



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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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 August 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Woman, you have great faith

Faith is a gift from God given only for those who put their trusting in the Lord. We see all three readings speak of the expansive and universal of the 'kingdom of God, which in contrast with the theory that salvation was to be offered first to the Jews and then, though them alone, to the rest of the world. We know that God set the Israelite people apart as His chosen race. And He included all nations in His plan of Salvation and blessed all the families of the earth in Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). In today's Gospel we meet a Canaanite woman who had the most extraordinary faith in Jesus, a faith that was rewarded with the cure of her sick daughter. During this mass let us with faith bring our needs and concerns to God, whose children we are.

In the first reading from prophet Isaiah, God's house is open to all those who worship with sincerity. It a house of prayer for all people, God reveals the truth that there is no distinction among human beings on the basis of race, caste, or colour. And the long-expected Messianic kingdom was not only for the Jews but for all nations as well.

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

Psalm 67 sings, 'O God, let all the nations praise you!'. This psalm looks forward to the time when all nations will share in the spiritual blessings of the Jews.



*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 from a letter of saint Paul to the Romans, the gifts and call of God are irrevocable. God never takes back his gifts, those who return to him are sure of obtaining mercy. The Jews were the chosen people, many of them rejected Jesus as the promised Messiah, and consequently, God turned to the Gentiles who received mercy through their own faith in Christ.

Today's Gospel, we hear the story of a pagan woman who had extraordinary faith in Jesus, and how that faith was rewarded. Jesus demonstrates that the salvation was meant for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews by healing the daughter of the pagan woman as a reward for her strong Faith in Christ. So, it shows us that Jesus reveals us about God's mercy and love are available to all who call out to Him in faith. What the Gospel teaches us that if the prayer is sincere and persevering, we will always get an answer. Therefore, we need to persist in prayer with trustful confidence.



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!

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.

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, Ifo and Emma and the caring group for preparing a good lunch for the seniors last Saturday.
- The youth will doing their singing practice for next week Sunday next week.
- For those who looking for your envelop see Beate thanks.
- For parents whose your children is part of the altar servers can you look for the list at the back of the church and sacristy whether your child is on duty thanks.

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

DOVE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, NORTH SHORE REFRESHMENT DAY

on Saturday 26th Aug 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St Thomas More Catholic Church,

336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. Holy Mass at 9:15 a.m.

Speaker Bev McDonald, Scripture Psalm 23:2 Near restful waters He leads me to revive my drooping spirit.

B.Y.O. lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

For more info. please contact Sylvia Hartley 021 088 22990 or email aldonsylvia@gmail.com



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



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 09-480-5959



About the Mass

HOW ARE THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS SELECTED?

The readings are selected in order to show the continuity and development of salvation history. In order to do this, the first reading and Gospel are usually related in theme, while the second reading is often not related. A scripture from the Old Testament that prophesies something about the Messiah is often paired with a Gospel reading from the New Testament that shows how Jesus fulfilled that prophecy. For example, on the feast of the Transfiguration Daniel foresaw the coming of the Messiah on the clouds of heaven as a king, while the Gospel reading was of Jesus going up to the mountain to pray and being transfigured.

The order of readings for Sundays and festive days extends over three years (Years A, B and C), with each year being dedicated to a particular synoptic author – Matthew, Mark or Luke. We are currently in Year A and the gospels are from Matthew. The readings in our lectionary are from the New Revised Standard Version.

We can prepare for Mass by reading the chosen readings before we come to Mass. The references to the readings for the next week are in the bulletin on the back page.



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 | Pat Lythe | Julita Seumanutafa |
| Ministers Of The Word | Beate Mathhies Tuan Nguyen | YOUTH |
| Ministers of Communion | Atela Brahne | Filipina Tulifau |
| Prayers Of The Faithful | Litara Asiasiau | YOUTH |
| Computer | Michael Coats | Filomena Filipo |
| Musicians | Ana Tran | Ausage Fa'aoso Setu |
| Counters | Team D | Chris Simpson Stephen Chmiel |

Next Week READINGS

27 August 2023

First Reading:
Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm: 138

Second Reading:
Romans 11:33-36

Gospel:
Matthew 16:13-20

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

- **Music Meeting** - 10:30 am Tuesday after first Sunday every month (05 Sep)
- **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 (10 Sep)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (TODAY)

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

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