

# 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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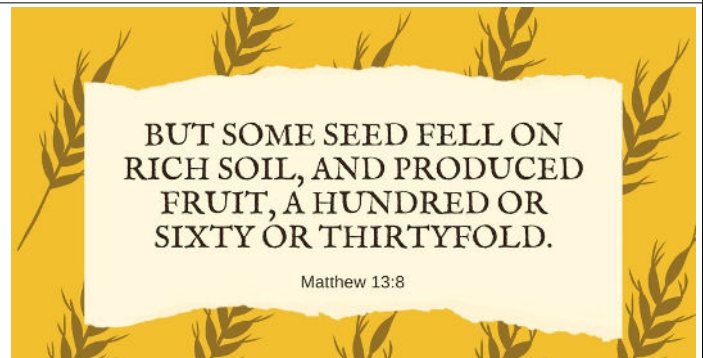
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** **CLOSED** until 17 July

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**16 July 2023**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**  
**Psalms: 65**  
**Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23**  
**Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**



**God's word is like a seed is sown and will bear fruit**

God speaks to us through his word in many ways. Jesus compared the word of God to a seed, a seed which can make our lives fruitful. However, if a seed is to produce a harvest it must be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's word? And if our lives are barren it can only mean that we have not allowed God's word to take root in our hearts. But God doesn't give up on us. That means it is important how our relationship with God helps us grow, which in turn allows our lives to bear fruit.

In the first reading from the book of prophet Isaiah we hear God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. He cares for us by sending us his word. It tells us how powerful and effectiveness of God's word is like rain, which falls on the earth and makes it fertile. It suggests, the rain always produces positive results; eventually somewhere the earth responds and becomes fruitful. So, God persists with his word until he gets a response.

Psalms 64 sings, 'The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest'. A psalm in praise of rain! It echoes the words of prophet Isaiah about the rain and the snow coming down from heavens to make the earth fertile, an image of how the word of God gives growth to our spiritual lives.

In the second reading from the letter of saint Paul to the Romans, Paul reminds us that a new creation is going to emerge. The glory which awaits us in the next life for outweighs anything we could suffer in this life. For Paul life of faith produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatian 5:22-23). When the seeds of the Kingdom are planted in a person's heart, the Holy Spirit causes this 'fruit' to grow: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. So, these are the character traits of a person who accepts the word of God, which lead that person to participate in works of mercy, peace, and justice, not to mention the work of spreading more seeds.

**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!**

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the word of God to a seed falling into the ground. Here Jesus tells of the parable of the sower and explains that our heart must be ready to receive the Word of God. This parable emphasizes the power of God's word, depicting the potential for growth and abundant fruitfulness in the lives of those who receive and apply it.

Of course, the Gospel of the sower illustrates the need for the soil to be ready to receive the dynamic potential of the seed. The seed is the word of God, and the soil is the earthly texture of our thoughts, attitudes and behaviour. Rain softens the hard ground, and the grace of God softens the hard heart. Finally, Jesus illustrates here is the spiritual growth experienced by a person who allows oneself to be nourished by the Word of God.

In God bless. Fr. Aleki

### **MAORI & PASIFIKA TECH SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **\*1. Inspire Scholarships.\***

*These scholarships are designed to grow Māori and Pasifika future tech leaders and unlock the immense potential of tech talent in Aotearoa New Zealand. We have 30 scholarships available for our Full Stack Developer accelerator starting on 31 July.*

<https://www.missionreadyhq.com/impact-initiatives/>

#### **\*2. Wellington Impact Scholarships.\***

*Coming to Wellington with our 100% Impact Scholarship cohort in October, for those who identify as a woman and/or of Māori or Pasifika descent and/or facing financial hardship.*

*25 scholarships available through all of our accelerators.*

#### **\*3. Future Tech Leaders – Career Exploration and Development Certification: FEES FREE for first time tertiary learners\***

*Whilst all our Tech Career programmes are accessible for free to first time tertiary learners, we are particularly excited about launching a new programme for high school leavers to enable them to explore, and find a suitable tech career through our fast track programmes. If you know a school leaver struggling to find the right career this could be the right fit for them. Learn more about this programme here:*

*<https://www.missionreadyhq.com/future-tech-leaders/>*

**Inspire Scholarships here:**

**<https://www.missionreadyhq.com/impact-initiatives/>**

**Wellington Impact Scholarships**

**<https://www.missionreadyhq.com/wellington-scholarships>**

### **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>
- A reminder of the AGM next week Sunday 23rd of July at 11:30am in the hall, I invite everyone to come forward and listening.
- We are looking forward for anyone who volunteers to be a Eucharistic minister, please see Pat Lythe, Ana or Fr. Aleki, we will have a training for this. We need some to help out when we have the communion with the cup we have enough minister to do so.
- I just advertise to anyone who want to work on counting of the vote during General Election on October 2023 whether at North Shore Electorate, or Northcote Electorate, The pay will be \$26 plus 8% holiday pay per hour to \$33.80 plus 8% holiday pay. Contact: [admin@kardon.co.nz](mailto:admin@kardon.co.nz). Ph:09 445-9958, Mobile: 027-499-0012.
- If anyone want her or his children to be an altar servers contact Fr Aleki or Ana to write their name on the lists for serving at 10 o clock mass on Sunday.
- Pledge envelopes are arriving please take your one at the back of the Church.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (08 Aug)
- **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 (23 July)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am ( 30 July )
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (06 Aug)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (13 Aug)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm ( TODAY)





### PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **113** 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.

### Parish has a NEW Bank Account Number

This change was necessary to comply with the latest banking regulations.

Account Number: Maria Assumpta Parish Account:

**02-0108-0708609-000**

MATARIKI KI TE WHENUA ROA © KAHU



Matariki is a time for remembrance, celebrating the present and looking to the future.

Many school holiday events/crafts in Kaipatiki noted on our Website here: <https://bit.ly/3PLxMJJ>



### 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**.



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.

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**Kiaora M.A.Y.A,**

## **StarLight 2023**

Have you thought of joining.

Maria Assumpta Young Adults group and youth events?

Have you thought about taking part in the up coming youth event yet?, the 'Starlight' (22nd July)

Let Julita know if you're interested, time is ticking and we only have 2 weeks to go.



## **Ulu Tonu Mai Pacific 2023**

Nau mai, haere mai! Turou Oro Mai! Mauri! Afio Mai! Mālō e lava mai! Fakaue oue tulou! Ni sa bula!

**Ulu tonu mai Pacific**  
**Open day for Pacific families and communities**

Date: Wednesday 5 July 2023

Time: 1-4pm

Venue: Whitireia Campus  
3 Wi Neera Drive, Elsdon, Porirua  
Learning Street, Wikitoria Katene Building

The Open Day will include information workshops and current students and tutors available to assist with your questions, queries, or concerns.



Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Pat Lythe	Anthony Davids
Ministers Of The Word	Tuan Nguyen Beate Matthies	Sesalina Setu Ana Tusani
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony	Maria Taualofa'i
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

23 July 2023

First Reading:  
Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalm: 86

Second Reading:  
Romans 8:26-27

Gospel:  
Matthew 13:24-43

## 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/parishoner-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)