



Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH

198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626

www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz

SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm

WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 August 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalms: 138

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Peter's Profession of Faith



Christ chose Peter to be the chief shepherd of his flock. Though Peter has strengths he also had weaknesses. We too have weaknesses.

When those weaknesses cause us to fall, Christ forgives us and helps us go forward again. In all three readings today are all about God is the source of all authority. God shares His authority with civil rulers elected to serve the people. And for the Pope and the other church leader's authority for material and spiritual welfare of His children.

In the first reading from the book of Isaiah, Isaiah tells us how God hates the unfaithful and selfish officials, and He removed the proud from his office taking from Shebna which he had proven unworthy and gave both to the humble and faithful Eliakim. The robe, the sash, and the keys are the insignia of this office.

Psalms 138 Sings, 'Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands'. Here, David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as king over the people of Israel. This psalm becomes a prayer for the Church and the successor of Peter.

In the second reading from a letter of saint Paul to the Romans, from him, through him, and in him are all things. Here Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom, knowledge, and correct judgments, asserting that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in heaven.

**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 asks 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' Peter confesses Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God', then Jesus approves Peter's words and gives him teaching and ruling authority in his church. Jesus establishes a 'Magisterium' in his Church to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the Church members. He made a statement: 'I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven', he gives Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose (make laws; exercise authority) in the Church, and the assurance that their decisions will be ratified in Heaven. Even Peter himself failed the Lord, in giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness. The Church's true foundation is Christ himself. The Pope is his servant, not his substitute. Our today's gospel challenges us to accept Christ's authority as our Lord and Saviour like Peter did at Caesarea Philippi. Lord guides us in time of doubt, raises us up when we fall, and strengthen us when we are weak.

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."



Birkdale Beach Haven
Community Project Inc
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Birkdale
Community House
(130 Birkdale Road)

Repair Cafe

Do you have something needing to be fixed? Could it be that bracelet you want to wear again or a broken toy. Well we have the answer - come to our Repair Cafe this Saturday. (26 Aug 10am - 1pm)

We have a mechanic to demonstrate basic car maintenance, and Bike Kaipātiki to help with your two wheeled transport.

Every week we provide free kai boxes to local whānau who need a hand up during these tough times.

If you are able, we greatly appreciate your generous donations of canned goods and other non-perishable food, as well as nappies, toiletries and sanitary items.

All donations can be dropped to Beach Haven Community House, 130 Beach Haven Road, between 9.30am-2.30pm Monday-Friday

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.**
- Second collection TODAY - Māori Pastoral Care
- **Adult Confirmation Programme:**
 Saint Joseph's Takapuna is offering a preparation course for the adult reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Course will be on Thursday evening at 7pm (7,14,21,28 September 2023). For those interested to participate please contact the parish office: (09) 4896 486, email: pastoral@stjoseph.org.nz
- Thanks youth and parents and supporters for preparing for our 10 'o clock mass, may God bless you of what you do this week.
- A REMINDER here for every group and everyone who use our hall any time please read all instruction and be responsible to clean up the hall when you use it. I hope we look after our own hall thanks.
- Next week Sunday is our Father's Day, we will bless all Fathers but better for them to be with the family for the special celebration at home.
- 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

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

All men are invited to a meeting on Wed 30 Aug 23 at 7.30pm at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. Fr Merv Duffy, Lecturer in Theology at Catholic Theological College will do a teaching on: 'What lessons can we learn from the early Christians House Church.'

Come and listen to Fr Merv's talk where he will cover aspects of archeology and history and give us a glimpse of Christian life in the mid-third century. We look forward to your presence for a time of learning, praying, singing and fellowship with supper with other Catholic men. For more information contact Basil 027-261-2585



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 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

First Reading is an Old Testament Reading (during Easter from the Acts of the Apostles)

Readings are chosen from the Old Testament that anticipate or reflect the event or theme of the Gospel reading or the feast. During Easter Time, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days.

Psalm (responsorial/common/unison/Sung)

After the first reading comes the Responsorial Psalm. This extension of the Old Testament reading is part scripture reading, part sacred music and part prayer. The Psalms arose from the communities of the Holy Land and those in exile. The prayer recalls the saving events of the past, yet extends into the future, even to the end of history; it commemorates the promises God has already kept, and awaits the Messiah who will fulfill them definitively.

Second reading from the New Testament. The Second Reading comes from the New Testament and, while not always linked directly to the First Reading or the Gospel, it contains rich wisdom of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and his Church. These readings are taken from all the books of the New Testament that aren't the Gospels; the epistles, or letters from St. Paul and other disciples, the Acts of the Apostles and the Book of Revelation. While the Second Reading can be understood independently of the other two readings, it often enriches the lessons to be found in them.



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	Charles Grinter	Bill Killgalon
Ministers Of The Word	Beate Matthies Aurora Munoz	Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo Michael Coats
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox	Catarina Tyler
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Julita Seumanutafa
Computer	Chris Simpson	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Y Barnabe/G Nivera

Next Week READINGS

03 September 2023

First Reading:
Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: 63

Second Reading:
Romans 12:1-2

Gospel:
Matthew 16:21-27

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 (20 Sep)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (24 Sep)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TODAY)
- **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 (17 Sep)

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