

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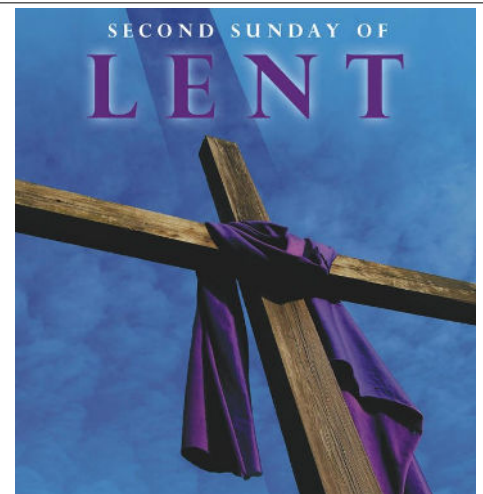
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

2nd Sunday of LENT
05 March February 2023

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm: 33
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The Transfiguration



Each year on the second Sunday of Lent, the Church puts before us the transfiguration of Jesus. His face shone and his clothes became dazzlingly white. We too can experience transfiguration. Virtue transfigures us. But sin disfigures us. Let us turn to the Lord for the help we need so that we can transfigure our lives by the practice of virtue. All three readings today are all about the spiritual transformation experience of these three heroes in the Faith, Abraham, Paul and Jesus. And the main theme of today's readings invite us and challenge us to do what Abraham did, to put our Faith in the loving promises of the merciful God who sent Jesus His only Son to the world to die for us and to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, And our transformed lives will enable us to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our spirit-filled lives.

In the first reading from the book of Genesis, this tells of the call of Abraham. Thanks to his faith in God the whole human race has been blessed. So, his obedience to God brought blessings to many. It is also point to the obedience of Jesus as well (an obedience which took him to death on the cross) and to the blessings that would flow to the world as a result.

In the Psalm 33 is the journey of faith, chosen to accompany Abraham's call may be regarded as a prayer for a journey. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

In the second reading a second letter of saint Paul to Timothy, The power of God and the vision of immortality enable the Christian to face the sufferings which faithfulness to the Gospel inevitably brings, in today's Gospel, on mountain Tabor the three disciples get a glimpse of the glory 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!

So, the story of Jesus' Baptism and the transfigurations is an epiphany story. Both stories are manifestations of Jesus as he is, or as he will be. In both there is a voice, and the voice says the same words. A mountain is a place of divine manifestation. The cloud is a sign of the presence of God. Moses and Elijah stand for the Law and the Prophets.

It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain, Was it a vision? Was it a profound religious experience? There has been tendency to see the Transfiguration simply as a stage in the education of the apostles. But its first and chief significance was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. But of course, it also benefits the apostles. And it is this that Matthew emphasises. In the Transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead. Matthew also portrays Moses and Elijah in fact both of them suffered before being taken into glory.

We too can experience rare moments of light and joy. We get glimpses of the promised land towards which we are travelling in faith. In his love, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come, In between, like Abraham, we travel in the darkness of faith. Let us renew our lives and our transforming lives will enable us to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to those all around us with our spirit filled lives.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless. Fr. Aleki



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



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."

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 (TODAY)
- **Samoa Mass**: 2nd Sunday - 11:45 am (12 March)
- **Tongan Mass**: 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (19 Mar)



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **98 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.

NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

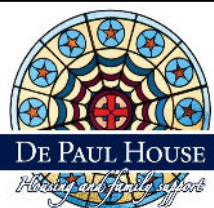
Meet on Wed. 15th March 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL, 336 WAIRAU ROAD, Scripture: Ezekiel 36:25-26 COME and meet other WOMEN FROM THE NORTH SHORE PARISHES.

For info please contact [Sylvia 021 088 22990](tel:02108822990)

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 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

AUCKLAND CATHOLIC SINGLES SOCIAL GROUP

A new group for single Catholic men & women in their 30s & 40s

AXE

THROWING

SAT 18TH MARCH 2023

2:00PM

RSVP BY 14TH MARCH

AKLCATHOLICSINGLESOCIALGROUP@GMAIL.COM
OR ON THE FACEBOOK EVENT



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	Charles Grinter	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Michael Coats Florinda Azavedo	Bill Kilgallon Anthony Davids
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox	Pat McCarthy
Prayers Of The Faithful	Liz Anthony	Samuel Mohan
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team B	Ana & Liz

Next Week READINGS

12 March 2023

First Reading:
Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm: 95

Second Reading:
Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel:
John 4:5-42

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