

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

6th Sunday of Easter
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

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The commandment of love



In today's Gospel Jesus says to us what he said to his apostles: 'If you love me, keep my commandments'. We cannot truly call ourselves his disciples if we do not listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. We know we fail, and our lives are the poorer for that. We need the Lord's help to do better.

In the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospel.

Psalm 66 sings, 'Let all the earth cry out to God with joy'.

In the second reading, Peter encourages the Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ.

In today's Gospel, we hear that to love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives. He said: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him' (John 14:15,21).

**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!**

If we really truly love him we keep His two great commandments of love. First, to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength. Second is to love our neighbour as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39).

What great wisdom from our Lord, However, despite this constant invitation of Jesus to love God and love others, our world today seems to be centered on worldly allurements rather than on God. Jesus challenges us to lead upright lives by doing daily acts of love. Our love for God must show itself in our care and concern for others. And our care and concern for others indicates our love for God. Mother Teresa relates how she was deeply touched by a testimony of love from a little child who gave something to her. Like this little child, let us become living examples of love for God and for others. We are Eater people. Let us proclaim the love of the Risen Lord all the days of our lives.

Jesus promises the Apostles about the Holy Spirit, who he is and his roles are and how we can experience Him in our daily lives. Jesus is going to give his disciples who obey his commandment of love the gift of the Holy Spirit. The role of the Holy Spirit as the Divine Advocate will instruct us in Jesus' doctrine and illumine our minds to receive deeper knowledge of our faith. It is also enable us to defend our faith when we need. The Holy Spirit will guide us in a proper practice of true Christian love by enabling us to recognise Jesus in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast, in the drug addicts, etc., and also to become agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world. It is good that we are not alone, the gift of Jesus' Spirit is with us to guide and to instruct.

Happy Mother's Day to everyone wish to all Mothers for a blessed and happy Sunday

God bless. Fr. Aleki



Sacramental Programme

*The classes have now formally begun. We meet each Sunday between the Masses in the meeting room at the back of the hall. There are seven children registered from four families so there is still room for more children. **Get in quick!***

Its not too late to enrol so do bring your children to the class and we can sort it from there.

Parents and carers are welcome to stay if they wish or you can join the 8.00 Mass people for coffee.

The children have a light snack during the class, and if they have not been to first Mass, we finish in time to join everyone at the 10.00 Mass.

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.
- I still remind here for those who have grand-children and children for sacramental programme contact Stephanie and Joyce.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (09 May)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (16 May)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (14 June)
- **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 (04 June)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (TODAY)
- **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.

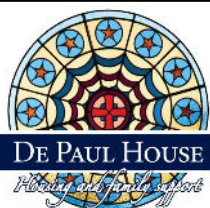
Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

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).



Reflecting on St Luke's Gospel

A Social Justice Retreat focussing on social justice aspects of the Gospel of Luke will be held 9.30-4pm on Saturday **10 June 2023** at St Francis Retreat

Centre 20 Hillsborough.

Led by Bible Scholar Br Kieran Fenn, FMS who has taught the Scriptures in New Zealand and overseas for more than 40 years. Cost: \$30 including lunch.

Applications to Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730 by 31 May 2023.

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	Sesalina Setu	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	TBA Te Aorere Chan	Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo Tofipau Ray Frost
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters	Filipina Naititi Tulifau
Prayers Of The Faithful	Charles Ginter	Stephen Chmiel
Computer	Christiana Setu	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team C	Sela Capel Stephen Chmiel

Next Week READINGS

21 May 2023

First Reading:
Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: 47

Second Reading:
Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel:
Matthew 28:16-20

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://
beachhavencatho-
lic.org.nz/parishioner-
registration/](https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/parishioner-registration/)



CDA Connect

Are you wanting to know what is hap-
pening in the
diocese? CDA
Connect is a monthly
newsletter concern-
ing 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