

# Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
198 Beach Haven Road, Auckland 0626  
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**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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Contact Parish priest

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**01 December 2024**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

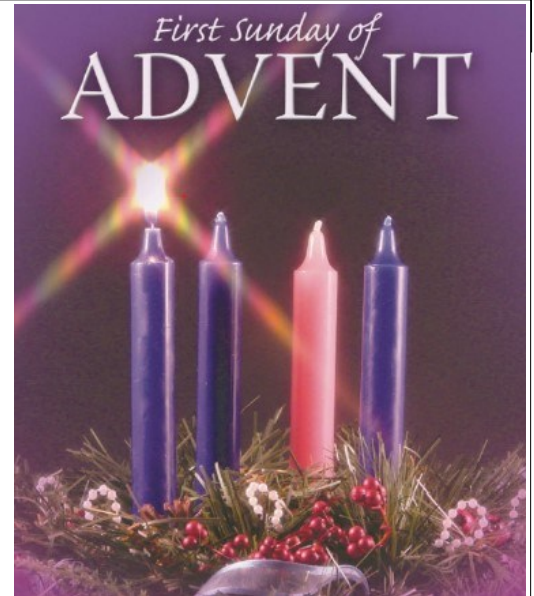
**Psalm: 25**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

**Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula**

**Keep watch! and stay awake!**



Advent comes from the Latin word, Adventus means, approach, coming, arrival. 'Coming' in the Christian church calendar, the period of preparation for the Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of the preparation for the second coming of Christ. It is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be born in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several coming (advents) of Christ into our lives through His Church and its members, through its sacraments (especially the Holy Eucharist), the word of God, the worshipping community, and finally, in His second coming. In Greek word Parousia uses as a technical term for the Second coming of Christ. In Greek it can mean quite simply the 'presence' or 'arrival' of people or things. Paul uses the word in this simple sense several times.

Advent focuses our attention on the coming of Christ. We live between two comings of Christ- his first coming in humility and weakness at Bethlehem, and his second coming in majesty and power at the end of time. St Paul says that with each passing year, 'our salvation is nearer than when we first believed'. Let us reflect for a moment on how much we need the Lord's salvation in our lives and in the world.

In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, who assures the people that God will send the promised one, the Messiah, the prophet Jeremiah waits and hopes for an ideal descendant of King David who, as the Messiah of God, will bring security, peace, and justice to God's people. Christians believe that Jeremiah's waiting and hoping were fulfilled in Jesus. Jeremiah's prophecy assures us that the Lord, our justice will fulfill His promises, and hence, that we need not be afraid, despite frightening events and almost universal moral degradation.

**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!**

Psalm 25 sings, 'To you, O Lord, I lift my soul' 'Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me for You are God, my Saviour'.

In the second reading a first letter of Paul to Thessalonians, Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love the Thessalonians have for each other and thus prepare them for the second coming of Christ. Paul urges the Thessalonians to continue and intensify the life of holiness and mutual love he has taught them as they wait for 'the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones'.

In today's Gospel, in language borrowed from the Old Testament. Luke describes the second coming of Christ. Christians should prepare for it with confidence, vigilance and prayer. Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany his Second Coming and encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant, and well-prepared: When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand' (Luke 21:28). The early Christians believed that the Second coming of Christ was near and would be preceded by cosmic signs. The disciples are urged to await the Lord's coming with confidence, vigilance and prayer. How to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ is also the topic of the second reading. Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's providence. At the Advent way of life, exalt us to stay awake at joyful hope at the coming of Our Saviour Jesus Christ so, keep watch! and Stay awake! The Lord invites us to be vigilant because the day is near. As Paul reminds us in today's second reading, we must be blameless in the sight of God when He comes. so, keep watch! and Stay awake!

Have a blessed Sunday, God bless Fr. Aleki.

**Pope Francis:**

*"Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for Him!"*

**ADVENT RITE 2 RECONCILIATION**

North Shore Deanery Parishes, 7pm

The Second Rite of Reconciliation respects the privacy of each penitent, while also acknowledging the sacrament's communal nature. It's a moving experience to see fellow Christians publicly seek forgiveness, and the congregation prays for them.

