



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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Transfiguration of the Lord 06 August 2023

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm: 97
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Transfiguration of the Lord, like His face was
shining like the sun

Today we celebrate the feast day of the Transfiguration of the Lord. All readings is about the transfiguration or the transformation of Christ by the empowering of God the Father who sent His Son as our Saviour and Redeemer. Our today's Gospel describes us Christ's transfiguration which challenges us to look at our own faith as true disciples of Christ to have strengthen our own faith especially in time of persecution, that is from the book of Daniel and the second Peter were written to strengthen the follower of Christ to be strong and confirm in standing up in time of persecution.

In the first reading from the book of Daniel, His raiment was as white as snow. Daniel spreads out his vision of God's glorious Heavenly of Court of Judgment. This reading also speaks of other character of God, authority, glory, and kingship that God has shared with a mysterious being called 'one like a Son of Man'.

Psalm 97 sings, 'The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth'. The second reading from the second letter of saint Peter says about the Transfiguration of Jesus in which the voice of God the Father was heard by the three apostles were taken up by Jesus. Peter himself heard this voice from out of heaven. Peter, John and James were the first who saw the glory of the Son they loved and followed.

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



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

**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' face was shining like the sun. He was revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. And the primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The second purpose is to make his chosen disciples aware of His divine glory, so that they discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might have strengthened them in their time of trial and persecution. We see in the mountain; Jesus identifies himself by the Heavenly voice as the Son of God. So, the transfiguration narrative is a Christophany that is the manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. By describing Jesus' Transfiguration, Matthew's Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him. Let us listen to the voice that come from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!' (Matthew 17:5).

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.



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."



Beginner Te Reo Māori Classes at Birkdale House

Please email; admin@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz your expression of interest to go on the next course.

Kiddy Kapa Haka

Every Wednesday Whaea Briar from Kia Puea Te Reo Ūkaipō leads a small group of whānau through a te reo Māori learning session for parents and pēpi at Beach Haven Community House. This group is full but you can register interest for next term at projects@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz

Following this class we all have a kanikani and waiata at Kiddy Kapa Haka. This is an open group and free, so bring tamariki along to check it out!

Do you have general repair skills?!

We need volunteers to help run our repair cafe on Saturday the **26th of August** from 10am until 1pm. After our last shout out we have some sewing volunteers and Bike Kaipātiki will be on site to help us fix up and care for our bikes - ka rawe!

However we still really need people with DIY / general fix-it or electrical skills to assist on the day. You will be well looked after - fed and coffee-ed - and have the satisfaction of supporting your local community to re-use their household items rather than adding waste to landfill.

Please contact admin@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz ASAP to register your interest!

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>
- 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.
- Still looking for a volunteer for Eucharistic minister, see Pat Lythe, Ana, or Fr Aleki
- No Finance meeting for this month, and Liturgy committee meeting on 9th Wednesday at 7 pm.
- Thanks for Ifo and Stephanie and others who help for providing a cup of coffee for our sick and ages on Yesterday's anointing mass of the sick.
- Note to all parents can you check your children is on duty for today's 10am mass thanks
- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (08 Aug)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (12 Sep)
- **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 (24 Sep)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (27 Aug)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (29 Oct)
- **Filipino Mass**: 1st Sunday - 4 pm (TODAY)
- **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 **115** 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

Catholic bishops say abhorrent abuse at Marylands and Hebron Trust should never have happened

"We recognise the way those working in the name of the Catholic Church caused harm, and the enormous impact this has had on the lives of victims and their families," says Archbishop Martin, on behalf of the bishops.

"The abuse described should never have happened. Nor should any abuse happen. I want to restate categorically that the bishops of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand have zero tolerance for abuse. No form of abuse, misconduct or inappropriate behaviour is acceptable in the Church community."



DE PAUL HOUSE

Helping and supporting

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 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).

Over the twelve months to 30 June 2023, we received \$7,889 in income and spent \$9,779. Of that, \$8,415 was spent directly providing assistance to those in need. Throughout the year, we visited 83 people on 46 occasions and in addition delivered 74 food parcels to 315 people and 1,356 bread deliveries to 4,305 people. Thank you for your generous support which is what has enabled this to happen.

Why not volunteer to help out at our Vinnies Charity shops? Even 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 and are looking for people to help with the bread deliveries on a Friday evening. Please contact Anthony, Charles, Chris, or Gemma 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

The Introductory Rites: Sign of the Cross, Greeting from the priest, (in te Reo)

The Sign of the Cross is a profession of faith in God. It serves as an abbreviated form of the Apostles' Creed. Touching our forehead, breast and shoulders with our right hand, we declare our belief in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Penitential Rite : (this is a time of reflection on one's sins and a prayer for God's mercy), We together repent of the sins we may have committed during the week, with the I confess and/or the Lord have mercy.

The Gloria is then sung to praise God. (It is not sung during Advent or Lent as these are penitential and preparatory times before the great feasts of Christmas and Easter)

Father then reads the Opening Prayer, which outlines the theme of the mass.

M.A.Y.A is preparing to attend Auckland World Youth Day TODAY. There will be 6-7 members with some parents going.

We ask to keep them & M.A.Y.A in your prayers.

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

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Sesalina Setu	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Aurora Munoz Therese Corpuz	Bill Kilgallon Anthony Davids
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters	Mathilde Mujawamariya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Charles Ginter	Andrew Gongora
Computer	Christiana Setu	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Filomena Filipino
Counters	Team B	Ana Tusani Stephen Chmiel

Next Week READINGS

13 August 2023

First Reading:
1Kings 19:9,11-13

Psalm: 85

Second Reading:
Romans 9:1-5

Gospel:
Matthew 14:22-33

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



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

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