

# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626  
[www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz](http://www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz)

**SUNDAY MASS:** 8am, 10am  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10am-12pm  
**WEEKDAY MASS:** 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact Parish priest  
**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact Office

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

<sup>2nd</sup> **Sunday of Easter**  
**16 April 2023**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47  
**Psalm:** 118  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9  
**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**The Eyes of Faith**



Today is the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Octave Day of Easter. In today's Gospel we meet Doubting Thomas. Each of us has something in common with Doubting Thomas, because at times we too are troubled by doubts. Instead of denying our doubts, let us bring them to the Lord. From Creation, God has revealed his nature as love itself, in Holy Scripture and most perfectly in the life, Passion, death and Resurrection of the Son, Jesus Christ, Pope John Paul II in his second encyclical letter called *Dives in Misericordia* (Rich in Mercy) offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls 'the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God' (*Dives in misericordia* 13).

He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate: As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love, It is a love that converts hearts and give peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The early Christian community was characterised by worship of God and loving service towards one another.

**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!*

Psalm 118 sings, 'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting'. God always triumphs. The resurrection is the greatest proof. The breathing of the Spirit announces the grace of forgiveness. It is resurrection time, time to move on, a season of the Spirit, of grace and of rising. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

In the second reading in the first letter of Peter, faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life.

In today's Gospel, When Thomas touched the wounds of the risen Christ, his doubt was turned into faith. The pierced body of Jesus offered to Thomas, is evidence that the crucified Christ is now the risen Lord. The only response to such a life-giving presence is Thomas' recognition of who it is that he dared to question: 'My Lord and my God'. We are being asked to recognise the greatness of the gift we have been given: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. As we celebrate our Sunday liturgy, we can rightly claim that we have not seen, and yet we believe.

So may the ongoing story of our Christian journey always show that our belief in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, has given us life in his name. As Father sent him, so now he is sending us. May Christ presence to us also lead us to confess: 'My Lord and my God'.

Have a bless Divine Mercy Sunday,  
God bless. Fr. Aleki

#### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & BARCELONA, SPAIN

5 – 28 September 2023

Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks

Information: <https://bit.ly/Pilgrimage2023ItalySpain>  
Bookings: Laura Yap [laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz](mailto:laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz)

#### **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."



#### **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.
- Sacramental programme start on 30th Sunday of April between 8am and 10am mass.
- We only have **6 children signed up so far** for the Sacramental programme so please can you sign up to the program thanks.
- PLEASE register online and contact Stephanie Martin after 10 am Mass.
- Tongan mass is already change from 1pm to 12pm on the third Sunday of the month, it will be like this for the rest of the year.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (09 May)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (09 May)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (10 May)
- **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)
- **Samoa Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (14 May)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (TODAY)



### 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.

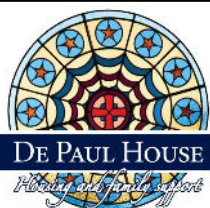
Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

Please contact Carol Krebs on (09) 360 3069 or [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](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



### ROSMINI COLLEGE

#### ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Enrolments for Year 7 pupils for 2024 are open online at

[www.rosmini.school.nz](http://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](mailto: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.

### An evening with Father Chris Skinner and Friends (Fundraiser for the Marist Pilgrims)

Join us for an unforgettable evening with Fr Chris Skinner sm & Friends! This incredible concert is not only a night of fantastic music, but also an opportunity to support the Young Marist Pilgrims from The Logos Project. Come and be inspired by Fr Chris Skinner's soulful voice and the talents of his friends, all while making a difference in the lives of young people. Don't miss out on this amazing event, happening Saturday, **April 22nd at 7:30 PM** at Christ the King Church.

Get your tickets now and be a part of something truly special! Tickets are available on Eventbrite, or via the QR code here.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/an-evening-with-fr-chris-skinner-sm-friends-tickets-607876042607>





Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Beate Matthies	Julita Seumanutafa
Ministers Of The Word	Therese Corpuz Tuan Nguyen	Youth
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony	Lulia Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	YOUTH
Computer	Michael Coats	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Anna Tran	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team D	Chris/Stephen

## Next Week READINGS

23 April 2023

First Reading:  
Acts 2:14,22-28

Psalm: 16

Second Reading:  
1Peter 1:17-21

Gospel:  
Luke 24:13-35

## 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

**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](mailto: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)