



# 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

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**01 October 2023**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28  
**Psalm:** 25  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**Saying and doing**

Today we celebrate Christ who obeyed his Father's will not only in word but also in deed. He obedient unto death. And Christ assures us that it is not too late to turn to God and do His will. So, our eternal reward or punishment or final decision for or against God, our choosing to obey Him by doing His will or our choosing to go against His will gifted with free will so we are the ones who choose our eternal destiny. We are free to say Yes or No to God. But this means we are responsible for our own actions. We sometimes abuse our freedom, but God in his goodness calls us to repentance.



In the first reading first from the prophet Ezekiel, he corrects two incorrect Jewish beliefs, first Children inherit the guilt of their ancestors and are punished for their sins. Second God is more strict than merciful, and through the explanation of Jesus in today's parable told that God will punish us only for our sins and God's mercy overrules strict justice. Hence each of us is responsible for his or her own conduct and will be judged accordingly.

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

Psalm 25 sings, 'Remember your mercies, O Lord'. It appeals to God's compassion and mercy, begging Him to wipe away our sins and to extend mercy to us.

*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 Paul to the Philippians Our final choice for God, made by perfect obedience to Him, will be rewarded. There is no place of self-seeking and rivalry in the Christian community so we must imitate the humility of Christ.

In today's Gospel, actions speak louder than words. This is the lesson of today's parable, the first son says no and regrets his refusal and goes to work refer to tax collectors and public sinners who refused to obey God's commandment but after listening to John the Baptist and Jesus, repent and became eligible for eternal reward. The second son says yes and does not go refer to the chief priests and elders of the people who claims religious authority have shown that when God's word is revealed to them in Jesus, they show no interest in listening or obeying. A heart of the discipleship is words without action are worthless so working in the Lord vineyard, is doing the will of the Father, when we say no, God gives us many chances of conversion, repentance and doing His own will.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.



Birkdale Beach Haven  
**Community Project Inc**  
We Belong Here | Nō konei ake tātou

### **Kids at #134 September School Holiday Program**

Our kids holiday program is open for bookings!

We have some awesome activities lined up for these holidays, including a nature day hosted by Pest-Free Kaipātiki & Friends of Shepherd's Park, and a visit from St John's!

The sewing ladies will be running a 'Zenki' toy sewing workshop, we are going to get excited about Halloween a tad early, do lots of craft, sport, baking and lots more!

Every day we have a mixture of activities on offer for the tamariki - the only thing that is 'compulsory' is to have fun!

Last holidays we booked out on several days quite early - so please book asap to reserve your place!

Follow this link for bookings:

<https://kids134.aimyplus.com>

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **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.**
- **VOTING STARTS tomorrow 2 Oct until 14 Oct 2023. VOTE and be heard**
- **ELECTIONS (1-14 Oct) Hall, Kitchen, meeting room NOT AVAILABLE for any reason.**
- Thanks to Pat Lythe of giving a word of wisdom for preparing of the PPC so on 8th of October the second Sunday they will be commission in both masses after holy communion.
- Thanks to Vincent de Paul members for providing cup of tea in both masses today as commemorate of the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul last Wednesday 27th. Just remind please clear the hall after using it and get ready for the election and vote on Monday thanks.
- Thanks for those who came for our work B yesterday and clean out the area for the elections.
- Liturgy committee will have their meeting in the church on 4th Wednesday of October at 7pm.
- A training for a new eucharistic minister and the old one on 7th of October after mass, then their commission on the 15th of October on both masses, here we will use both kinds, so it needs two ministers for the cup.
- On 14th of October reconciliation for our sacramental children after mass at gam.
- Reminding the parents to bring your children who are altar servers for training with Micheal Coats after mass at 10am In the church thanks.
- Due to Fr Aleki gathering with all the Diocese priests of New Zealand at Rotorua from 9 to 13 of October so there is no mass until 14th Saturday of October thanks.
- Our hall is not available due to election from 2 to 14, the Samoa will have their singing practise from 5:30pm to 6:30pm then the Tongan practise from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Thursday evening in the Church. The Samoan mass held on 8th of October without meal after.



### PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **117** 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

Account Number: Maria Assumpta Parish Account:

**02-0108-0708609-000**

#### God of Nations

Bless our nation as we approach the election in these uncertain times.

As we discern our choices, guide us with your Spirit.

Grant us humble politicians of integrity who seek to serve for the common good. E ihowa Atua

Unite our nation in the desire to protect the sanctity and dignity of every human life in all its stages

Help us to recognize our families as a treasure and enable us to support those families that struggle

Make us mindful of those in need in our communities and ready to work together for a just community.

May we always delight in the beauty of Your creation and ensure this beauty is enshrined for our children's children.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN

NZ Catholic Bishops



### TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

#### Online Sessions (Evening):

Letters to the Corinthians - who were they? with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>

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

**Institution Narrative: Consecration.** The priest continues the prayer, giving praise and thanks, and calling upon the Holy Spirit to change our gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. He then recalls the events of the Last Supper—the institution of the Eucharist. At this important moment in the prayer, we proclaim the mystery of faith. Several texts are possible, for example: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, / and profess your Resurrection / until you come again." The priest continues recalling the wonderful deeds of salvation: the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

**Prayer for unity and intercessions.** The grateful memory of God's salvation leads us to make a bold petition, our main one at every Eucharist: We pray for unity. "Humbly we pray / that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, / we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit". We then add prayers for the Pope and for the bishop of the local Church; we pray for the living and the dead and especially for ourselves that through the intercession of the saints we may one day arrive at that table in heaven. We look forward to that and raise our voices with those of all the saints who have gone before us as the priest raises the consecrated bread and wine and offers a toast, a doxology, a prayer of glory to God in the name of Christ: "Through him, and with him, and in him, / O God, almighty Father, / in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / all glory and honour is yours, / for ever and ever." Our "Amen" to this prayer acclaims our assent and participation in the entire Eucharistic Prayer.



The Maria Assumpta conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul invites parishioners to join us for morning tea after each Mass on Sunday 1 October to celebrate the Feast 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 Vinnies Shop (482 3017).

Are you interested in joining us to serve the poor or being a volunteer to help out at our Vinnies Charity shops?

We welcome new members and particularly need people to assist with Friday bread deliveries and delivering food parcels. If you think you could spare an hour or so each month, please contact Charles or Chris.

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	Sesalina Setu	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Aurora Munoz Charles Grinter	Suzie McCarthy Mohan Samuel
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters	Mathilde Mujawamarija
Prayers Of The Faithful	Liz Anthony	Bill Kilgallon
Computer	Christiana Setu	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Filomena Filipino
Counters	Team B	Ana Tusani Stephen Chmeil

## Next Week READINGS

08 October 2023

First Reading:  
Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: 80

Second Reading:  
Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel:  
Matthew 21:33-43

### 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 - 12 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 (07 Nov)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (17 Oct)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (04 Oct)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (18 Oct)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (26 Nov)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (22 Oct)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (29 Oct)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (**08 Oct - HALL NOT AVAILABLE**)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (15 Oct)

**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** / 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)