



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, **CLOSED Friday** 9am-1pm

5th Sunday of Easter
28 April 2024

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm: 22

Second Reading: 1John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula



All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit

Today's Gospel is about the vine and the branches, so, today's reading emphasizes on the need for us Christians to abide in Christ as a way for producing fruits of kindness, charity, and holiness. There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. Every Christian is linked to Christ and to all other Christians. This is clear from the words of Jesus himself saying, 'I am the vine, you are the branches'. Alas, often we ignore and hurt others and live only for ourselves.

It is an invitation to commit more fully to the paschal mystery with the assurance that God's love will sustain us. All of our work is to flow from the example of Christ. We are to lay down our lives for the reign of God and for one another. We are to persevere in promoting the gospel of Christ, and we are to be agents of Christ's love to all of God's people.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us about some of the trial of Paul endured after his conversion. This reading tells how three years after Paul's conversion, Paul went up to Jerusalem. In spite of being, introduced by Barnabas, such was the hostility he encountered that he had to be smuggled out of the city.

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

The fact that Paul took all these trials in his stride shows the depth of his faith in Jesus.

**Welcome - Malo e lelei - Bula Vinaka - Talofa lava - Mabuhay - Bienvenue
Nei hou ma - Anneunghaseyo - Ayu Bowan - Willkommen - Welkom
Haere mai! Nau mai! Whakatau mai!**

Psalm 22 sings ' will praise you, Lords, in the assembly of your people'. This psalm speaks of the vindication of the Servant that occurs in his suffering.

In the second reading a first letter of saint John, here John is reflecting on Christ's commandment of love. So, what we have to do in order to be at rights with God, we have to believe in his Son, Jesus and love one another as he told us. Active charity is what distinguishes true Christians from those who are such in name only, And this is what makes them fruitful branches of Christ, the true vine.

In today's gospel, Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to illustrate how close are the trials that bind him to his disciples. So, we have the lovely image of the vine and the branches, Here, Jesus stresses the unity that exists between him and his disciples. Vine and branches need each other. The vine cannot bear fruit without the branches. And the branches can have no life if separated from the vine.

The branches need to be pruned by trials in order to be fruitful. If Christ prunes us through trials it is only to makes us more fruitful. Pruned by suffering, a person produces the fruit of understanding and compassion.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.



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."



Sacramental Programme

The programme prepares children and young people to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

There will be a meeting for parents/carers and children who would like to join this year's programme **TODAY** (SUNDAY 28 APRIL) after the 10.00am Mass.

PLEASE register online here
<https://bit.ly/3KzAYG2>



Parish has a NEW Bank Account Number

Account Number: Maria Assumpta Parish Account:

02-0108-0708609-000

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
- First meeting with the children preparing for Sacramental programme straight away after 10 o clock mass.
- We will celebrate saint Peter Chanel feast at 7pm follow by meal in the hall on 29th Monday, tomorrow.
- We will have an AGM on 26th Sunday of May 2024 after 10am mass in the hall so write down in your dairy.
- I also ask here anyone have someone In your family who want to have Driver License please see me so I can give your name for the training of the policemen. They are waiting to give them the number so they can have a plan for this course to do it here at beach haven. So, the police are very interest to plan a date for the course to run here in Beach Haven area for learners& Restricted license.



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the first **128** 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.

Catholic Singles 30s and 40s group Meeting

At 7:30pm on 11 May we will meet at Pasta & Cuore in Mt Eden for dinner, and then, for those who feel brave, go on to karaoke!

Please note that numbers are limited for this meetup - due to the maximum dinner booking at the restaurant - so anyone interested needs to get in quick!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5546188882161795>



University Ministry Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator.

You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.

To learn more, please visit:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/



Many Other jobs - see QR Code ———>

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, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha. <https://bit.ly/3ugeJ3L>

The Mystery of Miracles

Mondays, 29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm

\$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.

<https://bit.ly/3HyugBS>

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



The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international organisation of lay people devoted to serving the poor by visiting those in need and providing support to them. While closely associated with the Catholic church, we serve anyone in need and welcome anyone as members, regardless of belief, culture, or gender.

Since August 1977, we have been active in the Beach Haven parish, visiting those in need in private homes, retirement homes, hospices, hospitals, prisons, and other places. We actively provide assistance with food and other material support. We need more people to assist us in this work and ask you to think carefully about how you may be able to help. If you are able to help, please contact Charles (022 0242 753). If you would like to volunteer to help out at our Vinnies Charity shops, please contact Mel at the Vinnies shop (482 3017) for more information.

We thank parishioners 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. Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church before Mass on Sundays. If you are able 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. Please pray for us and our work and we continue to pray for your needs.

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/>

Maria Assumpta Parish Picnic 2024



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	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Te Aorere Chan Aurora Munoz	Andrew Gongora Mohan Samuel
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox Liz Anthony	Stephanie Martin Michael Coats
Prayers Of The Faithful	Vic Peters	Stephen Chmiel
Computer	Charles Grinter	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	Filomena Filipo	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Bernabe/ Gemma Nivera

Next Week READINGS

05 May 2024

First Reading:
Acts 10:25-26

Psalm: 98

Second Reading:
1John 4:7-10

Gospel:
John 15: 18-21

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 (07 May)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (14 May)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (08 May)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Wed (15 May)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (TODAY)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (05 May)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (12 May)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (19 May)



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