

# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH

198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626

[www.beachhavencatholic.org.nz](http://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](mailto:alekipiula@yahoo.co.nz)

**Presbytery Phone:** 483 7919

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

Contact Parish priest

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact Office

**Parish Operations & Finance Manager:** Marc Theron

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**Parish Office:** 09-483-5919

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**03 March 2024**

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17

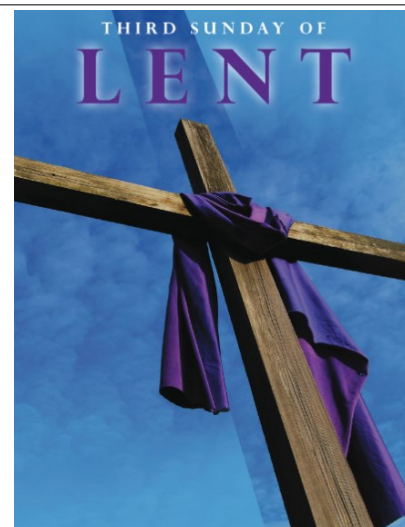
**Psalm:** 19

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

**Gospel:** John 2:13-25

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**Cleansing of the Temple**



We are on third Sunday of Lent and our readings teach us about to clean out the temple of our own hearts and to offer to God a proper worship by obeying the Ten Commandments. It also teach us how to be holy by repentance and allowing the Holy Spirit to control our lives. Today we are gathering here in the house of God, a house of prayer and worship. Let us reflect a moment on the attitude we bring to our worship this morning.

In the first reading from the book of Exodus. the Ten commandments are a map of life for a people that has a special relationship with God.

Psalm 19 sings, 'Lord, you have the words of everlasting life'. This psalm responds to the gift of God's guidance in the commandments. The Law of the Lord is perfect. It revives the soul. It gives wisdom to the simple and light to the eyes. It is more to be desired than gold, sweeter than honey.

In the second reading the first letter of saint Paul to the Corinthians, here Paul preached a crucified Christ. To some the idea made no sense. To others it was a sign of the wisdom and power of 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!**

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



### 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.

Help save lives this Lent by prayer, fasting, and public witness to the sanctity of all human life from the first moment of existence at conception. Find out how to get involved here:

[www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife)

Or contact Simon – 021 400 729 or [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz)



## Caritas

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### 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](http://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](mailto: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/>

### Safeguarding WORKSHOP- 14 April 2024

Lisa-May (Diocese Safeguarding Co-ordinator) is holding a Saturday afternoon Safeguarding workshop on Saturday 14th April at 5.00pm at St Johns in Orewa (180 Centreway Road, Orewa).

As with the very successful Takapuna workshop Lisa is asking us to spread the word and invite any of your volunteers who need to attend a workshop to join us. Afterwards, perhaps they can then spend some time having dinner in the beautiful Orewa, or perhaps fish and chips on the beach.

Contact - [lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.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](mailto: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	Florinda Azavedo Aurora Munoz	Andrew Gongora Mohan Samuel
Ministers of Communion	Atela Brahne Vic Peters	Michael Coats Stephanie Martin
Prayers Of The Faithful	Charles Grinter	Bill Kilgallon
Computer	Christiana Setu	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Filomena Filipo
Counters	Team B	Ana Tusani Stephen Chmiel

## Next Week READINGS

10 March 2023

First Reading:  
2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Psalm: 137

Second Reading:  
Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel:  
John 3:14-21

### SPECIAL MASSES

**Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday of month - 4 pm  
**Samoan Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (13 Mar)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed ( 20 Mar)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (24 Mar)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (10 Mar)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (17 Mar)

**FREE!**  
**TAKE ONE**



**The latest issue**  
in your church  
Sunday  
Feb. 25

**\$4**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@mariaassumpta.org.nz)