

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH

198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626

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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

1st Sunday of Advent
03 December 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Psalm: 80

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

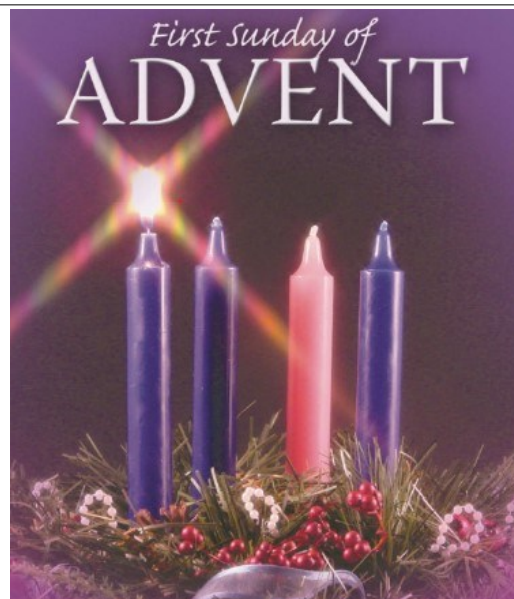
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come

Today we light the 'Prophecy candle' signifies 'Hope'. We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring Good News of salvation.

Advent is a time of watching. We are awaiting for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. And we are also waiting for his coming to us at the time of our death. Since both times are hidden from us, we should maintain a state of watchfulness so that we are ready to meet the Lord at any moment. Advent means 'coming', and it reminds us of the 'already and not yet'. It already know that Jesus has already come in his incarnation, at Christmas that recall all of his historical coming among us as a babe at Bethlehem. Advent season prepares us for Christmas. In order to understand the message of Christmas we have to start at the beginning with the history of Israel's salvation we Christian view it through the eye of our faith. It shows that all of that history was pointing and leading towards Jesus. He was the one who fulfilled the messianic prophecies.

In the first reading from the book prophet Isaiah, it is a poem (written by returned exile) entreating God to come and save his people. It recalls God's past goodness, and candidly acknowledges the ingratitude and sinfulness of his people and pleads with him to save them from their present sinfulness. Isaiah prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community who returned from Babylonian exile, may remain faithful to their God.

**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 80 sings, ' Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved'.

In the second reading from the first letter of Paul to Corinthians. Paul prays for the reconversion of Christians in Corinth who have misused their gifts and charisms and remain ill-prepared for Christ's second coming. As we await the coming of Christ in glory, the Holy Spirit keeps us steadfast in bearing witness to him.

In today's Gospel Mark reminds us that we are in the season of the Advent. Jesus instructs his disciples to be alert and watchful while doing their Christian duties with sincerity, so the gatekeeper and the household servants are expected to be ever vigilant because their master is sure to return. And the time of his return is uncertain, and the reward or punishment is sure and certain. And we are told to be watchful and alert while we are awaiting the coming of Christ. And we need to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we do not know the hour when Christ, our Master, will return. Here the early Christians believed was imminent. For the faithful, the Lord's coming is not something to fear. They are urged to live in such a way as to be always ready to meet the Lord. These words are addressed to us 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



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



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
- Liturgy committee meeting on 6th Wednesday, Finance meeting on 12th and PPC on 13th of December all at 7pm.
- Fr Aleki will celebrate his 16th years as a priest on 6th of December, 11 years with the Salesian of Don Bosco and five years with the Auckland Diocese option only those who attend 9 o'clock mass will have a cup of tea in the hall after. I thank here for Ifo and everyone who with me celebrating my 53rd birthday last 30th of November in the hall and everyone who greeting me my birthday I pray for all who have birthday on the month of November may God bless and give you year to come.
- **Advent Reconciliations for Northshore Denary:** Dec 6 Northcote, **Dec 7 St Francis' Torbay**; Dec 10 Devonport; Dec 12 Takapuna; Dec 13 Orewa; Dec 14 Glenfield: **Dec 15 Beach Haven**. All at 7pm.
- Christmas Carols, we have five groups already registered for this event, we only have three days to fill in, if not then we will use this but I still invite more three to join in to make this occasion as a good way of our preparation for our Christmas. We are looking forward to have more three before we close our Christmas Carols event thanks.
- Parish office will be close from 22nd of December and open on 25th of January 2024 .



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

to book your copy

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit

www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Learn about how St Francis re-enacted the birth of Jesus by setting up the first crib in Greccio, Italy. Sun 3 Dec- 'Greccio Remembered' by Br Philip Jeffares OFM- 2pm-4pm (Free)

Time Out Days - For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 7 Dec | Wed 21 Feb 2024 | Thu 21 Mar 2024



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



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.



East Coast Bays Catholic Parish

We are currently looking for two part-time staff members for the office in Mairangi Bay.

Position 1: Office & Communications Assistant

To support the office team in communications activities and processes for the parish and ensure all parishioners are kept informed and supported through different channels of communication. This includes preparing the weekly newsletter and assisting with the updating of the parish website and social media.

Position 2: Liturgy & Pastoral Coordinator

Prepare the efficient delivery and coordination of all sacraments and liturgical celebrations which enhance the parish community of East Coast Bays Parish. This role includes supporting and coordinating processes, programmes and volunteers, and making sure that the parish's liturgical and pastoral needs are met.

Hours: 12-15 hours/week (with some flexibility) Location: Parish Office, 395 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland.

Detailed Job Descriptions are available on request.

beate@ecbcatholic.org.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

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Sesalina Setu	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Te Aorere Chan Therese Corpuz	Anthony Davids Bill Kilgallon
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters Liz Anthony	Mathile Mujawamariya Minda Ballo
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau	Andrew Gongora
Computer	Christiana Setu	Michael Coats
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team B	Liz Anthony Ana Tusani

Next Week READINGS

10 December 2023

First Reading:
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Psalm: 85

Second Reading:
2Peter 3:8-14

Gospel:
Mark 1:1-8

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 (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 (TBC)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (10 Dec)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (17 Dec)

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

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