

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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Easter Sunday
09 April 2023

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Psalm: 118
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula



He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ continues into Easter Sunday morning. Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and is the first day of the Easter Octave. The celebration of the Triduum concludes after Vespers, and the great fifty days begin. Forty days of fast yield to fifty days of feast. This is a day for celebration. This is the day Christ our Brother broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. He did this, not just for himself, but for all of us. He wants us to share in his great victory over sin and death. Let us pause and reflect on this and our sharing in the resurrection begins now.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead. This is part of an early sermon preached by saint Peter in which he proclaims the risen Jesus to be the Saviour of those who believe in him, and judge of the living and the dead.

Psalm 118 sings, 'This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad'. God's mercy is not a one - time reality; it endures across the ages. God will protect those who believe, who are rescued through his power. In the second reading from a letter of saint Paul to the Colossians, through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

In today's Gospel, on their finding Jesus' tomb empty, the truth of his resurrection begins to dawn on his disciples. Our Gospel today invites us to reflect on the message of the empty tomb witnessed by Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. The empty tomb manifests the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that on the third day He will rise again.

Today's Gospel stresses that Jesus' resurrection was completely unexpected by his disciples, even though Jesus had told them on a number of occasions that he would rise from the dead.

**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!

It seems they did not understand what he was saying. In today's Gospel we see Mary Magdalen going to the tomb early in the morning while it is still dark. She is like you and me going to the cemetery to visit the grave of someone we love who has died. She is going to mourn, to grieve, to remember him., perhaps even to ask the question 'why?' through she doesn't expect an answer. When she finds the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, she is shocked and confused. She thinks someone has stolen the body. The thought that he has risen doesn't enter her mind. Later, while still searching, she meets a man she thinks is the gardener and she asks him if he knows where they have put Jesus' body. The person says simply 'Mary' and suddenly, totally unexpectedly, she realises that she is in the presence of the risen Christ. We also will meet the risen Christ in unexpected moments during this Easter season. Surely, we will meet him in the Mass and in the sacraments, and in moments of prayer. But, like Mary, we will also meet him in our brothers and sisters, perhaps in the gardener, or in the stranger we meet along the way, or in those in need: 'For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was frightened, and you comforted me, alone and you came to see me'. Then, like Mary, our joy will be full. A tomb or a grave where the remains of the dead are buried can be described as an enclosed place in which a dead human body rots or decomposes. We recall how Jesus use this image to describe the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and Scribes: 'Alas for you scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You who are like whitewashed tombs that look handsome on the outside but are full of dead men's bones and every kind of corruption' (Matthew 23:27). A tomb with a dead, decomposed body inside it could symbolize death and sin. When we are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness like the Pharisees and Scribes, we sin and are displeasing in the eyes of God and others. When we succumb to our selfishness, we allow evil to take over our lives; sin and death have power over us. Nevertheless, on this Easter day, the tomb of Jesus Christ is empty. There are no bones, there is no filth; nothing remains. He has risen from the dead. He is victorious over the pangs of suffering and death. He has triumphed over evil and sin. In the words of Clarence Hall: 'You can put truth in the grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to the cross.... and shup it up in a tomb, but it will rise' The apostles capture with excitement on that the first Easter morning. It gives into their new-found happiness as they hurried to spread the Good News. The joy of the apostles is meant to be our joy too. A new dimension should enter into our lives too for we also have been given this bright promise of everlasting life. Easter is about the joy of rebirth in the spirit of God and we don't have to wait until the next life to enjoy it. Easter life is Now. We rejoice as we realise that we are not walking the pathway of life alone. Christ is with us at every step of our life as our Saviour, our Redeemer and our Healer. Let us pray: Risen Lord, grant us the gift of faith to believe truly in the mystery of the resurrection. Our vision is so limited, our reason so shallow. Send the gift of your Spirit to enlighten our minds and enkindle our hearts. Fill us with Easter joy and peace, we pray. God bless. Happy Easter to everyone. 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.**
- Thanks here to the liturgy committee and everyone who are involve in our Holy Week celebration, the sacred Triduum, may God bless you and your families.
- A reminder for those who want to participate their children on the first Holy Communion and Confirmation will be start new Sunday between masses.
- 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**
- 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 (09 May)
- **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 (07 May)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (09 Apr)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 1 pm (16 Apr)



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **103** 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.

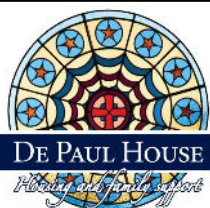
Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

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



ROSMINI COLLEGE

ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Enrolments for Year 7 pupils for 2024 are open online at

www.rosmini.school.nz.

There are also limited spaces available in Years 8-13. Enrolment enquiries to Jane 09 488 3750 or email enquiries@rosmini.school.nz.

We will be holding an **Open Day** at the college on **Wednesday 10 May at 1.30 pm.**

All interested parents and their sons are very welcome to attend.

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	Sesalina Setu	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Charles Grinter Aurora Munoz	Filomena Naititi Stephen Chmiel
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne Mutu	Anthony Davids
Computer	Christiana Setu	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team C	Sela/Stephen

Next Week READINGS

16 April 2023

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Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm: 118

Second Reading:
Col. 3:1-4

Gospel:
John 20:1-9

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