

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH

198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626

www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz

SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm

WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Contact Parish priest

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact Office

Parish Priest: Fr Aleki Piula

Email: alekipiula@yahoo.co.nz

Presbytery Phone: 483 7919

Parish Secretary: Marc Theron

Email: secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz

Parish Office: 09-483-5919

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 February 2023

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

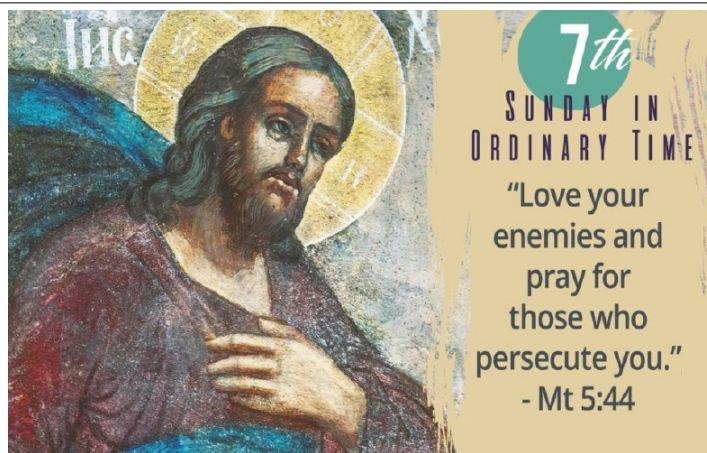
Psalms: 103

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am Holy



Today's reading explains to us why we Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. What our first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel of Matthew describe for us four ways we do then becoming holy people Jesus prescribes for us in using three examples of graceful Christian retaliation when people offend us with violate our rights and privileges.

In the first reading from the book of Leviticus advice we imitate the holiness of God when we refuse to exact vengeance or bear a grudge against another. Through the command given to us by God through Moses: Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am Holy' then it also shows to us the way to share in God's Holiness: to Love your neighbour as yourself'.

Psalms 103 is the psalm of Divine forgiveness. The Lord is compassion and love slow to anger and rich in mercy. It challenges us to be holy as our God is Holy by becoming kind, merciful and forgiving, as God is to us. The challenge is to be perfect just your heavenly Father is perfect.

In the second reading a first letter of saint Paul to Corinthians, he gives us a profound reason why we should be respect one another, He gives an additional reason to be holy, by we are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of God, individually and collectively the Holy Spirit lives in us. This is the basis of our unity.

**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 today's Gospel, Matthew gives what differentiates the disciples of Christ different from others is their willingness to love as God loves. Here, Jesus teaches us four ways of becoming holy as God is holy. In Leviticus commandment: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself', Jesus broadened it to include everyone, Gentiles as well as Jews, enemies as well as friends. Why? Because this is the way the Heavenly Father acts. He shows equal love towards good and bad, not because he is indifferent to morality, but because he loves without limit. Let us acknowledge that we know how difficult love can be, especially in relation to people we don't like. But Jesus says Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that the agape love, love without limit, Because the only thing that the world know that you are my disciples is to love one another as I have loved you.



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 AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are 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.



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. 24 Feb Friday we 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
- All altar servers, and those who received their 1st Holy Communion and confirmation, we will have a meeting in the church after 10am mass before the Tongan mass at 12pm.
- A reminder for those who take a safeguarding workshop, 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 Mar)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (08 Mar)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (21 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 (12 March)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (TODAY)



PLEASE Register with us

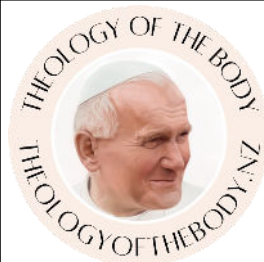
THANK YOU to the first **95 Families** who have already registered, fantastic.



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.



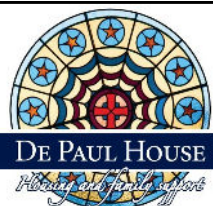
Registration is now open for the next Theology of the Body Course based on Pope Saint John Paul II's beautiful catechesis on human love and dignity.

Beginners Course: Human Love in the Divine Plan:

Sat 4th and Sun 5th March 2023, 8am -6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland.

This course is for adults (20 years and older). For more information and to register please visit:

theologyofthebody.nz or email tobauckland@gmail.com



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 thanks parishioners for your generous and ongoing support. With the current weather problems, we are having constant requests for food parcels. The food bank needs donations of all non-perishable foods and groceries. Breakfast foods, tea and coffee, cleaning and bathroom supplies, and spreads etc. for school lunches are in short supply at the moment. 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! Contact Janet on 022-356-3811 or Janetlee.vinnies@gmail.com 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 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. If you wish to assist us more, or if you or someone you know needs support or a food parcel, please contact Chris (020 4139 5170), Charles (022 0242 753), or the Beach Haven shop (482 3017).



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, 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	Pat Lythe	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Tuan Nguyen Aurora Munoz	Andrew Gongora Filomena Naititi
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony	Iulia Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Charles Grinter	Anthony Davids
Computer	Michael Coats	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Anna Tran	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	TBC	TBC

Next Week READINGS

26 February 2023

First Reading:
Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-17

Psalms: 51

Second Reading:
Romans 5:12-19

Gospel:
Matthew 4:1-11

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