

# 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:** 09-483-5919

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

<sup>4th</sup> **Sunday of Easter**  
**30 April 2023**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14,36-41  
**Psalm:** 23  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25  
**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**Christ the Good Shepherd**



This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. What the Church reminds us today of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and also invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life. The Church urges us to pray for vocation so that may not lack people who follow the call of the Lord to dedicate their lives in his service. Both Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with us Christians. Christ is our Good Shepherd. Let us pause to reflect on Christ unfailing love for us, and how he wants us to love one another.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter preaches given on the Pentecost reminding his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd and they need to repent and accept Baptism in the name of Jesus and acknowledge the risen Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Psalm 23 sings, 'My soul is thirsting for the living God'. The Psalm introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel who cares for them and us, His sheep, providing for all our needs. On vocation Sunday this is great prayer of trust that the voice of the Lord will call people to dedicate their lives, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**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!*

Second reading the first letter of Peter addressing slaves, Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore their unjust sufferings for love of us.

In today's Gospel Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep. Today's Gospel also have two brief parables show us that Jesus is a selfless, caring shepherd who provides for his sheep protection and life itself. And Second Christ is our unique gateway (sheep gate) to eternal salvation so beside guiding his flock to eternal life as the Good Shepherd, and he himself as the gateway to Eternal Life. Jesus began his ministry with these words: 'Believe in the Good News, I came that you may have life and have it to the full'.

We become a good Shepherd by loving those who entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents should carefully fulfill their duties toward their children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles.

Let us pray for vocation for this new week.

God bless. 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>



### **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."



### **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. Next Sunday 7 May will be the beginning of the Sacramental programme.
- Thanks here to Siuleo, Ausage, and David for helping out for your youth mass last week, and also thanks Julita and the youth for a good preparation for that mass, we pray that you continue to support and help our youth in service for our parish may God bless you all.
- Thanks for those who turn up for the Anzac day with sharing breakfast as well as those who came to St Peter Chanel feast day at night sharing dinners after 7pm mass. wish you a blessed Sunday.
- **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 (25 June)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am ( 30 July )
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (07 May)
- **Samoa Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (14 May)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (21 May)



### 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.

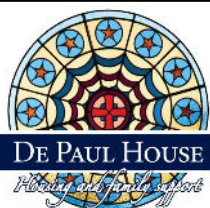
Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

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

### Justice and Peace Secretary; Diocese of Auckland

Social Impact & Communications seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to promote, encourage and support justice and peace initiatives in the Diocese.

You will need excellent relational, writing and analytical skills; be committed to the ministry of the Catholic Church with an understanding of its teachings and structures; an understanding of the Bi-cultural commitment of the Diocese; willingness to work flexible hours including evenings, Saturdays and Sundays.

The position is full time, but there is some flexibility around this.

To apply, email a covering letter, CV and application to Leanne Killgour, People & Support Manager email: [leannek@cda.org.nz](mailto:leannek@cda.org.nz).

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 May 2023.



Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Beate Matthies	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Michael Coats Therese Corpuz	Suzie McCarthy Stephen Chmiel
Ministers of Communion	Atela Brahne	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Ana Tusani
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Barnabe/ Gemma Nivera

## Next Week READINGS

07 May 2023

First Reading:  
Acts 6:1-7

Psalm: 33

Second Reading:  
1Peter 2:4-9

Gospel:  
John 14:1-12

### 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)