

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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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 June 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm: 69
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

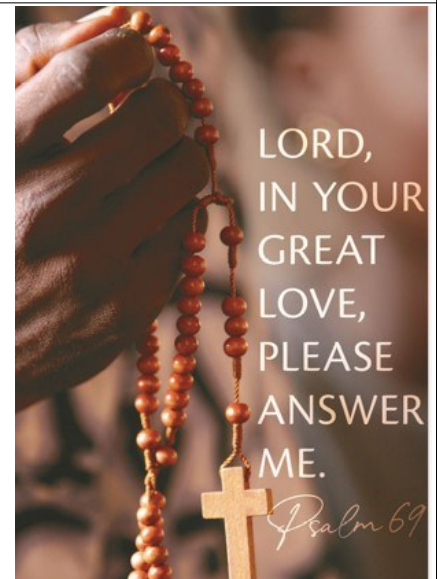
Do not be afraid I am you

We have many fear in life, we fear pain. Any bodily injury or terminal illness scares us. We fear loss. Just the thought of losing something or someone precious to us puts us in distress. All readings challenge us to live our lives without fear to preach Christ through our words and lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us to be witnesses in the world. However, we often lack the courage to witness openly to our faith. But Jesus says to us what he said to his first disciples, 'Do not be afraid'. So let us bring our fears to him and ask Jesus' help in overcoming them. Jesus knew he sent them out on mission. He advised them to boldly proclaim and hold on to the truth. The truth of God will always triumph and set people free from sin. He told them not to fear the loss of body. And matters is the soul and eternal life. We are worth more than sparrows; God cares for us even more.

In the first reading from the book of prophet Jeremiah, he tells us how he as a prophet trusted in the power of God while he faces opposition in his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attracting him in his character, so he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. The knowledge that God was with him enabled Jeremiah to remain faithful to his difficult task as a prophet. He recounts the taunts thrown at him.

Psalm 69 sings', Lord, in your great love, answer me'. The Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. The psalmist trusts in God when he is misunderstood and ill-treated by his brothers and relatives.

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



LORD,
IN YOUR
GREAT
LOVE,
PLEASE
ANSWER
ME.

Psalm 69

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 letter of saint Paul to the Romans, He assures his Christians in Rome that they are needed to not be afraid of their own opposition because they share in the death of Christ and they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection. So, he draws a contrast between Christ and Adam: sin came into the world through Adam; abundant grace came through Christ.

In today's Gospel, Christ instructs his disciples as he sends them forth to carry his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live a simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. He encourages them to stand firm facing their future opposition and persecution. He urges three times in our today's Gospel saying: 'Do not be afraid!'. Their task has to be proclaimed the Gospel boldly because they will be protected, just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. He commands his disciples not to be fear of their persecutors. He reinforces them to put their trust and hope in God by presented the image of the sparrows. The Gospel also hints at us Christians today will encounter us as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and we are encouraged to persevere in doing the work of the Lord. Christ exhorts his disciples to open and fearless witness to the Gospel, assuring them of God's special care in all their trials. We have to tell ourselves that we need not to be afraid because our lives is in the hands of a loving God, even we afraid of whatever it brings in the future we do not have to be fear of, because we have to know that God is always with us, and our lives is in the hands of a loving God. So let reminds ourselves of God's cares that we are a dear child of God and He cares to each one of us. Do not be afraid because we are worth more than many sparrows. And the word of Psalm 27 reassures us of summing it up saying" 'Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair. Trust in the Lord'. We are called to be a fearless disciple of witness to the world we live.

God bless. Fr. Aleki

Church Life Survey NZ

*Bishop Steve has asked all parishes to take part in the Church Life Survey **TODAY**. 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 available.*



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. <https://bit.ly/3KzAYG2>
- We will have an anointing of the sick Mass this coming Saturday 1 July at 10 am follow by cup of tea in the hall.
- Thanks, our youth for their contributions of our 10 am Mass, and thanks to the parents and Siuleo, Dave and Ausage for your support. I just reminds our youth of the World Youth Day in Auckland this year will be held on Sunday 6th August at Sancta Maria College Flat Blush. The evening session of the event is a session with a keynote speaker. Adoration, and reconciliation start at 2pm and finish at 8:30pm.
- It is with joy that the Diocese of Palmerston North has received news of a long-awaited new Bishop, Fr John Adams of Christchurch appointed Bishop of Palmerston North.
- Our altar servers for 10a m mass Ana is working out a list to put in our Sacristy.
- We will have AGM on 23rd Sunday of July at 11:30am in our hall, then we will need some new Candidates to be in as a new member of our PPC. I hope to have some new candidates from the Filipino community and the Tongan community and others.
- We are look for some new Eucharistic minister volunteer for training as we will need more to help out when the cup is approaching. If you want please see Fr Aleki, Ana or Pat Lythe.
- **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 (19 July)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (23 July)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TODAY)
- **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 (16 July)



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **112** 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.



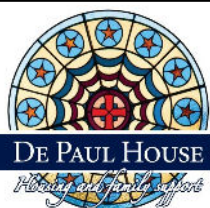
We are about to train new ministers of the Eucharist, and offer a refresher for existing ones.

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

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, bathroom groceries, snack foods for children, and household cleaning products. 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.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

All men are invited to a meeting on Wed 28 June at 7.30pm at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. Our guest speakers are Kevin Farrell and Peter John Carlese who will do a presentation - How Hungry Are You for God?. We look forward to seeing you there and spending time with you sharing, praying and enjoying a cup of tea.

For more information please contact Russell 022 034 5678.

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	Beate Matthies	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Aurora Munoz Michael Coats	Suzie McCarthy Andrew Gongora
Ministers of Communion	Fautua Peter Tevaga	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Tofipau Raymundi Frost
Computer	Chirs Simpson	Mitchell Mohan
Musicians	Si'uleo Vitale	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Barnabe/

Next Week READINGS

02 July 2023

First Reading:
2Kings 4:8-11.14-16

Psalm: 89

Second Reading:
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel:
Matthew 10:37-42

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