

# 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  
**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact Office

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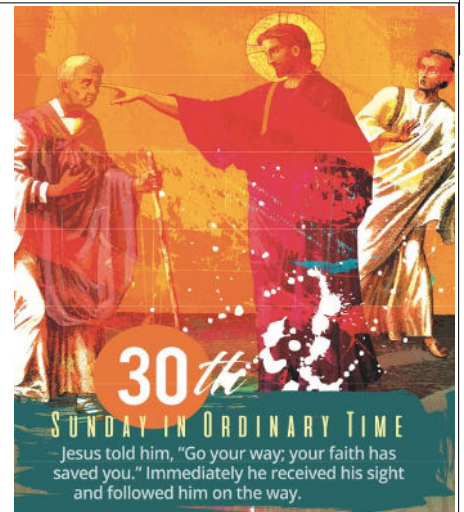
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**27 October 2024**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9**  
**Psalm: 126**  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6**  
**Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**Master, grant that I may see**



Today's readings is about the loving, mercy and kindness healing with forgiving God for His Children. Today's Gospel we meet Bartimaeus, a blind beggar when he met Jesus, his prayer was: 'Lord, that I may see'. It is a prayer which we can make our own because in many ways we too are blind. Jesus wants to open our eyes too.

In the first reading from prophet Jeremiah, he foretells the return of God's people from exile in Babylon. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event.

Psalm 126 sings', The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'.

In the second reading from a letter to the Hebrews, this reading sets out the things that are required of a priest and shows how Christ met these perfectly. Here, it presents Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for sins and as the true High Priest of the New Testament.

In today's Gospel, Jesus hears the cry of a blind man and gives him back his sight. For Mark, Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel.

**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!**

His healings of Bartimaeus is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. So, the story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The expression 'followed him along the way' doesn't simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. There can be no doubt what Mark intends. Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. He is presented as a model of faith. It seems that the story is used by the early Christian as a model of encouragement to believers and would be believers, He is a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. In Bartimaeus meeting with Jesus gave him the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and the former blind beggar became a disciple of Jesus. Through faith we can have purpose energy and direction in our lives. An enthusiastic following of Jesus results in a happy and fulfilled life. Let us pray for spiritual sight, and pray for the love, mercy and goodness of Jesus with trusting Faith. Sometimes our fear, anger, and sins prevent us from approaching God in prayer. Let tells him what all our heart's intentions and needs.

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.



**Parish Pastoral Council**  
(PPC)

News from the PPC:

- 06 Nov: Confirmation with Mons Bernard Kiely.
- 24 Nov: Multicultural Mass (instead of Youth Mass).
- Michael Coats will support Ifo in caring for the sick and the bereaved.
- The parish has purchased a defibrillator, and training with St John will be organised.
- Suggestions for one common parish event in Oct or Nov 2024 to be followed up.

**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.**
- Confirmation will be on 6th of November Wednesday at 7pm.
- If anyone in the community is a plumber please contact the parish office.
- The church has acquired a defibrillator, and we are inviting parishioners who are interested in learning the equipment as well as how to operate it in times of emergency. So, for those interested, please fill in their particulars for us to collate the trainer to help us with it (A form will be listed at the back of the Church).
- Thanks for the youth for their last service of the year, and I still encourage the parents to bring your children for youth, will help them to have a feeling for our 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 month 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 a **Saturday**.



**PLEASE Register with us**

THANK YOU to the **147** Families who have already registered, fantastic. Our Parish Roll is now **496** 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.



Thank you for your ongoing support of the Maria Assumpta conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. In the year ending 30 June 2024, we received \$11,038.00 in donations and spent \$11,560.02 of which \$10,700.53 was given directly as assistance to people in need. We provided food on 1,369 occasions, and visited 94 households throughout the year.

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 lunch items, bathroom supplies, rice, and baking goods. 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.



**MARIA ASSUMPTA YOUNG ADULTS (MAYA)**

Please join our Youth Group for a light sausage sizzle brunch (after the 10am Mass), and, as the weather forecast now seems to be smiling on us, please also join us at Milford Beach from 2pm to 6pm. Bring your own food and some food will also be supplied.

MAYA would like to extend a word of thanks to all, for the prayers, kind words, words of encouragement, love, and support, in many different ways throughout this year's Youth Masses, events, and towards our young people. THANK YOU. Please keep our young adults in your prayers, they are our future, and we look forward to serving you in 2025.

Don't forget that the payment of \$24 per person must be received by Thursday 31st October for 'The Send' day at Mystery Creek, Hamilton on Saturday 23rd November, from 10am to 8.30pm

We always welcome new members. Contact Iulia 027-544-4984 or email:

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

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**



With overseas mailing deadlines coming up for Christmas deliveries, now is the time to buy some Christmas Cards. The Maria Assumpta Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is selling Christmas cards after Mass on Sundays at \$5 for a pack of 5 cards with envelopes. The card designs are one way to keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas celebrations.

**Auckland Catholic Single Social Group**

On Tuesday 12 November, the Auckland Catholic single 30s & 40s group will meet at the Auckland Museum for their late night, Twilight Tuesdays.

The Tuitui Museum Bistro & Café has been booked for tapas at 6pm - please let Maria-Claire know if you would like to attend as space is limited:

[aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com)

Afterward, we will wander around the exhibits until the museum closes at 8:30pm.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st November 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.



**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	TBC	TBC
Ministers Of The Word	TBC	TBC
Ministers of Communion	TBC	TBC
Prayers Of The Faithful	TBC	TBC
Computer	TBC	TBC
Musicians	TBC	TBC
Counters	Team TBC	TBC

## Next Week READINGS

03 November 2024

First Reading:  
Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm: 126

Second Reading:  
Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel:  
Mark 12:28-34

### 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 (05 Nov)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (12 Nov)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (13 Nov)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Thur ( 21 Nov)
- **Liturgy of the Word** - every Monday - 9 am, with Communion.
- **Multicultural Mass** - 10 am ( 24 Nov )
- **Youth Mass** - 10 am ( TODAY)
- **Maori Mass** - 10 am (24 Nov)
- **Filipino Mass:** 1st Sunday - 4 pm (03 Nov)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (10 Nov)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm ( 17 Nov )

### 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)