



# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**SUNDAY MASS:** 8am, 10am  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10am-12pm  
**WEEKDAY MASS:** 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

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Contact Parish priest  
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 August 2023

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9,11-13  
**Psalms:** 85  
**Second Reading:** Romans 9:1-5  
**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

### Little faith



## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply,  
"Lord, if it is you, command  
me to come to you on the  
water." He said, "Come."  
Peter got out of the boat  
and began to walk on the  
water toward Jesus.  
- Mt 14:28-29

In today's readings speak about the presence of God's saving presence among His people, in their need to trust in faith in their loving and providing God who always keeps them company and need for their prayer in storms of life. In time of difficulty we find it natural to turn to God. But we must learn to turn to God at all times.

In the first reading from the first kings, we hear the prophet Elijah who defeated 450 false priests of Baal because of his trusting faith in the power of Yahweh, fled to the Lord God for help and strength on mount Horeb and encounter with Him in his mercy.

Psalms 85 sings, 'Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation'.

In the second reading a letter of Paul to the Romans, he tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah. God plans allowed the Jews to reject Jesus so that a few believers, like him would free to carry the Good News outside Judaism and evangelize to the Gentiles.

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

In today's Gospel, When the disciples are caught in high winds and rough seas, Jesus comes to them; he calms down their fears by telling them, 'It is I', and brings them peace.

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

Today's Gospel tells us that Peter lost his trusting faith in Jesus for a few seconds of his failed to walk on water then Jesus rescued him when he called for help. Peter caught between faith and doubt, Jesus's rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is directed at us, who often start out courageously only to lose heart when faced with a crisis. Matthew relates to this incident describes it as a clearly symbolic. The boat represents the Church, the disciples are beaten by the winds and the waves of persecution. Jesus is not with them physically; he is in heaven, praying to the Father. However, in the hour of need he comes to them, and with his presence calms their fears and brings them peace. In the storms of fear and doubt in lives, let us put our trust in the Lord through our prayers and to give us peace flow only from our personal relationship with Him. Today's Gospel story tells us it is to those of little faith that Jesus still comes, holding us close and leading us into the safety and peace which only he can give. Then we can say, ' Lord, help me, have mercy on me a sinner to listen to you of what you are telling me to do. Increase my little faith!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**
- Thanks for some of our youth and parents who attend the WYD of Auckland diocese last Sunday I hope this help you more experience to move forward.
- Note to all parents can you check your child is on duty for today's 10am mass thanks.
- Thanks, Ifo for preparing of the Senior's lunch yesterday, it is good to help our eldest one to come together and celebrate and keep them happy.
- The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is one of only two Holy days of Obligation in New Zealand, the other being Christmas Day. It is also our parish feast day and our nation's feast day, a very special feast, honouring Our Lady being taken up into heaven. There are two masses, 9am and 7pm

#### Tēnā koutou katoa - The countdown is on!

We invite all of you to stop what your are doing and celebrate te reo Māori at 12pm, 14 September. You can kōrero (speak), waiata (sing), pānui (read) and more - Whatever you do, do it in te reo Māori.

This marks the very moment the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament in 1972, on the first Māori Language Day.

Join us and take a moment for te reo Māori as we acknowledge the past, celebrate the present, and prepare for the future.

Sign up and take part here:

<https://www.reomaori.co.nz/>



### PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **116** 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."



### TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 07/14/21 Aug & 04/11/18 Sep, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.  
Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series. All sessions are connect but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.  
Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at:

<https://bit.ly/3ON3YM1>

Info - registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)



### De Paul House Transitional housing and family support.

**Food Bank Depleted!** Can you help?

Our shelves are looking bare in most products.

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



### About the Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word itself is sacramental. It is not merely a warm-up or an introduction to what follows. The Liturgy of the Word in all its parts, including the homily, is an encounter with God through which God enacts the work of salvation. God is really present in the WORD equally to the presence of Christ made present in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the Word includes the readings, the homily and the Prayer of the faithful. When we gather at a friend's home for a meal, we always begin with conversation, telling our stories. At Mass, after the rites of gathering, we sit down and listen as readings from the Word of God are proclaimed. They are the stories of God's people—they are our story. The 4 readings (including the Psalm) on a Sunday are connected to the theme of the Mass usually centered on the Gospel.



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.

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Beate Matthies	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Sesalina Setu Florinda Azavedo	Andrew Gongora Stephen Chmiel
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony	Iulia Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Christiana Setu	Ifo Ah Kuoi
Computer	Chris Simpson	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uloe Vitale
Counters	Team C	Sela Capel Stephen Chmiel

## Next Week READINGS

20 August 2023

First Reading:  
Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Psalm: 67

Second Reading:  
Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel:  
Matthew 15:21-28

## 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

- **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 (13 Sep)
- **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 (03 Sep)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (TODAY)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (20 Aug)

**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 **\$20.00 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)