



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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Contact Parish priest

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact Office

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Friday 9am-1pm - CLOSED 21 Dec - OPEN 27 Jan '25

4th Sunday of Advent 22 December 2024

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Psalm: 80

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



A few days from today then we will celebrate the birthday of Christ comes most readily to those who realise of their need of him. Today we lit the fourth candle which reminds us Love that Christ brings so let us draw near bringing with us our spiritual poverty, wounds and sins.

In the first reading from the prophet Micah, I shall send you the prophet Elijah as a sign that the day of the Lord is near., Prophet Micah announces to the beleaguered inhabitants of Jerusalem that a Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will bring them peace.

Psalm 80 sings, 'Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved'.

In the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews, Jesus came, not to offer the sacrifices of the old law, but to do the will of God. His one perfect sacrifice replaced all the former sacrifices.

In today's Gospel, Elizabeth praises Mary, and, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, hints at the uniqueness of the child she has conceived. Mary the mother of Jesus her cousin call her 'blessed'. Mary is blessed in two ways. First, because she has demonstrated a stunning faith in God, and second because she is the chosen one who will bring the Son of God into the world. May this Sunday bring us love among our midst and others.

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

Have a blessed Sunday,
God bless. Fr. Aleki



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

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, is excited to be launching a new initiative called *Dovecotes*.

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us by forming a *Dovecote* in your parish. All it needs is for two or more women, to support each other to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through regular shared prayer. Our leaflet called 'Welcome to *Dovecotes*' available from your parish, contains all the relevant information. It's also on our website:

www.dove.org.nz or email Gloria Stafford:
dovenational.leader@gmail.com



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>

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**



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

Christmas Mass on Shine TV this year
Christmas Mass from the Archdiocese of Wellington will be broadcast on Shine TV at 3pm. Please let interested people know.

MASSES in JANUARY 2025

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

**ONLY ONE
Sunday Mass at
9 am**

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!"

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 here to all parishioners, wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new Year, may God bless your all.
- We would remind all who use the hall to please refrain from using the garden waste bins for food scraps as this is attracting rats.
- 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.**



PLEASE Register with us

THANK YOU to the **156** Families who have already registered, fantastic. Our Parish Roll is now **524** 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.



**MARIA ASSUMPTA
YOUNG ADULTS (MAYA)**

We had a gathering of MAYA members and families at Milford Beach on Saturday 14 December, beginning at 11am and extending into the evening. Great weather and heaps of great food.



We wish all our members, and all parishioners, a happy and very Holy Christmas and we look forward to

commencing activities again in February 2025.

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

youth@mariaassumpta.org.nz



Double bedroom to rent

Close to Glenfield College

The room is fully furnished with a bed, table, book shelf and a lamp.

Downs stairs with your own bathroom and toilet.

Private entry.

Wifi, water and power included

Price: \$ 250/ weekly

Contact: Mathilde 021-208-7428



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Meri Kirihimete ma nga mihi o te Tau Hou.
May every blessing be yours this Christmas.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Maria Assumpta conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul during 2024. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact Charles (022 0242 753) or the Vinnies Shop (482 3017).

We really need assistance to support people in need over this holiday season. If you are able to donate 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 internet banking reference field, otherwise we are unable to provide a receipt at the end of the tax year.

We also need donations of non-perishable food and household groceries as we are experiencing a steady demand for support. Anything that you can give is welcomed and can be left in the baskets at the back of the church at Sunday Mass.

Finally, please pray for our work and those for whom we care. If you would like to join us, please contact Charles (022 0242 753).



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 09-480-5959

Next Week Ministries	8:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
Welcome/Notices	Charles Grinter	Ana Tusani
Ministers Of The Word	Beate Matthies Florinda Azavedo	Stephen Chmiel Andrew Gongora
Ministers of Communion	Maria Wilcox Liz Anthony	Filipina Tulifau Mathilde Mujawamariya
Prayers Of The Faithful	Litara Asiasiau/R Charles Grinter/W	Ana Tusani
Computer	Theresa Asiasiau	Andrew Gongora
Musicians	TBC	TBC
Counters	Team E	Stephen Chmiel Andrew Gongora

Next Week READINGS

29 December 2024

First Reading:
Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

Psalm: 80

Second Reading:
Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel:
Luke 2:41-52

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 (04 Feb)
- **Finance Committee** - 7 pm Tues (12 Feb)
- **Liturgy Committee** - 7 pm Wed (12 Feb)
- **PPC Meeting** - 7 pm Thur (20 Feb)
- **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 (05 Jan)
- **Samoan Mass:** 2nd Sunday - 11:45 (12 Jan)
- **Tongan Mass:** 3rd Sunday - 12 pm (12 Jan)

NEWSLETTER:

Do you want the
Newsletter via email ?

PLEASE register with the
church online here:

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



CDA Connect

Are you wanting to know what is hap-
pening in the
diocese? CDA
Connect is a monthly
newsletter concern-
ing 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