

# 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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**  
Contact Parish priest  
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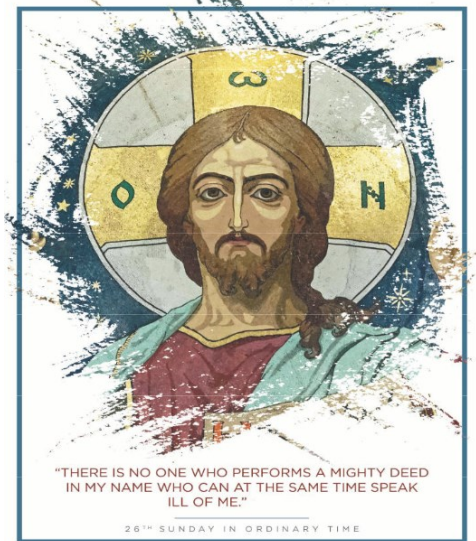
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**29 September 2024**

**First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29**  
**Psalm: 19B**  
**Second Reading: James 5:1-6**  
**Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off



Today readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance, and giving scandal. Nowadays, in our time of modern world life has brought us closer to one another than ever before. We influence one another in all sorts of ways. God wants us to be steppingstones for one another. Unfortunately, sometimes we are stumbling blocks to one another. We desire to accept Jesus' inclusive vision that all who are not against us are for us but know than often we fall short of this calling so now let us reflect on how we live as disciples and recognise our need of forgiveness and healing.

In the first reading from the book of Numbers. We hear Moses asks Joshua, 'Are you jealous on my account? who decrees that all people may prophesy? Joshua resents the fact that the gift of prophecy is now given to many others besides Moses, but Moses himself welcomes it. This reading reminds us that the Spirit cannot be confined. The Spirit works in every human mind offering enlightenment and guidance towards the fullness of life. If only we accept it. Moses had instructed Joshua to be tolerant.

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

Psalm 19 sings, 'The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart'.



**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 the second reading from the letter of James, we hear a strong condemnation of wealth from James, especially when it is obtained through exploitation of the weak. James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers in refusing to give them a living wage, by ignoring the needs of others, and condemning and murdering the innocent and the righteous. This reading reminds us that desire for justice for the poor has always been part of our good news.

In today's Gospel, contains a lesson in tolerance and in the avoiding of scandal and occasion of sin. Jesus gives a strong warning to the apostles against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, to vulnerable members of the community, and to beginners in the Faith. So, Jesus instructs the Apostles and us, we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others, to sin and so leads to spiritual death. Jesus proclaims, 'Anyone who is not against me is with me' and 'anyone who is not with me is against me.'

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.**
- Thanks for those who came yesterday for our work B, Your contributing help a lots.
- Thanks for Iulia, Valelia, the youth and the parents and all support for the wonderful mass last week and meal you provide for all parishioners and the presenting to us your world your day here in our Auckland Diocese, I am proud of you then hope you continuing to do this good work for the sake of our youth and our community of Maria Assumpta parish.
- I just remind you that October is the month of Rosary so I encourage everyone to use reciting rosary a lot of this coming special moth and may our mother Mary always intercede for us.
- Zumba classes - Friday at 6:30pm HALL.
- **PRAYER CHAIN**—If you have an emergency, health issue or special intention that you would like the people on the prayer chain to pray for, please send a message to Suzie: [patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz) Please also send in updates so we know to thank God for answered prayer or keep on praying for your request.
- The school reference form can you call Father in his phonenumber (from 10am to 1pm of Tuesday to Thursday) and arrange your appointment and bring the Baptism Certificate with you.
- For those who are looking for baptism you can fill in the form in the parish website and then call Fr. Aleki to arrange your baptism class and baptism day is always Saturday.



# Working Bee

28 September 2024

**THIS SATURDAY, this weekend**

Please come and help us

*Thank You*

volunteerism, vibrant, love, Thank You, community, celebrate, HandsOn, friends



## Parish Pastoral Council

(PPC)

News from the PPC:

- Monthly Youth meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month.
- The World Youth Day was a success. The Youth will be looking at sharing some of their experiences with the parish.
- Multicultural Group is open to new members. Anthony is now supported by Andrew.
- Caring Committee: support needed to visit the sick and/or bereaved

### **Parish has a NEW Bank Account Number**

Account Number: Maria Assumpta Parish Account:

**02-0108-0708609-000**



### PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the **143** Families who have already registered, fantastic. Our Parish Roll is now **481** members.

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.

### Food together Pop-Up Back Next Week

Our fruit and vege pop up is on every Friday at Birkdale Community House between 2.30 and 3.30pm.

Click here to order: <https://rb.gy/3nhemn>

This weeks \$15 bag includes:

Gold Kiwifruit, Onions, Cauliflower, shanghai (bok choy), Potatoes, Bananas and Taylor gold pears.

Extras for sale on the day:

Mandarin easy peel bag \$3, Red kiwifruit punnet \$3, Broccoli \$1



### MARIA ASSUMPTA YOUNG ADULTS (MAYA)

(1) Camp Registration is now closed: We will continue to plan around the numbers we have, thank you.

(2) Next Youth Mass will be on October 27th

Please contact a MAYA committee member with any questions.

We always welcome new members.

Contact Iulia 027-544-4984 or email:

[youth@mariaassumpta.org.nz](mailto:youth@mariaassumpta.org.nz)

### JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP, NORTH SHORE. Invitation of all Men!

Our Lord Jesus invites us - as His followers to draw closer to Him that we may imitate Him in our lives.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship are hosting a One-day Men's Retreat, directed by Bishop Steve Lowe, titled "He Emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7). This will be held on Saturday **19 October** (8am-4pm) at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland. It will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve. Please bring a packed lunch or plan to buy from shops nearby. Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs. All men are welcome.

To register, please contact Greg Sullivan (021) 437-747 or Russell Sobotker (022) 034-5678



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 the Takapuna Foodbank (021 0886 7844) or the Vinnies Shop (482 3017).

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 or Janet 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 (022 0242 753). 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.

### Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)

Tue 15 Oct

24Hr Quietude- For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food)

Nov 22nd/23rd

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4th October 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

### 2024 Auckland Prayer Breakfast

Thursday 24th October

Book here:

<https://prayerbreakfast.nz/auckland/>



### 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 Mathhies	Bill Kilgallon
Ministers Of The Word	Florinda Azavedo Aurora Munoz	Anthony Davids Suzie McCarthy
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox Minda Ballo	Pat McCarthy Iulia Naititi
Prayers Of The Faithful	Liz Anthony	Michael Coats
Computer	Theresa Asiasiau	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	Filomena Filipino	Si'uleo Vitale
Counters	Team A	Andrew Gongora Yeng Bernabe Gemma Nivera

## Next Week READINGS

06 October 2024

First Reading:  
Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: 128

Second Reading:  
Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel:  
Mark 10:2-16

### 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 (01 Oct)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (08 Oct)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (09 Oct)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Thur (17 Oct)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am (TBC)
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am (27 Oct)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (TODAY)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (06 Oct)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (13 Oct)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (20 Oct)

### NEWSLETTER:

Do you want the Newsletter via email ?

PLEASE register with the church online here:

[https://  
beachhavencatholic.org.nz/parishioner-registration/](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)