



# 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

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CLOSED 29 March—OPEN 8 April 2024**

**Easter Sunday  
31 March 2024**

**First Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43.**

**Psalm: 118**

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**



**He is risen from the dead alleluia!**

Easter is the greatest feast of all. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ continues into Easter Sunday morning. Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and is the first day of the Easter Octave. This is the day Jesus, our Saviour, broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. This is truly the 'Day of the Lord'. But it is our day too, for Jesus shares with us the fruits of his victory. So, let us open our hearts to the joy of this great day.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, this is part of an early sermon of St Peter. We hear Peter recount the story of the life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. While all he has accomplished has been witnessed to by the prophets, the redemption of the Risen Christ has been accomplished for all people, including the gentles. Anyone who believes and bears witness to him will be forgiven.

Psalm 118 sings, 'This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad'. God's mercy is not a onetime reality; it endures across the ages. God will protect those who believe, who are rescued through his power.

**If you're sick,  
please stay HOME**

In the second reading from a letter of St Paul to Colossians, through our baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

**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, on discovering that Jesus' tomb is empty, the disciples begin to grasp what the scriptures had foretold, namely, that he would rise from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus was completely unexpected by his disciples, even though Jesus had told them on a number of occasions that he would rise from the dead.

Easter is about the resurrection of Christ is the basis of our faith. Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Easter is a feast which give us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrow and tears. Easter also gives us meaning to our prayers.

Let us live like a resurrection people not to buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and doubts but live in a joyful and peaceful life which always experience the living presence of the Risen Lord who loves us in all the events of our lives.



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 everyone who participate on our Sacred Paschal Triduum may the blessing of our Risen Lord give you joy and hope for this Easter season.
- The office will be close next week due to Marc have a one week leave until the following week.
- Parish Picnic will be held at Tui Park on 13th of April the second Saturday of April. We will have it there after the mass at 9am. I just remind everyone to write down in our dairy this special day.
- For all children looking for first holy communion and confirmation we will have a meeting on the fourth Sunday 28th of April in the hall. For all children who looking for this, see Fr. Aleki or Joyce Samuel. We are planning to celebrate it on Christ the King on 24th of November 2024.
- We will have an AGM on 26th Sunday of May 2024 after 10am mass in the hall so write down in your dairy.



#### 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 **127** 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/4daysforlife](http://www.fli.org.nz/4daysforlife)

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



**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/48rLlnG>

Info - registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)



**Preparations for Holy Week and Easter**

**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
Welcome/Notices	Beate Matthies	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Te Aorere Chan Aurora Munoz	Andrew Gongora Suzie McCarthy
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox Liz Anthony	Mathile Mujawamariya Pat McCarthy
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Michael Coats
Computer	Charles Grinter	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Bernabe/ Gemma Nivera

## Next Week READINGS

07 April 2024

First Reading:  
Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: 118

Second Reading:  
1John 5:1-6

Gospel:  
John 20:19-31

### 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 (TBC)
- **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 (21 Apr)

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



The latest issue in your church Sunday Mar. 24

\$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)