

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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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 June 2023

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6
Psalms: 100
Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

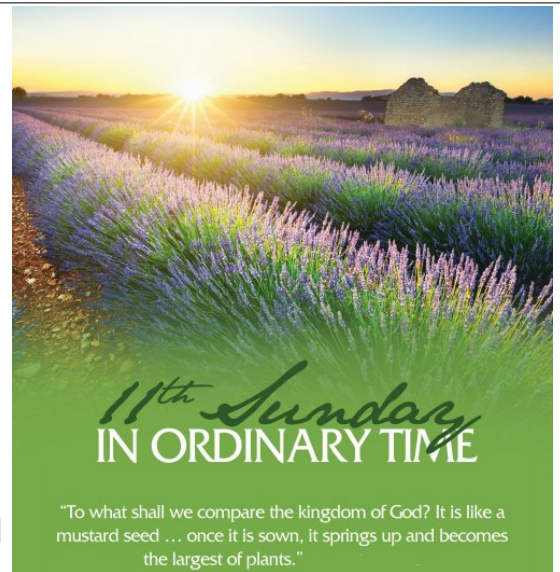
He had compassion on them

In today's readings give us a theme that we are commissioned or sent out to transform others with the Good News of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation through His only Son Jesus Christ. Jesus had compassion on the people who came to him in their many needs. He has compassion on us too. So let us turn to him with confidence now laying our needs before him. The clear theme running throughout these three readings that God takes the initiative in our regard. God took the initiative in forming a covenant with the Israelites in the first reading. God took the initiative in loving us because Christ died for us while we were still sinners in the Second reading. And Jesus took the initiative in reaching out to the people in the Gospel.

In the first reading from the book of Exodus, God has shown his love for the Israelites by choosing them to be his very own people. They must respond in kind. They are given the good news of God of mount Sinai loves and cares for his people. He showed this continue love by liberating the people from slavery in Egypt. And offering them a relationship in which they would be God's special possession, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. It conveys of the images of God's loves as an eagle's wings: 'I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself'.

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

Psalms 100 sings, 'We are his people: the sheep of his flock'. The psalm known as on eagle's wings.



"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."

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

The psalm tells us to know that he, the Lord, is God: he made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. Our God, we are told, is good, full of merciful and faithful. We are encouraged to sing for joy and to offer a service that is characterised by gladness.

In the second reading a letter of saint Paul to the Romans, God showed his great love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Paul tells us how Jesus in his life, death, and resurrection made manifest God's love and care for us mankind. For Paul the greatest proof of God's love and care for us is Jesus' willingness to die on behalf of our sinful mankind and so make possible a new and better relationship with God. On the cross, Jesus was the one who carried our sins and bore our sufferings.

In today's Gospel, we see the compassion Jesus had for the ordinary people in their sufferings. Jesus felt sorry for the people, harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. He commissioned the twelve apostles and gave them his message and divine power. The Church, founded on the apostles, continues God's work of caring and carrying, of teaching and feeding. The mission of Jesus continues. We are called to repeat what Jesus did, to bring peace and healing to all who are sick, and all who are troubled. The kingdom of God is at hand. However, in our fragility we must recognise that we are capable of being both Peter the Rock and Judas the betrayer. We are better than the next person. So, what we are given and learn from our Christian lives and experience is a gift. It is not a gift, however, to be jealously guarded within the exclusive club of the Christian church. It has been given to us without charge. We must give without charge.

God bless. Fr. Aleki

Church Life Survey NZ

*Bishop Steve has asked all parishes to take part in the Church Life Survey **NEXT** Sunday. He says "Most faith communities have significantly changed since the Covid pandemic.*

The survey provides a great opportunity to find out who is now part of your parish. As Church leaders within the Diocese there are several decisions that our communities and myself will need to make going forward. These will require data-based information."

*The survey takes a few minutes – it is anonymous – you don't put your name on it. It is available in different languages. The **easiest way to complete the survey is on your phone** but paper forms will also be available.*

We will do the survey at the end of both Masses next week.

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.
- Bill will talk to us both two masses about church survey will do next Sunday 25th during our mass at 8am and 10am we will be given a few minutes to answer some questions online. This will take place straight away after homily I will try to make it short, so we have enough time to do this survey.

- Our AGM will be held next month (23 July) after 10 o'clock mass in our hall, I invite you all there to listen to how our parish goes.

- Ana is going to write down the list of the altar servers to serve at 10 o'clock mass, Ana will put this list in the sacristy, please for all those who already part of the altar server, if you want to be part of this altar servers so see Fr Aleki or Ana Tusani.

- Please support our Youth Mass next Sunday. Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist on 24th Saturday, mass at 9am

- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (04 July)

- **AGM** - 11 am Sun (23 July)

- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (11 July)

- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (12 July)

- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (21 June)

- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.

- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (23 July)

- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (25 June)

- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (30 July)

- **Filipino Mass**: 1st Sunday - 4 pm (02 July)

- **Samoan Mass**: 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (09 July)

- **Tongan Mass**: 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (TODAY)



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **110** 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.

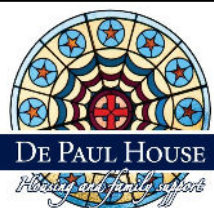
NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

invites all women to join us at our fellowship to praise and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us on Wednesday, 21st June, at St Thomas More Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.
Cuppa will be at 7:15 pm.

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**.



Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of the Maria Assumpta conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact Charles (022 0242 753), Chris (020 4139 5170) or the Beach Haven Shop (482 3017).

Our foodbank always needs donations of non-perishable groceries and household goods. At the moment, we especially need breakfast foods, lunch items, snack foods for children, and tea and coffee. Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church before Mass on Sundays.

Why not volunteer to help out at our Vinnies Charity shops, even for an hour or two once a week would be wonderful. Our oldest volunteer is 87 and our youngest is 14 so age is no barrier! Contact Mel at the Beach Haven shop (482 3017)

We welcome new members, please contact Charles or Chris if you are interested.

If you wish to support us financially, donations can be left in the box at the rear of the church or you can contribute using internet banking (a/c number 12-3035-0514670-00). Please make sure that you put your name on the envelope or in the reference field.



We are about to train new ministers of the Eucharist, and offer a refresher for existing ones.

If you are interested in taking part in this ministry please see Father, Ana Tusani or Pat Lythe.

Maria Assumpta Young Adult (M.A.Y.A)



Maria Assumpta Young Adults (M.A.Y.A) is our parish youth group.

Its members consist of Intermediate, College and Uni students. We plan our own youth events & programs some of which include, fun days, voluntary work, bible study as well as participating in parish events. We alternate monthly masses with Maria Assumpta's Multicultural group. We extend and encourage new members to join us on our journey as young people in our faith. In the meantime we are looking at more spiritual and social opportunities for M.A.Y.A to participate in, in order to grow faith, learn Catholic values and how to implement them in our daily lives.

Feel free to contact Mitchel, Josh or Julita, our youth convenor for more information at 027-264-5603.

| Next Week Ministries | 8:00am Mass | 10:00am Mass |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Welcome/Notices | Pat Lythe | Julita Seumanutafa |
| Ministers Of The Word | Tuan Nguyen Florinda Azavedo | Youth |
| Ministers of Communion | Liz Anthony | Iulia Naititi |
| Prayers Of The Faithful | Charles Ginter | Youth |
| Computer | Michael Coats | Christiana Setu |
| Musicians | Ana Tran | Ausage Fa'aoso Setu Si'uleo Vitale |
| Counters | Team D | Chris Simpson Stephen Chmiel |

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