaplain Fr Chris Denham. Details from Pat patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or (09) 480-4463

Lenten small group booklets These are available from Pat Lythe @ \$2.00 each. A six week Lenten discussion course



Lent Appeal 2023

Caritas Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are **AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND** at Church door today. You can use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. Thank you.



Northcote Takapuna Methodist Parish is having a free community meal on Saturday 25th of February at the Northcote Citizens Hall at 5.30pm.



FREE MEALS

Please let Ruby on 09 489 4590 or ruby@takapunamethodist.org.nz know for catering purposes thanks.

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."

Important reminder to stay safe around COVID-19 which is still spreading in the community and has been detected at Maria Assumpta.

Message from Public Health to help stop COVID-19 spreading:

1. Stay home if you are unwell
2. Get tested for COVID-19 if you have cold or flu like symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19
3. Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser
4. Face masks are a way we can protect ourselves and others. Improve ventilation at your gathering.

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.**
- We will have our Ash Wednesday two masses one at 9am and 7pm for the students and the workers. And 24th Friday February will start our Station of the Cross at 7pm
- Ashes for Ash Wednesday: Please bring all your old palms from last year to be burnt for the ashes for Ash Wednesday
- We need **volunteers** PLEASE for all the ministries for Holy Week, and Ash Wednesday, 7 pm Mass please. Clipboard by the entrance.
- A reminder for those who take a safeguarding workshop with Lisa- May you need a renewal of your vetting for those who volunteers or work for the young that mean we need to update your policies vetting in order to be active of your ministry in our parish thanks.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (07 March)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (14 Feb)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (08 Feb)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (15 Feb)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (26 Feb)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (30 April)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (5 March)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (TODAY)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (19 Feb)



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **96 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.



On the 6th of January, **Fr John Dunn** completed the milestone of 50 years since his ordination as a priest.

A celebration will be taking place at St Ignatius, St Heliers on **Sunday 19th of February** after the 9 am Mass.

Given Fr John celebrated mass for a long time at Beach Haven, and therefore has a special place in his heart, their PPC chair would like to extend the invite to Beach Haven parishioners to join us for the celebration.

Please contact Kim Ballinger (021-687-366) (kim.ballinger@outlook.com) if you wish to attend for catering purposes, thanks.

CAR POOLING List at the back of CHURCH.



De Paul House Transitional housing and family support.

Food Bank Depleted! Can you help? Our shelves are looking 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 are continuing to provide support over the holiday season and our foodbank urgently needs donations. Breakfast foods, non-perishable foods, tea, coffee, and bathroom supplies are particularly needed. If you wish to assist us more, or if you know of someone needing assistance, or want a food parcel yourself, please contact Chris (020 4139 5170), Charles (022 0242 753), or the Beach Haven shop (482 3017).

Please consider coming to help out at our Vinnies Op shops. We need lots of volunteers and helpers – even an hour or two once a week would be wonderful. Our oldest volunteer is 87 and our youngest is 14! If you would like to join our friendly team at either Beach Haven or Glenfield, please contact Janet on 022-356-3811 or Janetlee.vinnies@gmail.com or Mel at the Beach Haven shop.

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. Clothing and household items can be donated at the Ellice Road or Beach Haven shops during shop hours.



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Genesis – In the Beginning... Part 1: The Creation Story (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Part 2: The Creation of Adam (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$25 /session or \$40 (NZD) /2 sessions

<https://bit.ly/3H8J6tl>

Focus on Target – Draw Fresh Momentum with Laetitia Puthenpadath.

Wednesdays, 15/22 February and 01/08 March, 12.30-1.30pm.

Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. ZOOM

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

Info - registration: info@studyjoy.nz



Bishop Steve - emergency flood relief Fund

My Caring Foundation is accepting donations to help our partner agencies deliver vital help to so many. You can make an online donation today so that assistance can get to families quickly.

<https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>

Your donation will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services.

More Flood assistance can be found here:

<https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/auckland-emergency-management/support-is-available>

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Sesalina Setu	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Beate Matthies Te Aorere Chan	Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo Raymundi Tenisio
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters	Filipina Naititi Tulifau
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau	Filomena Afatia Naititi
Computer	Christiana Setu	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	TBC	TBC

Next Week READINGS

19 February 2023

First Reading:
Levit. 19:1-2,17-18

Psalm: 103

Second Reading:
1Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel:
Matthew 5:38-48

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

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