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# EAST COAST BAYS CATHOLIC PARISH

**23rd SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME - 6th September 2020**

## REFLECTION:

In the 1st reading, Ezekiel describes God’s warning to himself and to us: we are responsible for each other. If we hear and fail to relay God’s Word, God’s call to conversion to those for whom it is intended, we will be held responsible & complicit in their sin and in the suffering and punishment it brings. One of Pope Francis’s central beliefs at the heart of *Laudato si’* is that everything and everyone is connected, interdependent. We are responsible for each other. God speaks to us and calls us to conversion in many ways. In the context of the Season of Creation, we need to listen to that Word of God in “the cry of the Earth & the cry of the poor.” (L.S. 49) The cry of the Earth, heard in increasingly powerful storms and fires, melting ice & rising sea levels, droughts & floods, pollution of air & water, loss of rich biodiversity & ecological degradation. The cry of the poor, heard & seen in widespread hunger and malnutrition, in homelessness & ill health, exploitation & vast migration and refugee flows, violence and ecological destruction of the most marginal regions where the poor are so often forced to struggle for survival. In the gospel, Jesus lays out a way to convey the urgent prophetic warnings in this time of ecological crisis, an approach that shows respect for those who need to hear these truths and invites conversion gently but persistently. At the same time, the approach is realistic: there will be those who will not listen. The prophetic word around these issues is far too important and urgent to get bogged down in endless arguments with those who, in the words of the psalm, have hardened their hearts. Move on to where the work of conversion & the growth of the New Creation can find fertile ground and produce a hundredfold. Christ calls us together too in prayer, promising to be with us, promising us that our prayer will be heard. Let our prayer deepen our awe & reverence before God revealed powerfully in creation.

**ECB MASS:**  
**Sunday 6th September at 9.00am**  
 below is the link  
 - <https://youtu.be/y1aW6XJXEhw>



**COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE :**  
**WHEN WE RETURN TO MASS:**  
 We revert to communion under the species of bread alone. Wine will no longer be offered.  
*Keep healthy, keep safe.*

**Please remember our sick in your prayers:**  
 Connor; John B; Helen D; Joan H; Pam P; Josh M; Kasia; Petra;  
 Mike G; Amy; Ian; Christine M; Pat S; Tessa G; Pat W; Manu; Rosca;  
 Diane P; Pauline H; Maria J; Wendy M; Bruce R. Joanna R; Tim H;  
 Christopher H; Jill C; Harold M; Carson family; John D; Stacey;  
 Jenny F; Paul Q; Marie & family; Phil O'B; Santa Maria; Helga M;  
 Debbie L; Kristen; Anneliese S; Nick; Tony dW; Jade C; Taff B;  
 Carmel C; Jenny J; Kaaren M; Pauline E; John L; Kim C; Jean A;

**6/9/20 23rd Sunday OT**  
 Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95  
 Rom. 13:8-10;  
 Matthew 18:15-20

**13/9/20 24th Sunday OT**  
 Ecus 27:30-28:7; Ps 103  
 Rom.14:7-9;  
 Matthew 18:21-35



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## COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

### EAST COAST BAYS CATHOLIC PARISH

This is a new role with a focus on embracing the changing world that we live in & the opportunity that technology provides us to engage our diverse community and the wonderful gift that is our volunteer workforce. Your role will be to develop & manage all communications activities and processes for the parish and ensure all parishioners are kept engaged, informed, and supported through different communication channels. You will be experienced in the utilisation of multi-level/multi-platform communications with a real focus on innovation and implementation. Key to managing communication - parish events and activities as well as the engagement and deployment of volunteers - is the development & management of the parish database. **Apply now on SEEK by attaching your cover letter & CV via the following link** <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50441300>

## GARDENERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteer gardeners for both churches but more so St Johns where a few of our volunteers have moved away from the area or have had to retire for health reasons, & the existing volunteer gardening team need help to maintain our gardens. This should only be 1-2 hrs /wk if we get enough people come forward. Please email the [office@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@ecbcatholic.org.nz) with your details and which Church you can help at. **Thank you to the two people who have replied so far.**

## COMING FOR A VISIT:

**St. Johns Church is open in office hours via the door closest to the presbytery.**

**PLEASE COMPLY WITH COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS.**

Heavenly Father,  
Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honour our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort;  
for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity;  
for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so.  
May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people - and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day. Amen.

**THE LIVING WATER (TLW) PRAYER GROUP** invite you to join us for praise & worship & scripture study, 7.30pm Mondays. We're meeting on zoom at present, ID 8507930069, password TLWPG, until St Johns opens again. Text us prayer requests. Call Nola 027 666 68 57.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION:

**FOR PARENTS WANTING THEIR FIRST CHILD BAPTISED.** The course will be held at St John's Church; **Tuesdays September 8th & 15th; 7:15pm.** Attendance at a preparation course is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their 1<sup>st</sup> child baptised. Email Liz in the office.

**PASTORAL CARE:** Please remember to check in on your neighbours and other parishioners – particularly those you know may need support in the form of shopping or a friendly voice on the end of the phone.

