



# 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  
**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact Office

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

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 September 2023

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9  
**Psalm:** 145  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:2-24,27  
**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

### God's Justice and Generosity

Sometimes we often are small and petty in the way we think and act. Fortunately for us there is nothing small or petty about God. His ways are as high above our ways as the heavens are above the earth. Let us ask God for forgiveness for our smallness of heart, while at the same time opening ourselves to the goodness of God.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, as high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are God's ways above our ways.

Psalm 145 sings, 'The Lord is near to all who call him'. The psalmist recognises many qualities of God: greatness beyond measure, kindness, compassion and love in abundance. Above all, it rejoices that God is always near. The Lord is close to all who call him.

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

### THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

IS LIKE A LANDOWNER WHO WENT OUT AT DAWN  
TO HIRE LABORERS FOR HIS VINEYARD.

- Matthew 20:1



*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 a letter of saint Paul to the Philippians, writing from the prison, he is thinking of his death, and longing for complete union with Christ. For Paul's willingness to stop calculating what would benefit him and forego his personal preference, so he can imitate Christ and give to the Philippians.

In today's Gospel, We hear the story about the generosity of God, which soars above human standards. We reflect how Jesus dealt with sinners we can better understand God's justice. Recall how Jesus forgave the thief crucified with Him. He made simple request: 'Remember me when you come in Your Kingdom' (Luke 23:42). He gives the good thief paradise; this reward attests of how generous God is as He welcomes sinners to His kingdom. Jesus tells us in today's parable that He can go beyond human justice. The Lord can give more if He wishes. His generosity has no bounds. God's generosity challenges us to be generous, too, we must be generous in love, mercy and forgiveness. We must be generous in our service to God and others.

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."



**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.
- ELECTIONS (1-14 Oct) Hall, Kitchen, meeting room **NOT AVAILABLE** for any reason.
- There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 30 September to tidy up the church grounds please bring your gardening tools.
- Book the Date: 21 October Working Bee - tidy up for first Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Daylight Savings this Weekend—Turn your watches 1 hour FORWARD.
- Our hall will be used for election on 2nd to 14th of October, so during this week Samoa will practice in the church, singing on Thursday at 5:30pm to 6:30pm follow by the Tongan practise at 6:30pm to 7:30pm of these two weeks. For Samoa will have mass without meal on the second Sunday on the 8th at 11:45am and for the Tongan will be on the third Sunday the 15th with meal in the hall.
- Liturgy meeting will have on 4 Oct
- The training of the new and old Eucharistic ministry will be on 7 Oct after mass then commission and recommission on the 29 Oct.



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!



**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**

**Season for the Care of Creation runs from 1 Sep to 4 Oct, Feast of St Francis of Assisi**

Almighty and Everliving God, you bring forth and sustain every living thing; help us grow in compassion and care for the multitude of your creatures, that we may see them not as objects for our use, but as brothers and sisters that sing your never-ending praise. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore**

All men invited—Wed 27 Sept at 7.30pm at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. We hope to spend time praying the rosary with reflections led by a leader. (bring your rosaries) We look forward to seeing you there and spending time sharing, praying and enjoying each other's company over supper. For more information please contact Russell 022 034 5678.



**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**

*Liturgy of the Eucharist*

After the gifts and altar are prepared, the Eucharistic Prayer begins. This prayer of thanksgiving is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It begins with the dialogue "Lift up your hearts" inviting us to join with the priest who gathers not only the bread and the wine, but also our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.

Next comes the Preface telling of the wonderful actions of God, both throughout history and in our lives, giving thanks to God for all these things. It concludes with the Holy Holy in which the whole assembly joins the song of the angels giving praise to the Father in heaven (cf. Is 6:3). We then kneel for the most solemn part of the Mass.

The next major part of the Eucharistic Prayer is the epiclesis (petition) where, the priest using the word "we" so involving us, asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine so that, through the power of the Spirit, they may become the Body and Blood of Christ, and so that those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit. He then recalls the events of the Last Supper—the institution of the Eucharist where Christ blessed the bread and wine and gave them to his friends as his Body and Blood. Once again the bread and wine become Christ's Body and Blood.



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	Charles Grinter	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Florinda Azavedo Beate Matthies	Julita Seumanutafa Anthony Davids
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox	Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	R & A Anderson	Stephen Chmiel
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Barnabe/ Gemma Nivera

## Next Week READINGS

01 October 2023

First Reading:  
Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms: 25

Second Reading:  
Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel:  
Matthew 21: 28-32

### 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 (TODAY)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (22 Oct)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am ( 29 Oct )
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (01 Oct)
- **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)