

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

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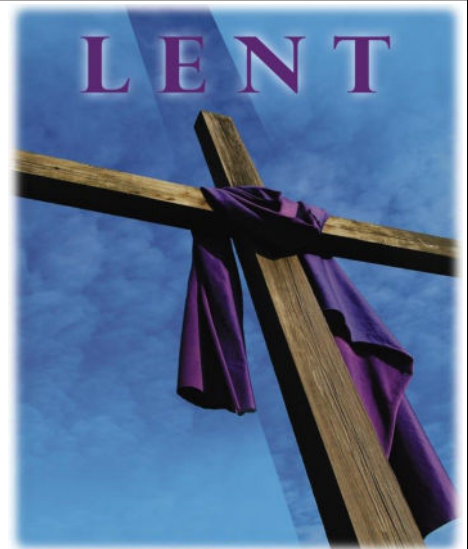
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

5th Sunday of LENT
26 March 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm: 130
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Christ, the resurrection and the life



In today's Gospel we see people weeping over the death of a loved one. Jesus is at the centre of that scene. He is the one who gives hope to those who are surrounded by the shadows of death.

In the first reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel. The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. And their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal. This reading harmonises with the raising of Lazarus from the grave.

Psalm 130 sings, 'With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption'. This psalm chosen to give a prayerful response to these readings is the cry from the depths, De Profundis. We are so familiar with this as a prayer for the dead that we may not realise that it was originally a cry from the heart of one who was crying out of the depth of guilt. The Psalmist prays: My soul is waiting for the Lord, my soul is longing for the Lord.

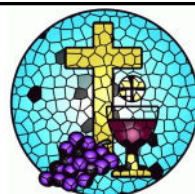
In the second reading a letter of saint Paul to the Romans, It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us. In today's Gospel. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death. This story of raising Lazarus from the dead offers us hope and consolation in the face of death. The ends of the story with the words: 'Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believe in him'. Martha is presented as a model of faith. She makes a profession of faith: 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world'. Jesus in the source of life not just physical life, but the undying life of God.

**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!*

This new life is a present reality which physical death, Jesus himself says: 'I am the resurrection and the life'. The delay in coming of Jesus to Mary and Martha, and the fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days, serve to underline the point the evangelist is making, namely, that Jesus is the Master of life and death. This passage assures us that our faith in Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life', promises our participation in his Resurrection and new life. Let us ready any time to welcome death because we know that Christ promise will be given saying to us that He is the resurrection and the life, anyone who believe in him will have eternal life in the next life to come.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless. Fr. Aleki



Sacramental Programme

Starting after Easter so **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.**
- Let us pray for the soul of a longer-term parishioner Nilson, Timothy James (Tim) his funeral was last Thursday Schnapper Rock, may he rest in peace. We pray for the wife Dorothy and the daughter Sarah Nilson and the family may they have peace and comfort during this time of lost and pain.
- Thanks for those who come for our working Bee yesterday preparing our place for the Holy Week and Easter.
- Stations of the cross - Friday at 7 pm
- Sacramental programme - starting after the Easter season so PLEASE register online and contact Stephanie Martin after 10 am Mass.
- Parish reconciliation 30 March at 7 pm.
- 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 (26 Mar)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (23 April)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (30 April)
- **Filipino Mass**: 1st Sunday - 4 pm (02 Apr)
- **Samoa Mass**: 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (09 Apr)
- **Tongan Mass**: 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (16 Apr)

Citizens
Advice
Bureau



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.

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.

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 **100** 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.

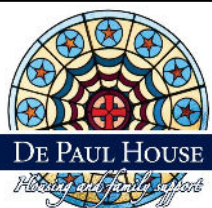
Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

Please contact Carol Krebs on (09) 360 3069 or pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz 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 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	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Beate Matthies	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Theresa Corpuz Florinda Azavedo Narrator: Michael Coats	Bill Kilgallon Anthony Davids Narrator: Suzie McCarthy
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters	Mathilde Mujawamariya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Liz Anthony	Liz Anthony
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team A	Andrew and Yeng/Gemma

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.



Next Week READINGS

02 April 2023

First Reading:
Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9

Psalm: 89

Second Reading:
Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel:
Luke 4:16-21

NEWSLETTER:

Do you want the
Newsletter via email ?

PLEASE register with the
church online here:

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



CDA Connect

Are you wanting to know what is hap-
pening in the
diocese? CDA
Connect is a monthly
newsletter concern-
ing 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