

# 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

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**12 November 2023**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 6:12-16  
**Psalm:** 63  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

Look, the bridegroom comes, Go out to meet him

We come close to the ends of the church's liturgical year with texts about the coming of the Son of Man, which leads into the New Year with Cycle B and season of Advent, the season of 'coming' Jesus' future coming as the conquering Son of Man at the end of time and his past coming as the helpless infant in a manger are the topics of our remembrance. Today's readings bring the usual warning about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time, and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic faith in God. They ask us whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them.

In the first reading from the book of wisdom, this sings the praise of wisdom, which can be found by all those who seek it. By seeking wisdom, we search for understanding and we are able to more clearly notice God's presence all around us in creation.

Psalm 63 sings, 'My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God'. This Psalm is about thirsting for God. It is the prayer of one whose life is totally centred on God, day and night. Every

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

part of the psalmist's life is reaching towards God like a flower towards the sun. His heart is longing for God, his soul is thirsting, and his body is pining like a dry weary land without water.



My soul  
is thirsting  
for you,  
O Lord.  
PSALM 63

*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 the first letter of saint Paul to the Thessalonians, for those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus. Paul consoles his converts at Thessalonians who are worried about the fate of their loved ones who have die before the return of the Lord. Paul assures that the death and resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who have already 'fallen asleep'. Paul helps them to realize that they need to believe in what the Lord has done for us. He doesn't want them to fret.

Today's Gospel story urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming. The point parable is this, since the disciples do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, they must be prepared so that when he comes, they can enter his kingdom. The wise virgins represent those who are prepared for the end times and urge all Christians to be prepared to meet the Lord. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word. Jesus' parable speaks strongly to our need to live our present with an eye on the future. It must be deeply committed to God's gift of the present, waiting for God's future gifts, and his final coming; and prepared to take all the risks of following his Son, Jesus of Nazareth, through the time in between.

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](mailto: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.**
- Christmas Carlos for the parish from 16th of December to 22nd of December only one hour in the hall it will be at 7pm. You see Ana for this one, this is an invitation to everyone to join in a family, or group, or individual can join in I hope this one help each one of us preparing for Christmas.
- For the old Eucharistic ministry training Ana will be arrange when we are going to do this before the advent come.
- Last weekend we started counting the attend every mass even the ethnic mass as well.
- On 2nd Saturday of December at 10am Anointing mass of the sick follow by cup of tea in the hall.
- Next Sunday 19 November will be the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with people in need.



### PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **121** 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.

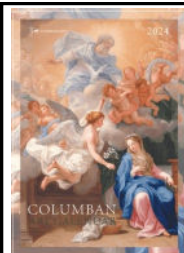
### Parish has a NEW Bank Account Number

Account Number: Maria Assumpta Parish Account:

**02-0108-0708609-000**

### Eucharistic Training:

The last training for this year for all those who wish to renew their mandates, and all the new applicants for the ministry, will be on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7 pm. This advice only pertains to those who did not make it to the first training session on October 7. Any queries, please contact Ana on 021-083-57633, or email [tusania@gmail.com](mailto:tusania@gmail.com)



### 2024 Columban Art Calendar

Available now to purchase from the office  
\$10

Email the office on

[secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz](mailto:secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz)

to book your copy



### Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry

November update available

Click this link for latest update

<https://bit.ly/3QSqco8>



### 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](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)



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.

## **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](mailto:reception@depaulhouse.org.nz) 09-480-5959



Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Sesalina Setu	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Beate Matthies Charles Grinter	Anthony Davids Julita Seumanutafa
Ministers of Communion	Fautua Peter Tevaga Maria Wilcox	Mata'afa Elisaia Tulifau Pat McCarthy
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Michael Coats
Computer	Christiana Setu	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team C	Sela Capel Stephen Chmiel

### 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 (05 Dec)
- **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 (03 Dec)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (TODAY)
- **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 \$25.00 / 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)