

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH

198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626

www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz

Creating a vibrant community that encourages participation and involvement for all

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 November 2023

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalms: 128

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

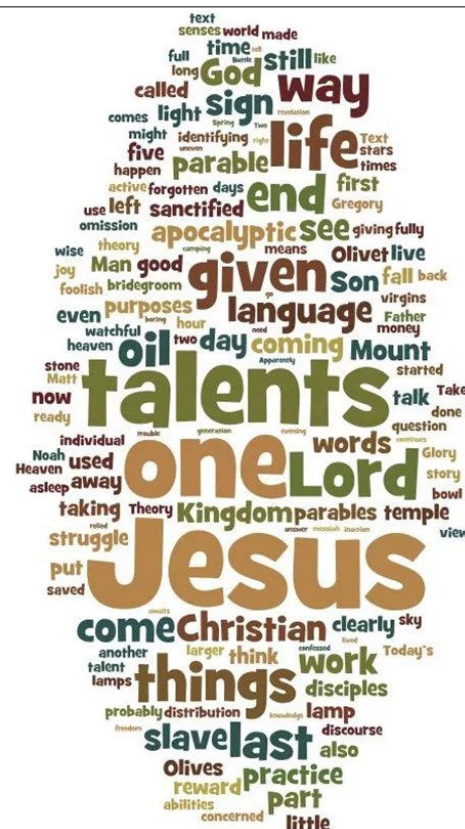
Trust and Accountability

As we gather here today no two of us are alike. God has given each of us special gifts or talents. If we used well, these gifts will enrich our own lives and the lives of others. But which of us can say that we have made full use of the gifts of grace and nature that God has given us? Have we not at times left them unused, or, worse, misused them?

In the first reading from the book of Proverbs, by today's standards the woman at the centre of this reading would hardly be called a talented person. Yet she is held up as a model.

Psalm 128 sings, 'Happy are those who fear the Lord'. The Old Testament is fond of repeating that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. This does not refer to that sort of cowering fear which fills one with dread, paralysing action, as happened to the servant in the parable who buried his talent because he was scared of his master. The fear of God which is a virtue means humble reverence before God and respect for God's laws. The psalmist sees this reverential fear as the foundation of happy and prosperous family life.

**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 the second reading from the first letter of saint Paul to the Thessalonians, since they don't know exactly when the Lord will return, Paul urges the disciples to be always ready lest they be caught unawares.

In today's Gospel, the parable of the talents tells us how best to await the Lord's return. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins warned against not being ready for the delay. It was an introduction to the theme of living in between time. In today's Gospel, Jesus moves on from the parable of the wise and foolish virgins to develop further what it means to be watchful and faithful during the time of waiting.

The parable of the talents presents two lessons about God and Man. The first lesson is God's trust in man. The second is Man's accountability to God. God is rich in His bountiful gift of talents but let us ask him that we exercise them with joy and courage. Today's Gospel challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with the talents we have right here and now.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

- 24 Dec - Vigil Mass - 10 pm (Carols at 9 pm)
- 25 Dec - Christmas Day - 9 am
- 31 Dec - New Years Eve Mass - 11 pm
- 1 Jan – Mary the Mother of God Mass - 9 am



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.**
- **Hall Back Room** - The back room is cluttering up. at the PPC it was agreed to call parishioners to remove their property as a **clear-out is planned**. If you use the Hall Back room can you please action this thanks
- Anointing mass of the sick on 2nd Saturday at 10am follow by cup of tea in the hall
- 15th Friday reconciliation at 7pm
- We are asking everyone to join in our Christmas Carlos start on 16 to 22nd In the hall, So, you free to choose which day you want to sing, please see Ana or sing your name in the day you want to perform. The invitation reaches out the family, individual and group, It will be one hour performing start at 7pm to 8pm, only hour. Thanks. I hope you can join in to make this event as a good preparation for Christmas.
- Christmas mass at 9am on Monday and we offer the lunch of the Senior of Beach Haven community in the hall organize by Dominic and some of the members of our parish.



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





PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **122** 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

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship North Shore

The end of year meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wed 29 Nov 23 at St Joseph's Centre, Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna. It will be a celebratory gathering for the successful year we have had in bringing Catholic men together in a spirit of fraternity, comradeship and learning/growing their faith. We warmly invite all men together with their wives/partners for a shared meal and fellowship. Please bring a plate. Refreshments will be available. You may bring a friend.

For more information contact Russell 022-034-5678.



2024 Columban Art Calendar

Available now from the office - \$10

Email the office on

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, 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



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 09-480-5959

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Beate Matthies	Anthony Davids
Ministers Of The Word	Tuan Nguyen Te Aorere Chan	Sesalina Setu Andrew Gongora
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters Liz Anthony	Atela Brahne Mathilde Mujawamariya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau	MC
Computer	Chris Simpson	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Ana Tran	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team D	Stephen Chmiel

Next Week READINGS

26 November 2023

First Reading:
Ezekial 34:11-12,15-17

Psalm: 23

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel:
Matthew 25:31-46

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 (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



The latest issue in your church Sunday Nov. 19

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

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