

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

1st Sunday of Lent
18 February 2024

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: 25

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

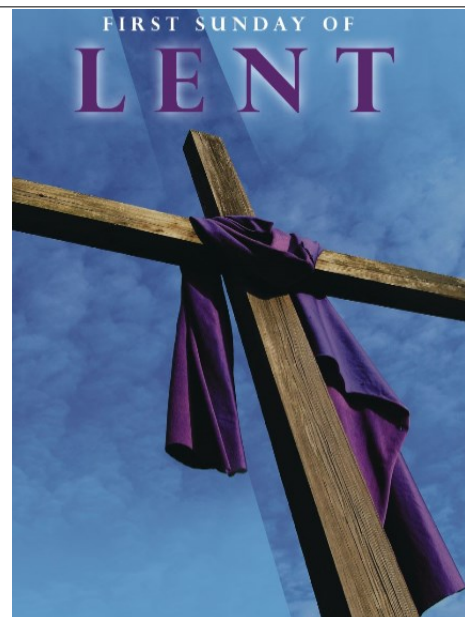
He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Today we begin the first Sunday of Lent, a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. During Lent, we give special attention to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is a joyful season as we anticipate the resurrection of the Lord. This first Sunday we inclined to reflect more deeply on how we live as Christians brings us to renewal of our Baptismal promises and rejecting sin and accepting Jesus as our Saviour and Lord, allowing him to rule over our lives. It demands of purifying of minds and hearts. And leading us to a true repentance and renewal of life.

In the first reading from the book of Genesis. We hear the story of the friendship agreement of the covenant which established with Noah and his descendants after the flood. It tells how Noah or Christians is saved by passage through water, the waters of Baptism (the second reading) so it is through our Baptism that we enter into the new covenant relationship with God, and that Christ's victory over sin and death is communicated to us.

Psalm 25 sings, 'Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant'. It recognising our human insufficiency and our dependent on God, of His mercy and His forgiveness.

**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!

In today's Gospel after his baptism Jesus spent forty days in the desert, during which time he was tempted by Satan. He was victorious struggle against evil. Here Mark makes no reference to the fast of Jesus. In this first struggle Jesus is not God-forsaken as he will be at his last (Mark 15:34). And follow by his Baptism, It also tells how Jesus started his preaching his Messianic mission: 'The time is fulfilled the kingdom of God is at hand Repent. Believe in the Gospel'.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.



*Free online lectures in March:
"Toward a Constitutively Synodal Church."*

Form yourself and learn for free with our courses, at your own pace, without restrictions or time limitations.

- **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 will start our station of the cross on 16 Feb, Friday at 7pm.
- Liturgy Committee next meeting on 20 February at 7.00pm
- Youth will have practice for their mass on the Fourth Sunday of this month I encourage parents and children to make this opportunity as your Lent preparation to do well this preparation Siulita will tell you when.
- Can I see all altar servers to see me and Michael after 10am mass thanks.
- I thanks here for those who turn up to our Station of the Cross then I encourage everyone to make use of this time of Lent to attend this station of the cross as part of our sacrifice for this Lent season.
- I remind everyone parishioners to register with the Parish, so, that, you can have an advantage of using our hall for \$10 per hour with a bond for \$100.
- **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.



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.



Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent, starting 16 February, at 7 pm.



Caritas

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Lenten Giving Packs

Donation Envelopes are at the back of the Church.

You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. A free post envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.

Please **DO INCLUDE contact details**, such as name, address and email details, so that we can send you a tax receipt. Alternatively, you can donate online by visiting www.caritas.org.nz and pay by credit card or make a direct transfer to Caritas' bank account.

Donations received in these envelopes by 31st March will be sent a receipt for the 2023/2024 tax year. Donations received after 1st April will be sent a receipt for the 2024/2025 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.



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>

The Stations of the Cross - Reflections on Wood Carvings.
Available in English and Samoan. \$7 incl. postage

<https://bit.ly/48rLnG>

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
email_aldonsylvia@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	Beate Matthies	Julita Seumanutafa
Ministers Of The Word	Tuan Nguyen Te Aorere Chan	Youth
Ministers of Communion	Vic Peters Liz Anthony	Filipina Tulifau Mata'aafa Elisaia Tulifau
Prayers Of The Faithful	Anne and Ray Anderson	Youth
Computer	Filomena Filipo	Christiana Setu
Musicians	Ana Tran	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu
Counters	Team D	Chris Simpson Stephen Chmiel

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 (12 Mar)
- **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 (10 Mar)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (TODAY)

FREE!
TAKE ONE



Next Week READINGS

25 February 2023

First Reading:
Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Psalm: 116

Second Reading:
Romans 8:31-34

Gospel:
Mark 9:2-10

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 MUST be made **ONLINE**

<https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/venue-hall-hire-2/>

Registered Parishioners: Hall Hire fee: \$100 Bond and **\$10.00** / hour.

NON Parishioners: Hall Hire: \$350 Bond. \$25.00 / hour.
(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