



Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626
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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

Ascension of the Lord 21 May 2023

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: 47
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The Ascension of the Lord



Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into Heavenly glory after his promising to his Apostles to send the Holy Spirit to them as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness through their preaching and their lives throughout the world. In the Ascension Jesus is still with us because of his promises: 'I am with you always; yes, to the end of time' (Matthew 28:20). That means he is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit. This Ascension is the climax of his victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory. It is important to realise that he hasn't left us, but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, it describes to us the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

Psalm 47 suggests in the Ascension the Risen Lord mounts his throne in glory. It sings, 'God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord'.

In the second reading a letter of saint Paul to the Ephesians, Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers and made him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

**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!*

God reveals His might in the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and in exalting Him over all angelic forces. Jesus remains accessible to us now in the life-giving Holy Spirit assuring us that one day we too will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided that with His grace, we live out our Faith in Him through the mission of loving service He entrusts to us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus commissions the apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations and promises to remain with them always. Matthew tells us in His return to the Father, Jesus complete His mission on earth. But before His ascension, He commissioned them to fulfill a mission, He entrusted to them to go and make disciples of all nations, preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to him through their lives', and baptised them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. by initiated them into the life of Christ. It is actually a baptism of reconciliation that empowers Christians to be reconciled to God and to the Christian community. The effect of this renewal of the gift of baptism is that people fall in love with members of the Church. It is the ascension that we see Jesus fully enter into the life and glory of God. After Jesus' Resurrection so we are given a hint of what life will be like in heaven. And the prospect of sharing that glory should be the driving force of our lives. As we come to this new week may we realise the presence of Christ in others and in our lives. Have a blessed Ascension Sunday.

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.**
- 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 grandchildren and children for sacramental programme contact Stephanie and Joyce.
- Thanks for all groups meetings like Finance, liturgy and PPC wish you all a blessed Ascension Sunday.
- I ask Anna to write down the schedule for the Altar servers especially 10 am mass.
- I encourage here all parents to support our children for youth. I ask Julita for an available time to have a meeting with me and with all parents to set up the usual programme for the youth for weekly or monthly meeting.
- Next week Sunday we celebrate Pentecost Sunday mass at 10am will be led by the multi-culture groups, Matariki's family will join and provide some lunch, but I am asking everyone to bring a plate for a community lunch after mass in the hall. And mark the end of our Easter season on the Pentecost day.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (06 June)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (13 June)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (14 June)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (21 June)
- **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)
- **Samoa Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (11 June)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (TODAY)



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. Last Sunday another 4 candidates from one family joined the group. There is still room for more to join, **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>



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	Pat Lythe	Anthony Davids
Ministers Of The Word	Charles Ginter Tuan Ngyuen	(Matariki's Family) Mohan Samuel
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony	Mata'afa Isaia Tulifau
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau	Multi-Culture
Computer	Michael Coats	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Ana Tran	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team D	Chris Simpson Stephen Chmiel

Next Week READINGS

28 May 2023

First Reading:
Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 104

Second Reading:
1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel:
John 20:19-23

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.

FREE!
TAKE ONE



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