

# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH

198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626

[www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz](http://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

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

## Christ the King 26 November 2023

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

**Psalm:** 23

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, king of the Universe

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King to mark the end of the liturgical year A of the Ordinary Time.

Today we say goodbye to Matthew and next Sunday we begin the season of Advent then we welcome Mark. There

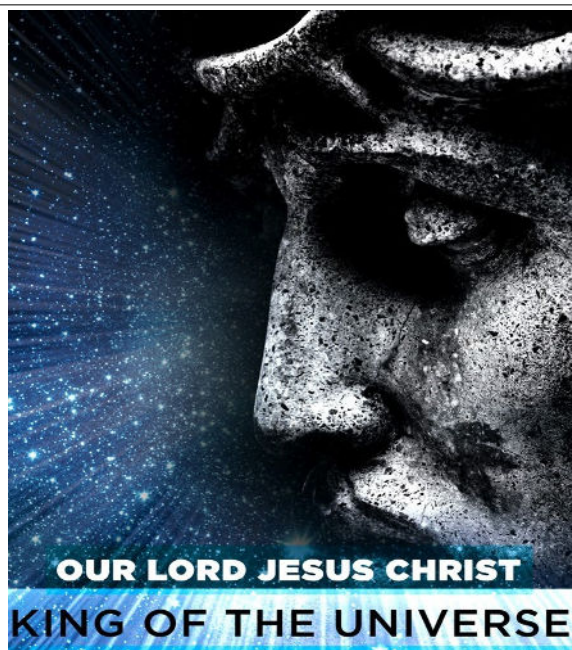
is not better way to end our reflections on the words and

deeds of Jesus then to reflect on the meaning of His kingship. Today's scripture reading revolves around the Last Judgment scene of Jesus Christ coming in glory and power. It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ as Ruler, and Christian values, back into lives of Christians, into society, and into politics. This feast was reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King.

In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel. God is portrayed, not so much as a judge of his people, but as someone who cares for them as a good shepherd care for his sheep. It reminds us of Christ's claim to be the Good-shepherd-king, leading, feeding and protecting his sheep. Psalm 23 sings, 'The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want'. A servant king, the choice of the shepherd-psalm for Christ the king is significant. He came, not to be served, but to serve.

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

The kings of his world are driven by the love of power, but Jesus preferred the power of love. Although he was Lord and master, yet he washed the feet of the apostles.



**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 a first letter of saint Paul to the Corinthians, at the end of time Christ will reign as universal king, having overcome all hostile forces, including death.

In today's Gospel, We don't know exactly how the last judgement will happen, but we do know what the followers of Jesus will be judged on. Although Emperors and kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honour Christ as the king of the Universe by enthroning Jesus in our hearts, surrendering our lives to God. So, this feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important and to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion Jesus showed. Christ the king come in Heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. What Jesus represent to us now not only as our Good Shepherd leading, feeding and healing his sheep, but also dwelling in those for whom we are. In today parable of separating of the sheep from the goats at the Last judgment, every person to whom we give ourselves, 'whether hungry, thirsty or a stranger, naked, sick, or in prison', is revealed to us as having been the risen Christ. Our reward or punishment depends on how we have recognized that treated this risen Christ in the needy.

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

### 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
- Ministers of Communion who attended the training session on November 16 will receive their certificates from Fr Aleki at the 8am and 10am Masses on December 3.
- Advent Reconciliations for Northshore Denary: Wed Dec 6 Northcote, Thurs Dec 7 Mairangi Bay; Sun Dec 10 Devonport; Tues Dec 12 Takapuna: Wed Dec 13 Orewa; Thurs Dec 14 Glenfield: Friday Dec 15 Beach Haven. All at 7pm.
- Christmas Carols I invite everyone community and families or individual to join this big celebration preparing for Christmas, will be start from 16th up to 23rd, you can put down your name in the form at the back of the church. I encourage everyone to make this event as parish event as part of our preparing for this coming Christmas thanks.
- 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.
- Our office will close from 22nd of December up to the 22nd of January but it will be opened on 25th of January.



### Sacramental PHOTOS



The Photographs are now available online with this link.

[https://emilychalkphotography.shootproof.com/  
gallery/22861674/home](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 **124** 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**

### **NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP**

The November meeting will be on Wednesday, the 29th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church hall, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. This is our last meeting of the year and our scripture is from Revelation 7: 17

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."



### **2024 Columban Art Calendar**

Available now from the office - \$10

Email the office on

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

to book your copy

Hi all - a reminder this Sunday evening we have **United in Praise** hosted here at Birkenhead Baptist (25 Birkdale Road, Birkdale). We at Birkenhead Baptist are only hosting, as this is very much a combined churches expression of faith and hope. If you weren't able to be at the combined ministers lunch a few weeks back where we put the details together, please advertise with your congregation on Sunday to encourage as many as possible to attend.

The vision is that we long and hope for God to move in our communities - for every church and every faithful disciple to flourish and grow. The only thing we can do to make such happen is be united and to pray!

7pm this Sunday! God bless Pastor Rob



### **TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy**

#### **Online Sessions (Evening):**

St Nicholas - History, Legend & Culture with Beate Matthies.

Monday, 4 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-nicholas/>

#### **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	Charles Grinter	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Florinda Azavedo Aurora Munoz	Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo Suzie McCarthy
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox Atela Brahne	Pat McCarthy Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Liz Anthony	Ana Tusani
Computer	Chris Simpson	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Bernabe/ Gemma Nivera

### 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 (12 Dec)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (06 Dec)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed ( 15 Dec)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (TODAY)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (03 Dec)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (10 Dec)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (17 Dec)

**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](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)