

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:
Contact Parish priest
BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact Office

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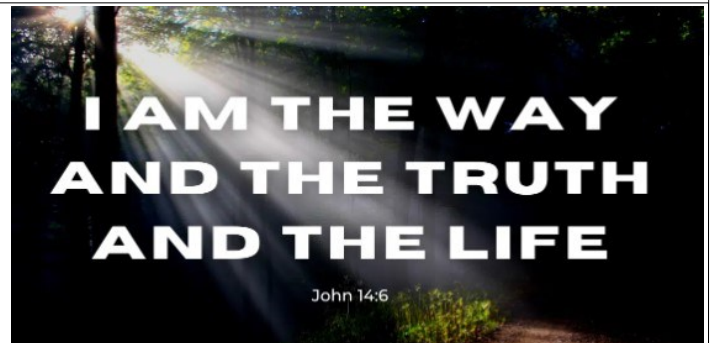
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

^{5th} **Sunday of Easter**
07 May 2023

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm: 33
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula



I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life no one can come to the Father except through me

We all need a home, Jesus in today's Gospel assures us that ultimately all of us have a home to go to, namely, the heavenly Father's house. He even promises to prepare a place for you and me in that house. This is a cause of tremendous hope for us. His last discourse from chapter 13 to 17, here we hear the Lord abiding farewell to His disciples as they shared a last meal together. In this last supper with them, amidst the fears and anxieties of His chosen companions who felt that they would no longer see their Beloved Master and Lord, Jesus tells them: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me' (John 14:1).

These words reveal how Jesus felt deeply the fearful and anxieties hearts of His disciples who knew that they would be at a loss without Him. And Thomas said: 'Master, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?' Jesus, with his compassionate hearts, responded with a bold and assuring proclamations 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me' (John 14:4-6).

In the first reading the Acts of the Apostles we see the growth of the first Christian community and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

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

Psalm 33 sings, 'Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you'. 'May your love be upon us, O Lord. as we place all our hope in you.'

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

In the second reading a first letter of saint Peter, this describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community. Here Peter says that Christians are set apart to sing the praises of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away. In reality many people today are lost. They are lost because they have been wondering all their lives in search of the path that can give them deep contentment and peace. Many in the end have tried the wealth, thinking that having more can make them happy, they realise that the cycle of having more sometimes even leads them to emptiness.

Some have tried the pleasure rationalizing that indulging in sinful vices can make them happy. but they end up lonely and more depressed. And there those who have tried the power, feeling that being in control makes them secure in life, but they find themselves victims of their own abusive and oppressive behaviour.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises us if we follow him then we will be happy. Jesus responds to Thomas when he said: Master, show us the way. because we do not know where you are going. how can we know the Way? Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, No one can come to the Father except through me' (John 14:4-6). Jesus is only the Way to the Father, to heaven and to have eternal life. Jesus is the Truth, where we can find, and he is also the life, as he says, if you eat my body and drink my blood then you have life in you. That mean we see the great mystery of the Eucharist when we are down and troubled, Jesus shows us the way to consolation and peace.

At times, it may not be immediate, but God works His way mysteriously in, and through, the Eucharist to make us feel His loving presence and faithful assurance that we will never be alone in our journey, that we will never be lost.

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>



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.**
- We still only have **7 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. This Sunday 7 May will be the beginning of the Sacramental programme.
- Today, we start our Sacramental programme, I encourage everyone to bring you child or grandchild for this programme.
- Next week we have the Mother's Day, we will pray for all mothers, I have been aware of each family will go home and celebrate the Mother's Day therefore, we will pray for them, and we don't want to host anything in our parish but allow them to go home and do so. We also pray for those mothers who goes before us, may they rest in peace.
- We also have to look after our own environment, that what Pope Francis wants us to do in his encyclical letter name Laudato si; mi' Signore: 'Praise be to you , my Lord'.
- **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 (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (14 May)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (21 May)

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.

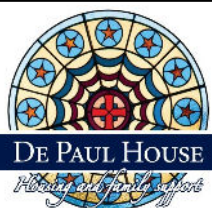
Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

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.

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.

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 24 May 2023.

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Charles Ginter	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Florinda Azavedo Aurora Munoz	Mohan Samuel Filomena Naititi Frost
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox	Mathilde Mujawamariya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Liz Anthony	Bill Kilgallon
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team B	Liz Anthony Andrew Gongora

Next Week READINGS

14 May 2023

First Reading:
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm: 66

Second Reading:
1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel:
John 14:15-21

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