

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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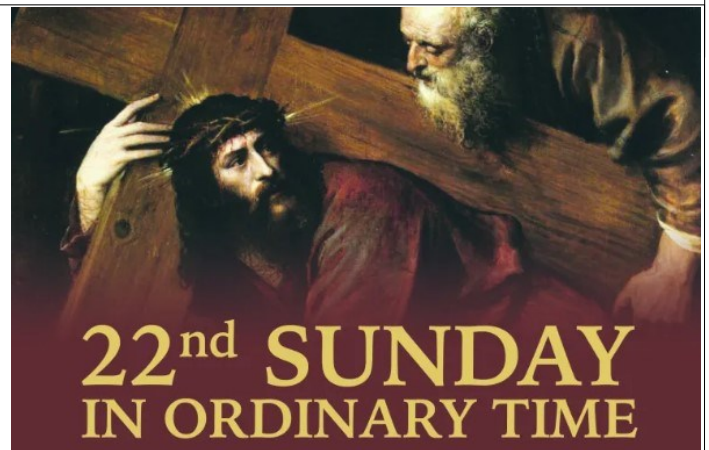
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 03 September 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm: 63
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

The cost of Discipleship



Today's Gospel reminds us, Christian discipleship demand self-control that is self-denying, willingness to suffer that is take up your cross, and also readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love and generosity in surrendering our totally life to God.

To follow Christ is inevitably to suffer: But there are great rewards too. However, we are weak and cowardly: Without God we can do nothing. Let us turn to God now asking pardon for our own failures and strength in our weakness.

In the first reading from prophet Jeremiah, we hear that he was speaking God's message to the people has brought Jeremiah nothing but insults, he is unable to remain silent. It explains how we Christian should practice true, dynamic Christian discipleship. And Jeremiah is a prototype of the suffering Christ.

Psalm 63 sings, ' My soul is thirsting for you. O Lord my God'. The psalmist manifests his profound trust in God, just as Jeremiah does.

In the second reading a letter of saint Paul to the Roman advises them to present their bodies as a living sacrifice to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behaviour of the world around them, and to discern and do the will of God.

**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 foretells his suffering and death, and tells his disciples that they too must be prepared to suffer. After Jesus correcting Peter's protest, then he announces three conditions of Christian discipleship: 'Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me'.

In this he represents the typical Christian caught between faith and doubt, for whom the cross is a stumbling block. 'For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 16:25). We should not be afraid to suffer and die for Jesus. Have a happy Father's Day may God bless all fathers today.

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.**

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.

- Reminder to all parents who their children involve on altar server please check the list whether your child serve is at the back of the church and the sacristy.
- We pray for all fathers so I prefer them to go home and celebrate with the family of their special day, may God bless you always.
- Probably this month or next month we will start our training of the Eucharistic ministers then I will remind all to participate for the renewal your Eucharistic minister's role Thanks.



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."

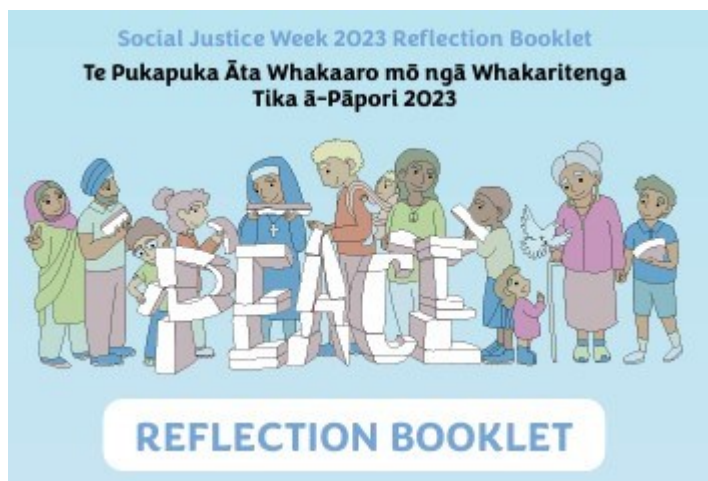


This Sunday is the start of Social Justice Week!

Pope Francis said that "Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our heart."

The Reflection Booklet for seven sessions on building personal peace in different areas of our lives is on our website here:

<https://bit.ly/45QYNQV>



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 **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



HAPPY
Father's
Day

Heavenly Father, Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and

mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children. We honour our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.



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

Gospel (priest or deacon)

- The Gospel The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the reading of the Gospel (the word Gospel means "good news"). Jesus Christ speaks to us! It is important to remember that when the Gospel is proclaimed, it is no longer the priest (or deacon) speaking, but Christ himself. Because the gospels tell of the life, ministry, miracles, parables, sayings, compassion, mercy and preaching of Christ, it receives several special signs of honour and reverence.
- The assembly stands to hear the Gospel
- It is introduced by an acclamation of praise (Alleluia) · We respond by tracing the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, mouths and chests in a symbolic gesture whereby we ask for the grace to keep the Lord's Word ever-present in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.

The Homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word, in which the priest reflects on the readings, particularly the gospel, and relates it to our lives. After the homily there is a short period of silence as we reflect on what we have heard.



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	Sesalina Setu	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Therese Corpuz Charles Grinter	Suzie McCarthy Anthony Davids
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters	Pat McCarthy
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau	Andrew Gongora
Computer	Christiana Setu	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team B	Ana Tusani Stephen Chmiel

Next Week READINGS

10 September 2023

First Reading:
Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: 95

Second Reading:
Romans 13:8-10

Gospel:
Matthew 18:15-20

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