

# 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

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

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**17 March 2024**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Psalms:** 51

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9

**Gospel:** John 12:20-30

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**The seed must die in order to yield a rich harvest**

Today's reading focus on Jesus' death where St Paul consider as a priestly sacrifice and John consider as Jesus' moment of exaltation and glorification. The reading challenges us as Jesus became the Promised Messiah of Glory and the conquering Son of Man who offer his life for others.

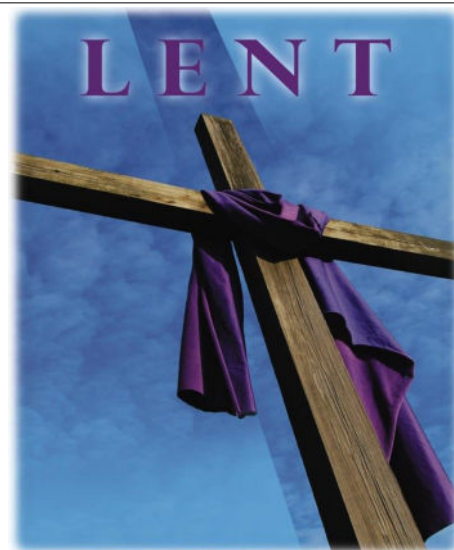
Jesus died for us, gives us courage strength and love. We too have to die to ourselves in order to live more fully as human beings and children of God.

In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah tells us how God will replace the Old Covenant of Judgement with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. This new covenant prophesied by Jeremiah was fulfilled through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection.

He tells us a shattered people that God has not forsaken them but will soon make a new and more intimate covenant with them.

Psalms 51 sings, 'Create a clean heart in me, O God'. The psalmist recognise his need for a new heart as he turns away from his shameful infidelities.

**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 from John, in his death Jesus will be glorified and this will bring life to those who follow and obey him. Here Jesus accepts the cross as his 'hour' meaning the steppingstone to his passion, death, Resurrection and exaltation.

He considers his hour as the way his Father draw all people into the saving action of God. By lifting up of Christ on the cross later into Heavenly glory by Resurrection and Ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification provided we accept our crosses.

Unless a grain of wheat dies, it cannot bear fruit or unless we die to our own will, we cannot bear fruit for God. Let go our lives and let God do with them whatever he wishes. It is a good news when we imitate the grain of wheat and die to ourselves, we too will bear much fruit. As we are moving closer to the Easter may we have a good week preparing for the holy week.

**"He mahi takitini tāku mahi, ehara i te mahi takitahi."  
*"My efforts were the efforts of many, not just of one."***

# School of Synodality

<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 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
- Reconciliation, Tuesday is Northcote, Wednesday is Glenfield, Takapuna on Thursday, and us on Friday at 7pm but 6pm station of the cross.
- All altar servers have a meeting after 10am mass in the church with Michael Coats.
- Easter timetable is on the website.
- For those who appointed for feet washing on Holy Thursday please come early and get reading for the event thanks.
- I wish everyone a good week preparing for our Holy week, the sacred Triduum and Easter God bless.



### 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, 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)



### Early preparations for Holy Week and Easter

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday** (10am)

Mass begins at 8am outside the hall where the palms will be blessed.

**Holy Thursday:** No morning mass. Evening mass of the Last Supper begins at 7pm.

Bring bells to ring at the Gloria. After Mass, people to depart in silence and not engage in conversation outside the church as others take part in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1pm

**Good Friday:** Stations in car park 8am

Ecumenical walk at 10am begins this year at Baptist church top of Birkdale rd. Bus being organised

Passion Begins at 3pm. Enter and leave in silence.

**Easter Vigil Saturday** 9pm start outside church for lighting of Paschal Candle.

Do not bring own containers for Holy Water. It will be supplied by the parish.

Again bring your bells. One mass on Easter Sunday morning at 9am.



### 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
<b>Welcome/Notices</b>	Beate Matthies (Notices only)	Michael Coats (Notices only)
<b>Ministers Of The Word</b>	Tuan Nguyen Charles Ginter Narrator: Florinda Azavedo	Bill Kilgallon Mohan Samuel Narrator: Suzie McCarthy
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Fautua Peter Tevaga Liz Anthony	Pat McCarthy Catarina Tyler
<b>Prayers Of The Faithful</b>	Christiana Setu	Andrew Gongora
<b>Computer</b>	Charles Ginter	Mitchell Samuel
<b>Musicians</b>	Ana Tran	Ausaga Fa'aoso Setu
<b>Counters</b>	Team A	Andrew Gongora Gemma Nivera

### 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 (09 Apr)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (09 Apr)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (10 Apr)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed ( 17 Apr)
- **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 (14 Apr)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (TODAY)

**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](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)