## DIOCESAN NEWS:

**Unpacking the Mission Map (Pastoral Plan) WILL NOW BE HELD ON 14 November.**

**Liturgy Conference:** All members of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland community are warmly invited to the **Liturgy Conference**, Worshipping under Southern Skies: Weaving Together Liturgy and Life, to be held at Baradene College from 1st – 3rd October. Excellent keynote speakers, a mouth-watering variety of Breakout Sessions. See <https://wuss.org.nz/>. This will be a time to grow deeper in faith, to grow stronger in community, richer in love, more vibrant in our communal prayer & celebration of the liturgy.

**Pope Francis** has officially invited the faithful to participate in this annual “season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home”. Further resources at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>

**Job opportunity** Pregnancy Help Inc has a vacancy for Auckland Branch Coordinator. The ideal candidate will be trained in counselling, be IT literate, have good management skills, be willing to commit to achieving great outcomes for vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies. Email CV to Kheng Tan, Honorary Treasurer, [kdsdtan@gmail.com](mailto:kdsdtan@gmail.com).

**Support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas** NZ Red Cross is working with the DIA to provide support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas, (i.e. not citizens or Permanent Resident visa-holders) who are experiencing financial hardship due to being stranded in NZ due to COVID 19. Members of your community may know of people in this difficult position, and it would be great if we could let people know about the support available. go to [foreignnationals.services.govt.nz](http://foreignnationals.services.govt.nz) or 0800 733 276

**Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care & Pandemics** a free lecture (online) by Sr Prof Julia Upton Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John’s University NY. Registration is essential for this free public lecture by 7 October. [www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton](http://www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton)

Resources for family prayer at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/the-church-covid-19/family-prayer/pray-together/>

### GREEN TIPS -

#### SMALL STEPS TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE LIFE

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/23-Green-tips-Small-Steps-Towards-a-Sustainable-Life.pdf>

**LITURGY CENTRE:** Liturgies of the Word for this weekend, the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/resources/ritual-prayers/>



## Social Justice Week:

**6-12 September**

**Easy as CST (Catholic social teaching): Unlocking the Church’s Potential**

resources available on

<http://caritas.org.nz/>

[parishes/social-justice-week](http://parishes/social-justice-week). You will also find more information on the CST principles

## EAST COAST BAYS FACE BOOK PAGE

This is your place to connect and stay up to date with the East Coast Bays Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Auckland, NZ. The posts are moderated but don't let that discourage you from adding news, prayers, requests or events and they will be published as soon as possible. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ECBParish/>



Latest version of NZ Catholic is being made available free of charge

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3d006405-1cb7-4d8a-9bf7-b0c140727602>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

Diocese webpage updated daily

Daily Mass Readings: <https://nlo.cccb.ca/index.php/weekday-lectionary>

reflections on Sunday Readings <https://livingtheword.org.nz/>



Watch the Fatima trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tSd7JtLhh8>

# SEASON OF CREATION: WEEK ONE

The first Sunday's scriptures challenge Christians to take up the prophetic responsibility in love to invite each other gently and prayerfully to conversion and care for creation in these times of ecological crisis.

**The Season of Creation** is a new Liturgical Season for the Catholic community globally as it joins the 30-year ecumenical/orthodox history of celebration under the leadership of Pope Francis and through the promotion of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. **It extends from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.** The Season focuses on God as Creator of the vast cosmic universe, God's revelation in Creation, and our calling to care for God's creation, protect its rich diversity and address the urgent, destructive crises threatening its health and future. This year's theme is Jubilee for the Earth. Climate change, currently one of Earth's most pressing crises, is a result of the intersection of greed, inequality and destruction of God's Earth. Jubilee is a time to renounce overconsumption and economic systems based on constant economic growth at the cost of the Earth and those who are poor. Jubilee is a time when those who have consumed the most must care for those who have suffered the most. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from constant exploitation, to restore ecosystems and people. On this 1st Sunday of the Season of Creation, the scriptures call us to accept our prophetic responsibility in love to invite each other to conversion and care for creation in these times of ecological crisis.

In the Canticle from the Book of Daniel, all of creation is called upon to praise the Lord. Caring for creation does not mean "dominating" the world we live in, but caring for it as God the Father cares for His creation. Jesus words from the Gospel – "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself" – do not imply a lack of concern for the future. They say, do not worry about your future, but worry about the future of those who come after you. *Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap.,* As we hope to forge a relationship of mutual caring with creation, we turn our backs from our wasteful tendencies and excesses and pray:

**"May your blessing act in us, O Lord, and transform us with your renewing power, so that we might be wholly disposed to the service of what is good."** (Pope Francis)

## KID'S: Season of Creation

visit: <https://youtu.be/KIVuISZGdug>

### EARTH DAY WORD SEARCH

After finding all the words, the leftover letters will spell a hidden message starting from the top row, left to right.

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| BOXES   | CANS    | BOTTLES | BROWN    | CARDBOARD |
| FLOWERS | GLASS   | CLEAN   | GARBAGE  | COMPOST   |
| GRASS   | LIGHTS  | NATURE  | LAKE     | DIRT      |
| GREEN   | METAL   | PLASTIC | LITTER   | EARTH     |
| PLANTS  | PAPER   | REUSE   | POLLUTED | PLANET    |
| SPRING  | RECYCLE | SAVE    | TRASH    | SOIL      |
| TREE    | REDUCE  | WATER   | WASTE    | WORMS     |

