

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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1st Sunday of LENT 26 February 2023

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7
Psalm: 51
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 14:1-11

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Testing of the Son of God in the desert

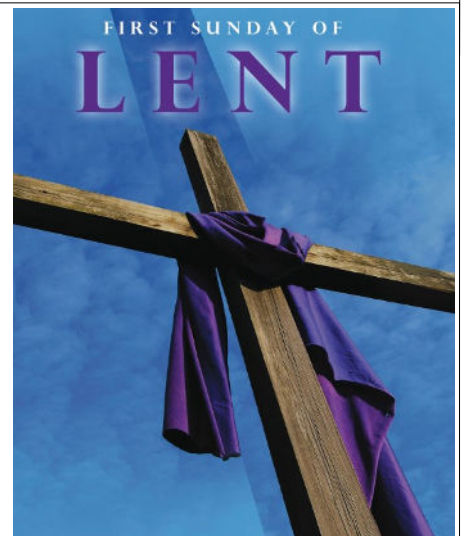
Today we start our first Sunday of Lent. Lent recall the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, during which time he was tempted by the devil. But through prayer, fasting, and fidelity to the word of God he overcame the tempter. Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also a time for repenting of our sins and renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Today's readings teach us that we always tempted by the devil, the world, and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate closely with God's grace in order to conquer our temptations then we practise prayer, self-control and love.

In the first reading from the book of Genesis Adam and Eve succumb to temptation and cause a rift between themselves and God., Here It describes about the 'original Temptation.

Psalm 51 is prayer of heartfelt sorrow; the miserere psalm is David's heartfelt prayer of repentance when the fog of passion dissipates, and he sees his catalogue of sins. He recognised how wrong he had been in committing adultery, in plotting the death of Uriah and in causing many death's in a contrived battle.

**If you're sick,
please stay HOME**

But the deepest cut was the pain of having sinned against God.
The essence of sin is the offense against God.



*Welcome - Malo e lelei - Bula Vinaka - Talofa lava - Mabuhay - Bienvenue
Nei hou ma - Anneunghaseyo - Ayu Bowan - Willkommen - Welkom
Haere mai! Nau mai! Whakatau mai!*

Though crushed and bleeding in heart, David remembers that God is full of kindness, compassion and mercy. In the second reading a letter of saint Paul to the Romans saying by Christ obedience to God, Christ won back for us the gifts lost through the disobedience of Adam.


In today's Gospel, Jesus was tempted by the devil, but unlike Adam and Eve, he did not succumb. He is the new Adam, who by his obedience restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam. He is also the new Israel. Like the first Israel he too was tested in the desert. But whereas the first Israel was found wanting, Jesus remained faithful to God. Matthew's Gospel shows us how Jesus Christ conquered temptation by relying on Faith in God's Word and authority. For us, we are the children of God then is not a matter of miracles but of understanding God's will through openness to his word and carrying it out in love, trust and obedience.

As we approach the first Sunday of Lent let us confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, let us make use of this Lenten season to grow in holiness through prayer, almsgiving, reconciliation, fasting and sharing with those who are in need.

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.**
- Station of the cross - Friday at 7 pm
- Sacramental programme - starting after the Easter season so PLEASE register online and contact Stephanie Martin
- Reminding all our altar servers, all the children of the first holy communion and confirmation if you want we will have a meeting in the church after the station of the cross on 3rd Friday next week.
- Parish reconciliation 30 March at 7 pm.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Matariki (Martha) Hoani one of the promoters of te Māori Miha, may she rest in peace.
- **Easter Timetable**
- Palm Sunday (02 Apr) - 8 am & 10 am
- Holy Thursday - Lord's Supper (06 Apr) - 7 pm
- Good Friday - Lord's Passion (07 Apr) - 3 pm
- Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday (08 Apr) - 7 pm
- Easter Sunday (09 April '23) - 9 am
- **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 (15 Mar)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (26 Mar)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (23 April)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (30 April)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (5 March)
- **Samoa Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (12 March)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (19 Mar)



Sacramental Programme
Starting after Easter so **PLEASE** register online here

<https://bit.ly/3KzAYG2>




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



Caritas
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND


Lent Appeal 2023
Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are at Church door today. You can use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. The donations can be placed in the offertory basket or posted direct to Caritas. If you want a receipt for tax purposes please put your name and address in the envelope.

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent>



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."





PLEASE Register with us

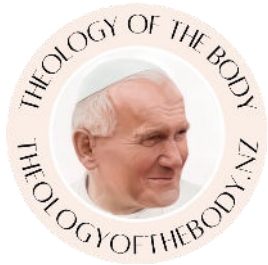
THANK YOU to the first **97 Families** who have already registered, fantastic.

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.

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul has started a national appeal to help the victims of the recent cyclones that have caused devastating loss in the largest and most widespread weather event ever to impact New Zealand. The Society, through its conferences in the affected areas, will provide financial help, and food, clothing, furniture and advocacy assistance to those affected for as long as the recovery takes. Donations will be accepted at church or you can make a donation online to account number 12-3035-0514670-000. In the particulars please write Flood Appeal and under Reference please enter your initials and surname.

All donations over \$5 will be issued a receipt later in April for tax refund purposes.

Thank you for your help



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 from Whēnua... (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

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

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



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.

If you are able to make a donation, you can do this through the Caring Foundation's donation page:

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

or online to the Foundation's bank account:

BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 (Please use your surname and initials as reference, and Cyclone as a particular.)

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	Beate Matthies	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Charles Grinter Therese Corpus	Samuel Mohan Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo
Ministers of Communion	Atela Brahne	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Mutu	Ana Tusanii
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Filomena Filipo
Counters		Andrew & Yeng/Gemma

Next Week READINGS

05 March 2023

First Reading:
Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms: 33

Second Reading:
2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel:
Matthew 17:1-9

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