- 10 Dec., Tuesday - St. Joseph's, Takapuna
- 11 Dec., Wednesday - St. Francis de Sales, Torbay
- 12 Dec., Thursday - St. Mary's, Northcote
- 13 Dec., Friday - St. John's, Orewa
- 15 Dec., Sunday - St. Francis de Sales and All Souls, Devonport .
- 17 Dec., Tuesday - St. Thomas More, Glenfield
- 20 Dec., Friday - Maria Assumpta, Beach Haven**

**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.**
- Mass for youth at the Cathedral at 4pm today.
- For Jan 2025 - only one Sunday Mass - 9am
- I thanks here for Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cao for providing this statue of Mary and the Christmas Cribs for the parish, May God always bless you for your kind and charity for His church. We also thanks Sione Toetu'u for fixing the statue of Mary and the whole project for the Parish. May this monument help the parish to devour closer to Our Mother Mary.
- We can bless it on the 8th Sunday Second of Advent after or before the mass at 10am.
- Zumba classes - Friday at 6:30pm HALL.
- **25 Dec—Seniors Lunch in the Hall— 12pm**
- 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.**



**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**

- 24 Dec - Vigil Mass - 11 pm (Carols at 10 pm)
- 25 Dec - Christmas Day - 9 am
- 31 Dec - New Years Eve Mass - 11 pm
- 1 Jan – Mary the Mother of God Mass - 9 am

**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 **152** Families who have already registered, fantastic. Our Parish Roll is now **511** 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. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact Charles (022 0242 753) or the Vinnies Shop (482 3017).

Our foodbank is very low and needs donations of non-perishable groceries and household goods. At the moment, we especially need any non-perishable food and basic household groceries. 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 or David Sharkey. 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)**

On Saturday 23 Nov, MAYA was part of the 'The SEND' Event, 6500+ people attended with a theme of 'How can we live our faith within our homes, schools, universities, workplaces, local communities and parishes?' It was such amazing experience & opportunity to reflect on where we are with our Catholic faith?



There is a Youth Mass at the Cathedral THIS Sunday, December 1st, at 4.30 pm. It will be followed by a celebration at Pompellier House. It would be great if ALL our members could attend. Please see the Youth Committee for details or contact Iulia on the phone number below or send an email to the address shown below. Please contact us quick smart.

On Saturday, December 14th, we are planning a trip to Parakai Pools. We need all our Youth team and members to come along and anyone else who would like a wonderful afternoon. More details to follow.

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

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



**De Paul House Transitional housing and family support.**

"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."

**Christmas Appeal**

Please consider supporting our Christmas appeal.

Christmas is a time for all to gather and celebrate. It is followed by long, hot (hopefully) summer holidays. This can be difficult when time and money is short, and children are home. For the families and seniors living with us, your donation will make Christmas a celebration again.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION VIA WEBSITE](#)

(INTERNET BANKING: BNZ 02-0278-0059429-02 Reference: CHRISTMAS)

**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



Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope', giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

Visit <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html>

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Te Aorere Chan	Stephen Chmiel
Ministers Of The Word	Therese Corpuz Charles Grinter	Andrew Gongora Mohan Samuel
Ministers of Communion	Liz Anthony Maria Wilcox	Michael Coats Mathilde Mujawamariya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau /R Charles Grinter /W	Anthony Davids
Computer	Minda Ballo	Mitchell Samuel
Musicians	TBC	Filomena Filipino
Counters	Team B	Ana Tusani Stephen Chmiel

## Next Week READINGS

08 December 2024

First Reading:  
Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm: 126

Second Reading:  
Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

Gospel:  
Luke 3:1-6

### 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 (03 Dec)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (10 Dec)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (11 Dec)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Thur (19 Dec)
- **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 (TODAY)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (08 Dec)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (15 Dec)



**\$10 each**

Come to or email the office, thanks

### 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)