



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

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**30 July 2023**

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 3:5,7-12  
**Psalms:** 119  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8:28-30  
**Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

## The Treasure of the Kingdom

Today's readings teach us to have faith in Jesus as our God and Saviour and sacrifice everything we have in life to do the will of God is equivalent to discovering and possession the most valuable treasure like the pearl of great price. And it like keeping our personal relationship with Jesus and remain in the state of grace and sharing that life is the most beautiful and most precious things to have in the world.

In the first reading from the first kings told by God that King Solomon could have any gift he wanted, then Solomon chose the gift of wisdom. He asked for the great treasure of accepting the wisdom of God to rule his life by doing His will. That is the gift of prudence that is to understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong'.

Psalms 119 sings, 'Lord, I love your commands'. The psalmist regards the law not as a restricting burden but as a gift of God's wisdom to guide us on our road of life. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.

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

In the second reading from a letter of saint Paul to the Romans, he predestined us to become true images of his Son.



**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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

Those who love God can turn everything to their spiritual advantage. What Paul teaches us that 'all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose'. This is true of all who accept a close relationship with God as their greatest treasure.

In today's Gospel, What God offers us is so precious that it is worth everything we have. The kingdom of God is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl. And possessing that treasure demands from us a total commitment if we are to preserve it. That means, the kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our community, in our society and in our world. The kingdom of God is worth investing everything we have to acquire it, but we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this. So only those who develop a searching mind and heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's kingdom will be rewarded. So, what Jesus teaches us today is that the identity of God's will and living according to the Gospel, are the most precious and worthwhile things in life. Lord, Jesus forgives our sins, we allow you to be in our heart today, meditating in your words, nourishing our souls and receiving you in the Holy communion.

Have a blessed Sunday, 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 **9 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>
- I still encourage all parents who include their children sacramental programme do not miss your class every Sunday because it is very important for your children to attend as a good preparation for their receiving first holy communion and confirmation.
- Thanks, the AGM last week for the PPC members for all who attend I hope you all happy with the report we present for the building up of our parish Maria Assumpta.
- I just alert to all altar servers of the 10 o clock mass to take a look for the timetable at the back of the church and in the sacristy to find out which day you serve.
- I still announce here if you want to be a volunteer to be the Eucharistic minister please contact Pat Lythe, Ana or Fr Aleki.
- I thanks here to the multicultural group for your preparation last week and today, thanks to Te aorere Chan for preparing for our Miha Māori, you help the parish to grow in the awareness of indigenous language of Aotearoa.
- Today there will be a YWD of the diocese of Auckland at 2pm at Sancta Maria Hall at saint Luke. We support our youth to join, and we pray for Julita and the youth and all parents and the supporter for helping out this event.
- On the 5th Saturday of August, we have the anointing mass of the sick and the eldest at 10am follow by cup of coffee in the hall.
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (08 Aug)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (08 Aug)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (09 Aug)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed ( 16 Aug)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (TODAY)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (27 Aug)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am ( 30 July )
- **Filipino Mass**: 1st Sunday - 4 pm (06 Aug)
- **Samoa Mass**: 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (13 Aug)
- **Tongan Mass**: 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (20 Aug)



### **PLEASE Register with us**

THANK YOU to the first **114** 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**

### **World Youth Day Auckland**

6th August 2pm at Sancta Maria College.

Join us for an incredible experience at World Youth Day Auckland 2023! Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us at Sancta Maria College for this unforgettable celebration of our Catholic Faith. Get ready for uplifting music, inspiring speakers, mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, a delicious (FREE) dinner, reconciliation, adoration and HUNDREDS of young. <https://bit.ly/3Y7Qdux>



DE PAUL HOUSE  
Housing and family support

### **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.

### **About the Mass**

As we gather in the church, we are welcomed, especially new visitors, and we greet one another.

The entrance procession and entrance song are meant to be a movement that unites all members of the worshipping assembly in prayer and worship.

As we come together God's people and God's ministers approach the Lord's Table to remember the sacrifice of Christ and celebrate the resurrection. The procession helps to focus the ministers and the people on their act of worship, and help them identify as a worshipping community. The ministers have shared a prayer before beginning the procession.

M.A.Y.A is preparing to attend Auckland World Youth Day on Sunday 6th August. There will be 6-7 members with some parents going. We ask to keep them & M.A.Y.A in your prayers.

**CARING MASS** – Please join Bishop Steve and the Foundation team for the Caring Mass on Tuesday 1st August at 11.30am. Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Rd, Owairaka. All are warmly welcome!

**Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage** around Auckland to the places Mary trod during her visits to Aotearoa. Beginning Meeting Room 30 Holgate Road, Kohimarama Saturday 12 August 10.00am finishing at 3pm. \$30.00 waged, \$20.00 unwaged. Registrations by Wednesday 9 August to Sr Julian Langton Ph 09 528 1801 [marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au](mailto:marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au)



Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Charles Grinter	Bill Killgalon
Ministers Of The Word	Florinda Azavedo Michael Coats	Julita Seumanutafa Raymundi Tenisio
Ministers of Communion	Fautua Peter Tevaga	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Filomena Naititi
Computer	Chris Simpson	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Barnabe/ Gemma Nivera

## Next Week READINGS

06 August 2023

First Reading:  
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Psalm: 97

Second Reading:  
Peter 1:16-19

Gospel:  
Matthew 17:1-9

## SPECIAL MASSES

**Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm  
**Samoa 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.

**FREE!**  
**TAKE ONE**



The latest issue in your church Sunday July 30

## 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)