



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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm - CLOSED 22 Dec - OPEN 25 Jan '24

4th Sunday of Advent 24 December 2023

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Psalms: 89

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

You will conceive and bear a son



Today we lit the fourth candle known as the Angel candle represents peace and justice that the Angels and Christ brings to the world. It also can represent purity. As we move closer to celebrate the birth of child Jesus we draw our focus on Mother Mary. It is no surprise to find that Mary is at the centre of today's Gospel. Mary only concern was to do the will of God. She will help us to do it also.

In the first reading from the second book of Samuel, it surprises us by telling us that God's promise to David that he would have a long line of loyal descendants in the final king, Jesus Christ that building an everlasting dynasty for him.

Psalms 89 sings, 'Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord'.

Second reading a letter of Paul to the Roman, here Paul surprises us both Jews and Gentiles with unveiling of God Plan of Salvation for us through Jesus.

Today's Gospel, reflect on how Mary, at the Message of an angel, was deeply disturbed but could still express her fiat, her act of faith 'let it be done to me according to your word'. This season challenges us to be like Mary; ready to hear the Word of God and put it into practice.

**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!**

So, as we light the fourth Advent candle today, may we be inspired by the Holy Spirit promised us to be open to God's word. The Gospel surprises us that the promise of God is fulfilled in the humble handmaid like Mary who totally put her trust in God's promise.

Christmas Time mass on 24 11pm.

Isaiah 9:1-7; A son is given to us

Psalms 95:1-3, 11-13: R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord

Titus 2:11-14: God's grace has been revealed to all people.

Luke 2:1-14: Today a saviour has been born for you.

Mass on Christmas day.

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 97:1-6

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

Reflection: The word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, Our Holy Mother Mary treasured these things in her heart, and so should we. We feel that God is very close to us and very loving towards us. And we feel close to one another. All this happens because God's Son became one of us. He has brought God near to us and one another.

In the first reading prophet Isaiah in his great hymn of exultation at the return of the exile from Babylon is also a poem of joy for our redemption.

Psalms 97 sings, 'All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God'.

In the second reading the letter of the Hebrews, the whole history of God's dealings with his people in the past was a preparation for the coming of his Son at a particular moment in history.

In today's Gospel, this is a great hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God. So, Christmas is the feast we celebrate of God sending his Son to us as a Saviour. God here wants to share His love with us.

That why He is Emmanuel (God living with us and within us). Today celebration brings out the fullest meaning of what the feast reveals. John reaches back even before the creation and identifies the new-born child as the Word of God. The word brings life and light to the world. To those who accept him he gives the power to become children of God. Merry Christmas everyone and happy new year.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.

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.

- As is our usual custom there will be no refreshments after the Christmas Night Mass and the Christmas Morning Mass
- **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
- Thanks here to all who participate on the Christmas Carlos, The Filipino community, the Samoan community, the Tongan community, Donald and Michael, Neon, Juan family and Vietnam's friends, Ana, Seta family, Ausage, Sesa and Christiana, Ifo and grandchild, Tesi, Faith, and all who support this all days and each day. Thanks Ana, Ifo, and David for back up the sound system, and for decoration the hall, so, thanks once again may you have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.
- Mass in January only have one mass at gam, Fr. Tony from the first Sunday to Third Sunday of January, and Fr Moses on the last Sunday the 28th of January 2024.



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



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **126** 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.

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

MASSES in JANUARY 2024

ONLY ONE Sunday
Mass at
9 am

Social event for single Catholics

On 27 January 2024 at 4pm, we are meeting for afternoon drinks at Good George, Mission Bay followed by a stroll around the beach. It will be a very relaxed fun way to spend the evening with like-minded company!

If anyone you know is interested, please ask them RSVP to aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

24 February	Auckland Lantern Festival
9 March	Movies in the Park: Coco
23 March	Takapuna beach hike + picnic



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



Meri Kirihimete me nga mihi o te Tau Hau. The Maria Assumpta conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes all parishioners every blessing over this Christmas season. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact Charles (022 0242 753), Chris (020 4139 5170) or the Vinnies Shop (482 3017).

We are experiencing steady demand for assistance this Christmas. If you wish to support us financially, donations can be left in the box at the rear of the church or you can contribute using internet banking (a/c number 12-3035-0514670-00). Please make sure that you put your name on the envelope or in the reference field.

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 tea and baking goods. Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church before Mass on Sundays.

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 Min- istries	Midnight Mass - 10pm	Christmas Mass- 9am	New Years Eve Mass - 11pm	New Years Day Mass - 9am
Welcome/Notices	Bill Kilgallon	Charles Grinter	Bill Kilgallon	Anthony Davids
Ministers Of The Word	Andrew Gongora Sesalina Setu	Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo Beate Matthies	Stephen Chmiel Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo	Andrew Gongora Te Aorere Chan
Ministers of Com- munion	Vic Peters Stephanie Martin	Maria Wilcox Atela Brahne	Atela Brahne Fautua Peter Tevaga	Yeng Bernabe Maria Taualofa'i
Prayers Of The Faithful	Ana Tusani	Florinda Azavedo	Ana Tusani	Beate Matthies
Computer	Filomena Filipo	Michael Coats	Andrew Gongora	Michael Coats
Musicians	Si'uleo Vitale	Filomena Filipo	TBA	TBA
Counters	Team ??		Team ??	

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 (13 Feb 24)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (10 Jan 24)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (17 Jan 24)
- **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 (07 Jan)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (14 Jan)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (21 Jan)

FREE!
TAKE
ONE



NEWSLETTER:

Do you want the
Newsletter via email ?

PLEASE register with the
church online here:

[https://
beachhavencatho-
lic.org.nz/parishioner-
registration/](https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/parishioner-registration/)



CDA Connect

Are you wanting to know what is hap-
pening in the
diocese? CDA
Connect is a monthly
newsletter concern-
ing 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