

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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4th Sunday of Lent
10 March 2024

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

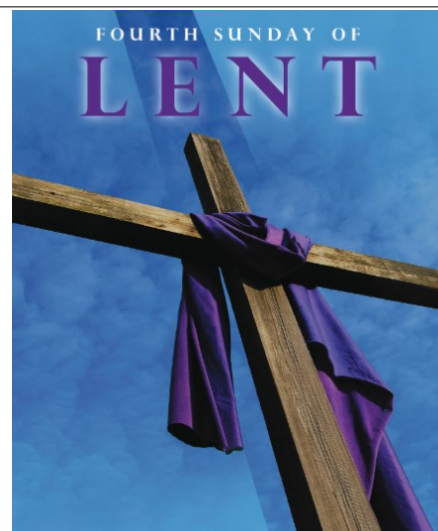
Psalm: 137

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved
through him



Today's Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday from the first word of today's liturgy. As on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, rose-coloured vestment may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. And the theme of today is light and darkness and salvation is a free gift of a merciful God given to us sinners through his only Son Jesus. And the readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of his great love, kindness and grace which is extended to us in Jesus Christ, His Son.

John the Evangelist says that when the light of Christ came into the world some people rejected it. Why? Because their deeds were evil. Light stands for truth and goodness. So we are not always welcome the light at all times.

In the first reading from the second book of Chronicle we hear the compassion and mercy of God even of their sins, God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon, but his mercy is seen in the home coming by chose Cyrus the Great pagan king to conqueror Babylon and become the instrument of God's mercy to and salvation of His people of Israel exiled in Babylon.

**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!

Psalms 137 sings, 'Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!'.

In the second reading a letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, it is not through our own efforts that we are saved, but through the love and mercy of God.

In today's Gospel, In his love for us, God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn us, but to save us. God does not judge us but people judge themselves by their response to the light. St. Paul stresses about the love of God has shown us in Christ. It makes it clear that we owe our salvation, not to our own effort, but to the goodness of God.

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.**
- **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 for all parishioners who came along and support the police and some other agency activities especially for our communities here at Beach Haven, we were so lucky to have this opportunity, where the first time happen here at Northshore, and we are the first one to do this charity activity. I was so glad of the turning up to this special occasion. Their second time will be at Northcote part in May probably.
- Check out your Lenten season of reconciliation for Northshore zone will start this week on Wednesday onward.
- I thank here for a good amount turning up to our station of the Cross every Friday, I still encourage everyone to make use of this time of lent to do something different can help you out on how you look at this time of penance, fasting, prayer and almsgiving.
- The PPC decides to have our Parish picnic at Tui Park on the 13th Saturday of April you can bring your own lunch to have meal there together with other, straight the way after mass at gam Thanks.



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."



School of Synodality

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

<https://formaciononline.bc.edu/en/home/>

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

Or contact Simon – 021 400 729 or 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 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, 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, pasta, rice, and bathroom supplies. 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.

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



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	Te Aorere Chan	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Beate Matthies Charles Grinter	Stephen Chmiel Filomena Tenisio Frost
Ministers of Communion	Mindo Ballo Maria Wilcox	Mathile Mujawamariya Lulia Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Ray Tenisio Frost
Computer	Filomena Filipo	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Ausage Fa'aoso Setu	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team C	Stephen Chmiel

Next Week READINGS

17 March 2023

First Reading:
Jer. 31:31-34

Psalm: 51

Second Reading:
Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel:
John 12:2-33

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 Apr)
- **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 (07 Apr)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (TODAY)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (17 Mar)

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 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