

# 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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact Parish priest  
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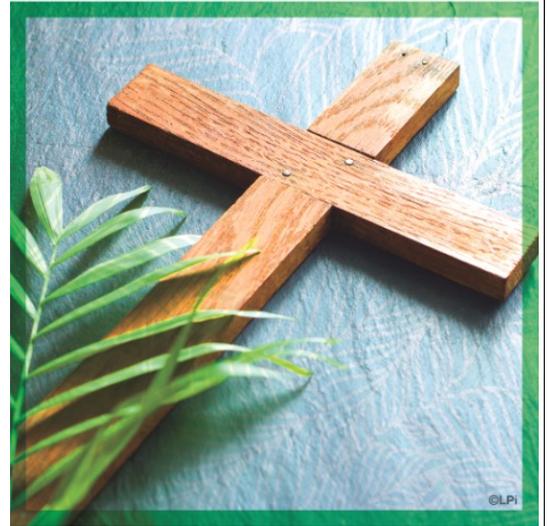
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

**Palm Sunday**  
**02 April 2023**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**  
**Psalm: 22**  
**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**  
**Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew: Passion Sunday**



Today celebration start with the solemn procession with palms as the traditional start with the first Liturgy of Holy Week, the last week of the life of Jesus on the earth, the most solemn week in the Church's year. When the procession reaches the church, Mass begins with the Collect. Matthew 21:1-11 a Gospel for procession, Jesus enters Jerusalem, not as an all-conquering warrior, but as a gentle, humble bearer of Good News. It is a royal reception of Jesus received from his admirers who paraded with him for a distance of two miles between the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

Psalm 22 sings, 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' In the second reading a letter to the Philippians, because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on the cross, the Father has raised him up and make him Lord of heaven and earth.

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew shows the passion as fulfilling the prophecies of Scripture and portrays Jesus because of his foreknowledge and free decision, as being in complete control of the situation. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story, like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

**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!**

We must not lose sight of the central character in this sordid story, namely, Jesus himself. He shows us that the only way to overcome evil is by good. He loved us to the point of dying for us. Dark evil sleeps in us all. Holy week provides us with an opportunity to look at this. Christ will help us to confront the evil that is in ourselves. He will help us to become instruments of truth, justice, peace, and love in the world.

As we enter this holiest of weeks with Christ, may our participation in each solemn liturgy draw us into deeper union with him and with one another. We are called to see beyond the hype and majesty to the real triumph of the cross that is to come. And may our plots and sub-plots of our lives; complete with suffering, conflicts, struggles, joys and sorrows, success and failure, will find meaning if they are joined with the sacrifice of Jesus for the sake of the beloved.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you taught us how to live and how to die. Grant us the grace of obedience and courage. May we never abandon you whatever the situation. May we share in your passion so that we may also share in your resurrection.

Wish you all have a faithful and blessed Sunday and holy week.

God bless. Fr. Aleki



## Sacramental Programme

There will be a meeting of young people who wish to join the Preparation Programme to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion and **their parents/carers on SUNDAY 30 APRIL at 9.15 am** in the meeting room in the Parish Hall.

The programme will begin on the following Sunday, 7 May 2023.

PLEASE register online here <https://bit.ly/3KzAYG2>



## 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.
- Chrism mass at 7:30pm Cathedral on 3rd Monday night.
- Altar Servers training on Tuesday and Wednesday after mass in the morning.
- Sacramental programme - starting after the Easter season so PLEASE register online and contact Stephanie Martin after 10 am Mass.
- There will a bus providing for the ecumenical walk for the stations of the cross at 10am on Good Friday, and we are the second stations of the day.
- **Easter Timetable**
- Palm Sunday (02 Apr) - 8 am & 10 am
- Holy Thursday - Lord's Supper (06 Apr) - 7 pm
- Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 8 am in the car park and Ecumenical walk at 10 am
- 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 (04 April)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (11 Apr)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (12 Apr)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed ( 19 Apr)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (28 May)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (23 April)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am ( 30 April )
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (09 Apr)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (16 Apr)



## Petition to save our CAB's

Auckland Council are proposing to cut or possibly remove funding from all 32 Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) branches in Auckland. This will result in the closure of all 32 CABs in Auckland.

Some of our congregation have utilised the services of the CABs recently to seek advice on anything from consumer rights to law and government (e.g. tenancy, employment rights, safety, housing, education, immigration etc)

Please sign the Save Auckland CABs online petition <https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/save-auckland-cabs>



You are also most welcome to also drop by at your local CAB to sign the paper version of the petition in person.



### **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 **102** 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.

Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

Please contact Carol Krebs on (09) 360 3069 or [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) if you need assistance in paying the attendance dues.

**Training & Formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer**

This training is being offered by the Liturgy Centre from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest. It will take place over five Saturdays.

Day 1: 18th March | Day 2: 29th April | Day 3: 27th May | Day 4: 24th June | Day 5: 29th July Register: <https://bit.ly/3YhnEcD>



**De Paul House Transitional housing and family support.**

**Food Bank Depleted!** Can you help? Our shelves are looking bare in most products.

With disasters now coming in twos the need for food and bed clothing, in particular new pillows and single duvets, has doubled. Foodstuffs – med-large tins of tuna/salmon/tinned corned beef, pasta sauces, meal sauces, tea, coffee, milo, long-life milk, biscuits, crackers, muesli bars, cereal, rice, jam, honey, peanut butter.

Personal care – shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper.

Household – laundry and dishwashing liquid, spray and wipe. Donations can be **dropped off at De Paul House Office** at 92-96 Onewa Rd, Northcote.

Contact [reception@depaulhouse.org.nz](mailto:reception@depaulhouse.org.nz) 09-480-5959

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Items left in the baskets at the back of the church do not go to De Paul House and that the food for St Vincent de Paul needs to be **non-perishable**.



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

STATIONS OF THE **Cross**

We retell this story of Jesus' self-giving love in order to open our hearts to what is already given to us: mercy.

Tuesday 4 April, 7pm  
St Joseph's Church, Takapuna  
All welcome

**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	Holy Thurs 7 pm	Good Friday 3 pm	East Vigil 7:30 pm	Easter Sunday 9 am
<b>Welcome/Notices</b> Narrator:	Pat Lythe	n/a Ana Tusani	S. Chmiel	A. Knape
<b>Ministers Of The Word</b>	Sesalina Setu Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo	Andrew Gongora Te Aorere Chan	(1) 1. A Davids 2. M Samuel 3. B Matthies 4. F Azavedo (2) Pat Lythe	Therese Corpuz Stephen Chmiel
<b>Ministers of Communion</b> <b>Solemn Intercessions</b> <b>Reproaches</b> <b>Stripping of altar</b>	S. Martin	Filipina Tulifau Bill Kilgallon	M. Isaia Tulifau	M. Wilcox
<b>Prayers Of The Faithful</b>	Liz Anthony		Litara Asiasiau	Anderson's
<b>Computer</b>	C. Setu	Chris Simpson	A. Gongora	C Simpson
<b>Musicians</b>	Ausage Setu	F. Filipo	Si'uleo Vitale	F. Filipo
<b>Counters</b>	Team B	n/a	n/a	Ana and Liz

## Next Week READINGS

09 April 2023

First Reading:  
Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm: 118

Second Reading:  
Col. 3:1-4

Gospel:  
John 20:1-9

### NEWSLETTER:

Do you want the Newsletter via email ?

PLEASE register with the church online here:

[https://  
beachhavencatholic.org.nz/parishioner-registration/](https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/parishioner-registration/)



### SPECIAL MASSES

**Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm  
**Samoan Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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](mailto:secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz)