

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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 October 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalms: 23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Invitation into the Banquet



Today's liturgy celebrates the Lord's gracious invitation to come to his banquet. Isaiah proclaimed a banquet of rich food and fine wines. God's invitation to us is reflected in the way that the shepherd goes before the sheep, inviting them to follow. He leads me...he guides me. he protects me in the valley of darkness and invites me to his banquet all prepared. God's love is unconditional he always takes initiative to move toward us to be united with Him and our response is love, it is our response is only an effect of His gracious love which He showers upon each one of us in our lives. This banquet is the Eucharist, that Jesus has become our Bread of Life. As the manna was God's bread to support the people through the exodus, the Eucharist is the divine food which strengthens us against our foes and temptations. As we gather here to participate in the banquet of the Eucharist. We are here because, God in his love, has invited us, and we have accepted his invitation Let us try to bring a spirit of thankfulness and joy to our celebration.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the image of a banquet describes the blessings God wishes to bestow, not only on Israel, but on all nations. Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the peoples of the earth. The Lord here will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

**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!

Psalms 23 signs 'shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life'.

In the second reading a letter of saint Paul to the Philippians, Paul tells the Philippians that he is able to do all things in Jesus who strengthens him. He also thanks the Philippians for their support but says that his real strength comes from the Lord.

In today's Gospel, prophet Isaiah's promises are fulfilled in Jesus: through him all God's people are invited to the banquet feast of the Kingdom. God's kingdom is like a banquet. God constantly and lovingly invites us to His kingdom; it is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation to be with Him. Like the invited guests to the wedding, some of us refuse to go to God. Others are indifferent to His love. And some are preoccupied with their business affairs, no longer making God their priority. Some of us want to be with God but are not seriously disposed to follow Him, being half-hearted in our response of love. Not like the song wrote by sr. Deidre Brown "Come as you are, God wants you". God may invite us to come as we are, but not to stay there. The garments we need for the wedding are repentance, love, justice, truth, mercy, compassion and holiness. The parable Jesus warns us that our life as Christian is a web made up of interaction between God's gracious invitation and our free response if our response does not take God's invitation seriously. A man without a proper garment symbolizes a life that has undergone no basic change, a life that has not produced the fruits of repentance.

The new guest Christians will suffer the same fate as Israel if they don't produce the fruit of good works. May our relationship with Jesus always enjoy of his love and be part of a rejoicing community, he invites us to enjoy his love, to love him above all things, and to be faithful to him. Have we wholeheartedly accepted Jesus' invitation to table fellowship with now in the eucharistic assembly and implicitly to the heavenly banquet, the marriage feast of the Lamb, which God is preparing for all his children hereafter.

Remembering what Paul said of Baptism, 'As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ' (Galatians 3:27) we might see our baptismal robe as our wedding garment. The parable did not sit well with the authorities of Israel. They are invited to the banquet, but will they be chosen?

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 to Bill, Stephanie and Joyce for preparing the children for reconciliation and confirmation yesterday I pray may the Lord bless you all to continuing the good job for his people.
- Today we will commission and recommission those who came to the training last Saturday after homily then we will receive both kinds today.
- We will have another work B on 21st to prepare for the 22nd of the first holy communion and confirmation.
- All Altar servers will have a training with Michael Coat after 10am mass.



On Sunday 22 October Bishop Steve will be saying the 10.00am Mass and confirming 13 young people who will also receive their First Holy Communion. The children have been preparing for this day for some months and I would like to thank them and their families for their commitment and also thank Jocelyn for her help and support. After Mass we will continue our celebration in the hall with morning tea – everyone is invited to join us (and it would be helpful if you could bring a **plate of finger food to share**).

Stephanie



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **118** 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



Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute is inviting applications for the Operations Manager position.

Visit their website at:

<https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/we-are-seeking-for-operations-manager/>

for the position description and how to apply.

For the position description or further details, please contact m.schmits@tekupenga.org.nz or Robert Blucher, Chief Executive/Kaiwhakahaere Matua on 021 051 5491



Applications close on Friday 20 October 2023.



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms.
Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.
Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>

YouTube Recordings

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

Communion and Concluding Rite

The people approach the altar in procession singing together the Communion hymn, and reverently receive Communion. They receive the Body of Christ usually in the hand (as the New Zealand Bishops recommend) but occasionally on the tongue. The priest or other ministers offer the Eucharist to each person saying, "The Body of Christ." The person receiving responds by saying, "Amen," a Hebrew word meaning, "So be it." People may also receive the Blood of Christ. (During the pandemic this was discontinued but can now be re-introduced) The Church teaches that Christ is sacramentally (and equally) present under each species, and therefore if a person receives only one species, Christ is fully present and nothing is lacking.

Because sharing at the Eucharistic Table is a sign of unity in the Body of Christ, only Catholics may receive Communion. Those who do not receive Communion still participate in this rite by praying for unity with Christ and with each other. They may approach the minister with arms crossed over their chest and receive a blessing. All spend some time in silent prayer of thanksgiving.

The Communion Rite ends with the Prayer after Communion which asks that the benefits of the Eucharist will remain active in our daily lives.

Concluding Rites

When it is necessary, announcements may be made. The celebrant then blesses the people assembled. Sometimes, the blessing is very simple. On special days, the blessing may be more extensive. In every case, the blessing always concludes "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We now proclaim this in te Reo.

After the blessing, the celebrant dismisses the people. The dismissal gives the liturgy its name, as the word "Mass" comes from the Latin word, "Missa." meaning Sent. The word "Missa" comes from the word "missio," the root of the English word "mission." The liturgy does not simply come to an end. Those assembled are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world.



Thank you for your expressions of support for the Maria Assumpta conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul last Sunday. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact Charles (022 0242 753), Chris (020 4139 5170) or the Vinnies Shop (482 3017).

Our foodbank always needs donations of non-perishable groceries and household goods. At the moment, we especially need canned food, lunch items, bathroom groceries, and pasta. 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 Vinnies shop (482 3017) for more information.

We continue to 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.

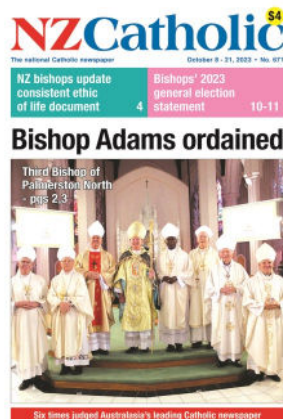
Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Pat Lythe	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Te Aorere Chan Tuan Nguyen	Holy Communion Children
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony	Pat McCarthy
Prayers Of The Faithful	Charles Ginter	Holy Communion Children
Computer	Chris Simpson	Mithchell Samuel
Musicians	Ana Tran	Si'uloe Vitale
Counters	Team D	Chris Simpson Stephen Chmiel

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 - 12 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 (07 Nov)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (17 Oct)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (08 Nov)
- **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 (05 Nov)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (12 NOV)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (TODAY)

FREE!
TAKE
ONE



Next Week READINGS

22 October 2023

First Reading:
Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalm: 96

Second Reading:
1Thess 1:1-5

Gospel:
Luke 12:8-12

NEWSLETTER:

Do you want the
Newsletter via email ?

PLEASE register with the
church online here:

[https://
beachhavencatho-
lic.org.nz/parishioner-
registration/](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

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