

# 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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact Parish priest  
**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact Office

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

## Pentecost Sunday 28 May 2023

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11  
**Psalm:** 104  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13  
**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

### Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate the Pentecost, after 50th days of Jesus risen from the dead. It happened this is the day when, true to Jesus' promise, he sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles. The coming of the Spirit changed the apostles and saw the launching of a new community, the church. This day renews the gift of the Spirit in each one of us and in the Church as a whole. Let stop and reflect on our need of the Spirit, and to dispose ourselves to receive him.

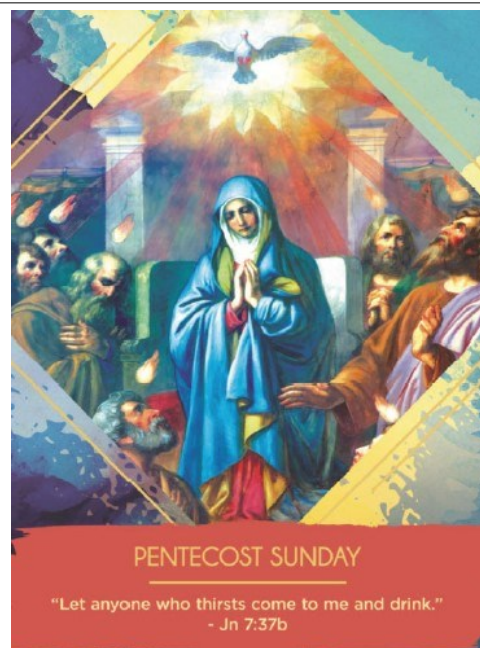
In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke describes to us about the descending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the effect it had on them.

Psalm 104 sings, ' Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth'.

In the second reading a first letter of saint Paul to the Corinthians, The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people, for the good of the Church, the Body of Christ.

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

In today's Gospel we hear the risen Christ gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and inaugurates the mission of the church.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink."  
- Jn 7:37b

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

On the feast of Pentecost, people were amazed when they heard and saw the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in different languages, and proclaiming the marvels of God (Acts 2:1-11).

Imagine what the Holy Spirit can do to ordinary men called by Jesus to proclaim His Gospel. When Jesus appeared to them after His resurrection, He breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained' (John 20:23) Jesus empowered His apostles to forgive sins by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can do anything to those who receive Him. So, what do the Spirit do to us? the Spirit will falling afresh on us, will settle us down physically, emotionally and spiritually when we feel weary. The Spirit will melt our hard hearts when we find it difficult to forgive and reconcile with our enemies. The Spirit will mold our unbendable ways, our bad habits and immature behaviour. The Spirit will fill our emptiness when we feel lonely and depressed. The Spirit will use us to be instruments of the Good News wherever we are sent to serve God. As this new week let us ask the Holy Spirit to kindle in us in love and to help us doing his mission.

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. 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>



### **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.
- I thank here for the multicultural group for our wonderful day and helping out for our lunch after 10am mass today, thanks here to the Matariki's family for contribution for our lunch and joining our liturgy today, we remember her repose of her souls pass one year before may she rest in peace, I also thanks to everyone who contributing for our Pentecost feast day, may the Spirit of the Lord help you to continue doing his mission in our parish and the world around us.
- I thank to Bill and Stephanie and Ifo for providing to the lunch of gathering of Our Christian leader held at our hall on 25th Thursday, I also thanks Pat Lythe for helping out for sharing of prayer of the Christian unity it was very much appreciated, our Rev brother were very happy of the day event. This is the pray of Jesus in John 17 the priestly prayer to the Father may all his disciples on earth may be one because He and His Father are one. Thanks, Pat Lythe, for always promoting the unity of the Christian to be always at hand.
- There will be a Pasefika Vaccination event happen her at Maria Assumpta on Saturday 10 June at 9am to 2pm you most welcome to join because of the cold spread and the winter season at hand, it is good to protect us.
- **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 (TODAY)
- **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 (18 June)

#### **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 **108** 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.

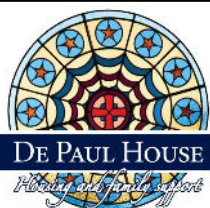
Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wish to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme.

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).



### 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](mailto:Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730 by 31 May 2023.

Joshua Mens Fellowship will be holding their monthly prayer and fellowship gathering at 7:00 PM on Wednesday 31 May in the St Joseph's Centre 1 Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna. All, men are welcome. Inquiries call Greg 021 437 747.

### Free Books

As a result of the cull of the library the Diocese has a number of books available for collection from Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Auckland. The books will be available for collection between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/books/>

### Taize Prayer Evening

Friday 9 June 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.



Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Charles Grinter	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Aurora Munoz Michael Coats	Bill Kilgallon Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipino
Ministers of Communion	Atela Brahne	Catarina Tyler
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne and Ray	Stephen Chmiel
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Si'uleo Vitale	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Barnabe/ Gemma Nivera

## Next Week READINGS

28 May 2023

First Reading:  
Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

Psalm: 8

Second Reading:  
2Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel:  
John 3:16-18

### 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.

**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](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)