

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

^{3rd} **Sunday of Easter**
23 April 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

Psalms: 16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The Road to Emmaus



One of the loveliest stories in today's Gospel is the story of how the risen Lord joined two of his wandering disciples on the road to Emmaus. He explained the Scriptures to them and revealed himself in the breaking of bread. The same thing happens for us when we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures and nourishes us in Communion.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, on the feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the Resurrection Christ. Psalm 16 sings, 'Lord, you will show us the path of life'. And the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right-hand happiness forever.

In the second reading from the first letter of saint Peter, the benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.

In today's Gospel, the risen Christ joins two of his wandering disciples on their journey and shows them that it was by dying that he entered into glory. What we find out in Luke's Gospel today of his deliberately uses eucharistic language: Jesus took bread, blessed, broke, gave it to them. These two disciples decided they have had enough of the journey to Jerusalem and all the events which occurred there. They are walking to Emmaus: seven miles away from Jerusalem. They are leaving the place of God's presence to them.

**If you're sick,
please stay HOME**

They walk of their Emmaus exemplifies how the Risen Lord is on the road with us, even when something prevents us from recognising him. Their story begins with the numbing news of what happened in Jerusalem the previous Friday.

Welcome - Malo e lelei - Bula Vinaka - Talofa lava - Mabuhay - Bienvenue
Nei hou ma - Anneunghaseyo - Ayu Bowan - Willkommen - Welkom
Haere mai! Nau mai! Whakatau mai!

They have turned their back on Jerusalem, their faces are downcast, and they confess that they have lost hope. And the Lord drew their minds back to the scripture enabling them to understand the events of life and life's events helping them to understand the scriptures. The events of the previous Friday have not changed but their understanding of it has.

Many distractions and obstacles prevent us from recognising the Risen Lord on our road. Daily pondering on the scriptures keeps the Lord ever in our sight. We see with new light: our hearts beat with new joy. Jesus does not abandon them. He journeys with them, and instructs them through the Scriptures, showing them that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die. At the end of the day, they invite him to stay. At table Jesus took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. The wandering disciples recognise the Lord in breaking of the bread, and immediately return to Jerusalem with their stories that 'the Lord has risen' and now they have come home.

How often do we find that the demands of the Lord are too much for us? We too walk away from our Jerusalem, where the action of God can be difficult to cope with, especially as it sometimes runs contrary to our own hopes. Reading the story of the breaking of the bread at Emmaus we are strengthened in our faltering faith. Jesus sets out to walk with his wandering disciples of all times. He instructs, and he breaks bread with us. and in this way, he leads us home.

God bless. Fr. Aleki

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 still 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.
- We celebrate two masses at Saint Peter Chanel feast day on 28th Friday, one at 9am in the morning, and one at 7pm in the evening , you can bring a plate to share meal at the hall with everyone.
- ANZAC Day mass at 9am on Tuesday 25th, bring plates to have breakfast together.
- Yesterday April 22 was Earth Day. Pope Francis says 'faced with a climate emergency we must take action accordingly in order to avoid preparation a brutal act of injustice towards future generations' What steps can we take to alleviate climate change? One tip is 'Let us take a reusable coffee cup or mug for those takeaway coffee and always carry a water bottle with us when we are out. This way we can reduce the amount of waste we produce'.
- For more green tips see this pamphlet - <https://bit.ly/3mTBoog>
- **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 (17 May)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (28 May)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TODAY)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (30 April)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (07 May)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (14 May)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (21 May)



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>

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



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 **106** 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.

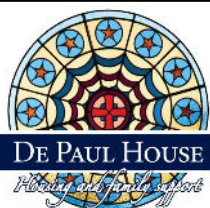
Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

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 ongoing support.

If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact either **Chris (020 4139 5170)** or **Charles (022 0242 753)**. Please consider coming to help out at our Vinnies Charity shops. We need lots of volunteers and helpers – even for an hour or two once a week would be wonderful. Our oldest volunteer is 87 and our youngest is 14! If you can, please join our friendly team at either Beach Haven or Glenfield. Volunteering can be so rewarding! Contact Janet on 022-356-3811 or Janetlee.vinnies@gmail.com

Our foodbank is experiencing a steady demand and we need all forms of non perishable food and household groceries. We especially need rice, breakfast foods, lunch supplies, flour, and sugar. Food donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church before Mass on Sundays or you can contact one of us below and we will arrange to collect them from you. Clothing and household items can be donated at the Ellice Road or Beach Haven shops during shop hours. If you wish to assist us more, or if you know of someone needing assistance, please contact either Chris, Charles, or the Beach Haven shop (09 482 3017).



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.

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - The next meeting is on Wed 26 April at 7.30pm at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. All men are invited and we hope to see you there.

Contact: Russell at 022 034 5678.

STUDY WITH US ENROL NOW

**NZ CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES
- CHRISTIAN MINISTRY:
CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY**

**ARE YOU A YOUTH LEADER OR
YOUTH MEMBER?**

INTERESTED IN YOUTH MINISTRY?

Come and gain your qualification as a Catholic Youth Leader!

Enrol now with your youth leadership team or youth group

Contact: Melania Luka-Lui

office@ctc.ac.nz or call 04 819 8380

Visit our website: www.tekupenga.ac.nz

Scholarships are available

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Charles Ginter	Te Aorere Chan
Ministers Of The Word	Michael Coats Beate Matthies	Raymundi Frost Suzie McCarthy
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters	Mata'afa Isaia Tulifau
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau	Andrew Gongora
Computer	Chris Simpson	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team ?	Stephen

Next Week READINGS

30 April 2023

First Reading:
Acts 2:14,36-41

Psalm: 23

Second Reading:
1Peter 2:20-25

Gospel:
John 10:1-10

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.

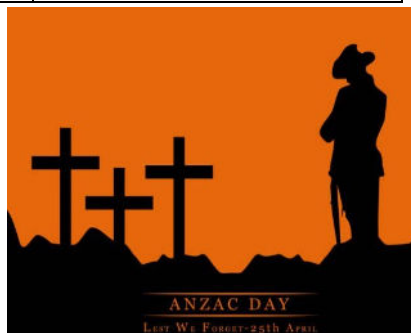
Monday: 9.00 am Liturgy of the Word

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