

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

Parish Priest: Fr Aleki Piula

Email: alekipiula@yahoo.co.nz

Presbytery Phone: 483 7919

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Contact Parish priest

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact Office

Parish Operations & Finance Manager: Marc Theron

Email: secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz

Parish Office: 09-483-5919

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

2nd Sunday of Advent
10 December 2023

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

Psalms: 85

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:1-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Preparing the way of the Lord

All three readings today focus on the absolutely necessity of our getting ready for Christmas. It is about repentance, preparing, praying and renewal of our lives. It also reminds us the past coming of Jesus 2000 years ago, the daily present of Jesus in the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures and the praying of the community and his future coming that is his second coming are actually the fulfillment of God's plan for us from all eternity.

In the first reading from prophet Isaiah, the people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming to save them.

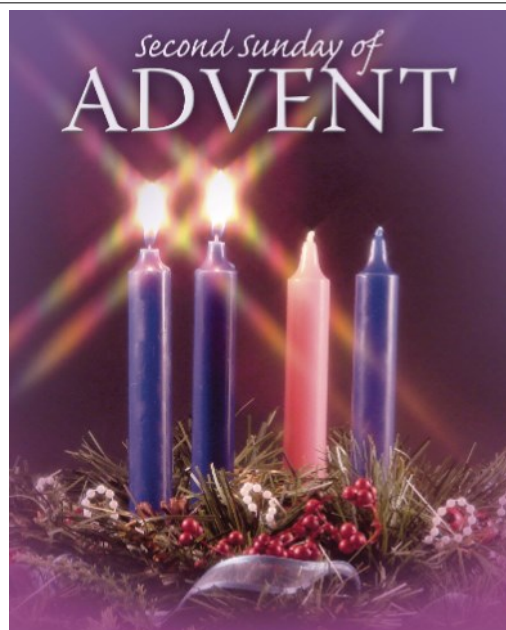
Psalms 85 sings, 'Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help'

In the second reading, second letter of Peter. If the Lord appears to be slow in coming, It is to give people an opportunity to be ready to meet him when he comes.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges the people to prepare for the imminent coming of the Saviour. Isaiah's words point the way to the messianic era this leads into the Gospel like a new Elijah, John appears in the desert and announces the coming of the redeemer, Jesus, the Christ and Son of God.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.

**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!

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We Belong Here | Nō konei ake tōtau

SUMMER CELEBRATION

FOOD ~ MUSIC ~ FUN

16 DEC 2023 | 2-4 pm

Pack a picnic, bring the whānau and join us for a relaxing afternoon celebrating our lovely local community

Birkdale Community House
134 Birkdale Road

  Birkdale Beach Haven
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Great Value!

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

\$15 per bag

Foodtogether Pop-up
Birkdale Community House
Friday 2.30-3.30pm
134 Birkdale Road

Order online by midday Thursday at
www.foodtogether.co.nz
Walk-ins welcome, pay by eftpos




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."



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
- **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.
- 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 **125** 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

Prepare the Way of the Lord:

Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home - Saturday evenings to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; Wednesday mornings in silent Meditation; Wednesday evenings to reflect on Pope Francis message for us that 'it is confidence that must lead to love'.

We ask Mary, our Mother, to open our hearts to the presence of her Son this Advent. God bless.

Register with diannaf@cda.org.nz



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

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



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Christmas Story with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/23/the-christmas-story/>

<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	Beate Matthies	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Sesalina Setu Charles Grinter	Filomena Naititi Stephen Chmiel
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox Fautua Peter Tevaga	Mata'afa Elisaia Tulifau Filipina Tulifau
Prayers Of The Faithful	Christiana Setu	Tofipau Ray Tenisio
Computer	Chris Simpson	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team C	Sela Capel Stephen Chmiel

Next Week READINGS

17 December 2023

First Reading:
Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

Psalms: Magnificat

Second Reading:
1Thess 5:16-24

Gospel:
John 1:6-8,19-28

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 (09 Jan)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (12 Dec)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (10 Jan)
- **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 ()
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (TODAY)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (07 Jan)

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