



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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 February 2024

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Psalms: 32

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Cure of the leper



All three readings of today teaches us that we are called to become pure and holy. We become holy by confession our sins to God and offering our lives to God's glory and sharing God's love with those around us without discrimination against colour, race, culture, religion, lifestyle, wealth and social status. It is also reminds us that we do not become holy by ritual observances.

In the first reading from the book of Leviticus. Lepers were considered ritually unclean and were compelled to live apart from the community.

Psalms 32 sings 'I turn to you, Lord, in the time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation'. This psalm teaches us that we become holy by confessing our sins and being reconciled with God every day.

In the second reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, he urges us never to do anything offensive to anyone but to do everything for the glory of God.

In today's Gospel tells of the cure of a leper by Jesus. Leprosy is the clear theme of the first reading and the Gospel. In biblical times lepers were treated as pariahs. Leprosy was the ultimate uncleanness.

**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!**

It made the victim as outcast not only socially, but also in the religious sphere. Jesus broke through all the religious and social taboos and reached out a loving and healing hand to the leper. In this way we see how a Christian community should deal with sinners and people society rejects. It challenges us to trust in the mercy of a forgiving God who assures us that our sins are forgiven, and we are clean.

Jesus tear down the wall to separate us from others and build bridge of loving relationship. Jesus calls us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and welcome the outcast and the untouchables of society. Let us examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome the outcasts in our society.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.



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
- We have two masses on 14th Ash Wednesday, 9am in the morning and 7pm at the evening. We begin our Lent season our forty days preparation for Easter.
- We will start our station of the cross on 16 Feb, Friday at 7pm.
- Liturgy Committee next meeting on 20 February at 7.00pm
- We have an anointing mass at 10am on 17 Feb, Saturday followed by cup of tea in the hall.
- **PALMS:** Please bring the palms you received on Palm Sunday last year and place them in the basket at the back of church. The palms are burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday – which is on 14 February.
- **WAITANGI DAY** – Tuesday 6 February. After the morning Mass there will be morning tea in the hall – please bring a plate to share. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, The Treaty of Waitangi.
- **EASTER** – Ministers We are beginning to plan the Liturgies of Holy Week – could Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist please let Ana know if you are not available that week.
- I thank here for Fr Tony and Fr Moses of helping out while I am away, I pray may God bless you too for this new year activities.

RCIA 2024 - Rite of Election

With Ash Wednesday being 14 February Lent is relatively early in 2024. This will see the celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to Ongoing Conversion occur Sunday 18 February at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. The pōwhiri will begin at 1.45pm.

Registrations are required by Tuesday 13 February.

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/rite-of-election-2024/>

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

14th February is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. As part of this special time of the year the Takapuna parish is hosting an introductory course on Meditation in the Christian Tradition.

Christian meditation is a simple way of being in God's presence through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. In stillness we enter into union with God. In silence we give our own spirit room to breathe and to be with a God who longs to be in union with us. It becomes the prayer of the heart and the practice of the presence of God. Some also report physical and mental benefits.

The course starts on Tuesday 20th February from 7.30pm to 9.00pm and will run for four weeks 20th & 27 February and 5th & 12th March. It will be held in the St Joseph's parish Meeting Room, 10 Dominion St, Takapuna, (the old office) and led by members of the New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation. For more information please contact Graham on 09 489 4389.



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.

Social event for single Catholics

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

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

Year of Prayer Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Resources are available on the diocesan website

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/year-of-prayer/> and will be updated regularly particularly as resources become available through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

Safeguarding at St Joseph's Parish

Safeguarding training is a requirement for those of our volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Accordingly, the Catholic Diocese of Auckland will be holding a Safeguarding workshop on Thursday, 15 February, 7.00pm in the St Joseph's Parish Hall.

All are welcome, including volunteers from other parishes and those already trained but might like to refresh their knowledge.

Please **RSVP** by Monday 12th February to secretary@stjoseph.org.nz



TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sundays, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha.

<https://bit.ly/3u9eJ3L>

The Mystery of Miracles

Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm \$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.

<https://bit.ly/3Hyu9BS>

Info - registration: info@studyjoy.nz



Thank you for your ongoing support of the Maria Assumpta conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact Charles (022 0242 753) or the Vinnies Shop (482 3017).

Our foodbank always needs donations of non-perishable groceries and household goods. At the moment, we especially need breakfast foods, canned food, lunch items, and pasta. 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 giving 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.

We welcome new members and particularly need people to assist with Friday bread deliveries and delivering food parcels. If you think you could spare an hour or so each month, please contact Charles. 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.



Gathering to pray for our city

Thursday 24 October 2024 | Eden Park
Join with church, NGO, mission, business, and other Christian leaders from across the city for our annual Auckland Prayer Breakfast!

Get tickets now!

\$35 Super Early Bird closes on Friday 1 March
<https://prayerbreakfast.nz/auckland/>

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN, NORTH SHORE:

Our first gathering for 2024 will be on TUESDAY, 20th February, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church followed by cuppa. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pio Fong.

Come and join Catholic women to pray, praise and fellowship with one another.

Phone Sylvia Hartley 021 088 22990 or
emailaldonsylvia@gmail.com



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	Pat Lythe	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Beate Matthies Sesalina Setu	Tapunu'u Lolesio Filipo Stephen Chmiel
Ministers of Communion	Fautua Peter Tevaga TBA	Lulia Naititi Yeng Bernabe
Prayers Of The Faithful	Christiana Setu	Andrew Gongora
Computer	TBA??	Filomena Filipo
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team C	Sela Capel Stephen Chmiel

Next Week READINGS

18 February 2023

First Reading:
Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: 86

Second Reading:
1Peter 3:18-22

Gospel:
Mark 1:12-15

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 Mar)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (13 Feb)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (20 Feb)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (21 Feb)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (25 Feb)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (03 Mar)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (TODAY)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (18 Feb)

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