



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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:
Contact Parish priest
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 05 November 2023

First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10
Psalm: 131

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 2:7-9,13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

They do not practise what they preach



Today's readings invite and challenge us to be humble in committed loving service to others in the community without expecting honour or rewards in return. Jesus attacks on the scribes and Pharisees. He called them hypocrites because they didn't practise what they preached. Which of us can truthfully say that our deeds match our words? Therefore, to some extent, all of us are hypocrites. But each time we come to celebrate the Eucharist we are called by God to a life of truth and genuine goodness. Today's Gospel warns against hypocrisy and those who status-seeking in our Church community.

In the first reading from the prophet Malachi who berates the priests of his day for failing to live up to their calling. So, Malachi condemns the irresponsible, proud, lazy priests of his day.

Psalm 131 sings, 'Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord'. This Psalm is the prayer of those who know their place before God. This attitude before God results in the twin virtues of humility and trustfulness.

In the second reading a first letter of saint Paul to the Thessalonians, he reminds them of his love and care for them, and how hard he worked to bring them the Good News. That is, he presents himself as an ideal example of servant leadership in a serving of the Christian community.

**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 launches a strong attack on the Scribes and Pharisees, but what he says is important for us too. His words go against the religious leaders who are more concerned of self-promotion than service to others. Jesus calls for integrity and honesty from those in authority, whether priests, parents, teachers or politicians. They should be in leader of no double standards but rather should grow a deep sense of equality with mutual respect. They should seek to serve other. It is a lament over those who reject the kingdom. So, a disciple must be a humble servant. 'Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 18:4). The key attitude is that of humility. to have a 'humble in heart' (Matthew 11:29).

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."



Sacramental PHOTOS



The Photographs are now available online with this link.

<https://emilychalkphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/22861674/home>

Please can you email the office for the access code thanks.
 Code will only be available to registered parishioners, thanks

This gallery will **expire** on 15/12/2023



Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland Seeking Part-time Chef

Our much-loved, long-standing chef is retiring, so we are seeking a part-time chef for 30-hours per week over 5-days (Sunday-Thursday non-negotiable), commencing early February 2024.

Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, working within budgets, as well as x1 evening meal preparation for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. Holy Cross Seminary follows a university term schedule, and the successful applicant will be required term-time only (x32 weeks per year). If you have the necessary qualifications/experience and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Wednesday, 15 November 2023.

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.**
- Fr Aleki will attend the annual retreat from 5th at the evening Sunday to 10th Friday. So, no mass only the liturgy of the word, Mass only Saturday 11th at 9am.
- Pat McCarthy will organize which day for training for those old Eucharistic ministers who missed the first training as well as new one who want to join.
- Liturgy meeting on 8th at 7pm, I won't be in this meeting, but I will send something agenda for this meeting thanks, and finance meeting on 14 at 7pm and PPC on 15 at 7pm.
- There will be a Christmas Carols in December start on 16 to 23 then invitation to the groups, individual, and group to prepare some Christmas songs to sing during this Christmas Carols. It will be at 7pm in our hall. If you want to join see Ana thanks.



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **119** 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



It's time to post Christmas Cards to friends overseas and to keep Christ in Christmas.

The Maria Assumpta Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is selling Christmas Cards for \$5 for a pack of 5 cards. Please see Chris, Charles, or Te Aorere at the 8 am Mass and Anthony or Gemma at the 10 am Mass to purchase cards.

Our foodbank always needs donations of non-perishable groceries and household goods. At the moment, we especially need breakfast foods, canned food, pasta, rice, and household cleaning products. Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church before Mass on Sundays.

If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact Charles (022 0242 753), Chris (020 4139 5170) or the Vinnies Shop (482 3017).

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.



It's all coming together now, as we're just over two weeks away from the 2023 Auckland Prayer Breakfast. If you haven't got your tickets yet, there is still time! The Auckland Prayer Breakfast gathers church, NGO, mission, business, and other Christian leaders from across the city every year. It's a great opportunity to bring together your small groups, too.

Join us at Eden Park on Thursday 9th of November for a morning of connection, worship and praying for Tāmaki Makaurau. Doors open at 6:30am, mihi at 6:55am, and breakfast will be served at 8:20am

<https://nzchristiannetwork.org.nz/nzcn-shop/#apb>



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



LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP 2024

CAMBRIDGE, NZ

16 - 20 JANUARY 2024

Every year we deliver more mess, more fun and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way. Life teen Aotearoa summer camp is for you and it is for your teens.

Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk along side their young people and get to know them on a deeper level. We do this through thought provoking key note sessions, small group discussion times and lots of opportunities to just have fun with your teens.

If you are ready to help lead your teens closer to Christ and have the #bestsummerever then hit the registration link!

<https://bit.ly/3SdzV22>



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

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Charles Ginter	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Sesalina Setu Florinda Azavedo	Mohan Samuel Andrew Gongora
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony Atela Brahne	Michael Coats Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Christiana Setu	Bill Kilgallon
Computer	Chris Simpson	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team B	Ana Tusani Liz Anthony

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 (14 Nov)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (08 Nov)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (15 Nov)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (26 Nov)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (12 Nov)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (19 Nov)

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

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