

St. Francis de Sales
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EAST COAST BAYS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS:

3rd Sunday: 9.00am Mass St. John's
Church (except for the month of January).
Contact Lindy lindy@willplan.co.nz

MASS TIMES:

	ST FRANCIS	ST JOHN'S
Monday	-	9.15am
Tuesday	10.00am	-
Wednesday	-	9.15am
Thursday	10.00am	-
Friday	-	9.15am
Saturday	8.00am	5.30pm
Sunday	7.30am, 10.30am	9.00am

RECONCILIATION:

St. Francis: Saturday after 8.00am Mass
St. Johns: Saturday 5.00pm before Vigil

MONTHLY MASSES:

RETIREMENT VILLAGES

3rd Friday: Fairview 11.00am

4th Friday: Hugh Green 11.00am

FURTHER CONTACTS:

Children's Liturgy: Bill barsfamily@xtra.co.nz

Family Groups: Lindsay & Colin 021 082 95605

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Secular Franciscans: Linda 479-6469

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Youth: Joseph M.

St. Johns School: 09-478-7734

St. John the Baptist
87 Hastings Rd, Mairangi Bay



REFLECTION FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF Ordinary Time: Fr Emile

Allowing our minds to be filled with Christ-thoughts, is the first step on the road to following Jesus. In the Gospel for today we hear Jesus begin his preaching by calling people to repent.

Repentance, as we know, means a change of mind, a change of heart. It means turning our minds and hearts again to God.

It is precisely because of the importance of the Word of God to help us become who we are meant to be, that Pope Francis has asked that the Word of God be honoured in a special way on this 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time every year - WORD OF GOD SUNDAY.

We have to allow the Word of God to form us and change us just as it had to form and change Jonah in the story, and Jesus' disciples. We can't force a meaning onto Sacred Scripture – it is Sacred Scripture that forms and changes us. Jonah in the story had to allow himself to be formed by the Word of God. The disciples spent years allowing themselves to be formed by the Word of God. We also are called to allow ourselves to be formed by the Word of God. We know that the Lord invites everyone to follow Him by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism – and from there the growth continues.

We need to place Jesus at the centre of our lives – ALWAYS. Let's continue to do it.

Please note:

On Mondays there is no Morning Mass.

We will have Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

**You are all invited to join us at
9.15am at St John's church.**

St Vincent de Paul Society

Many thanks

for all the wonderful donations we receive.

If you would like to make a monetary donation our bank account - 12-3059-0241398-00 & email treasurersvdpcb@gmail.com for a receipt.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONES

Are your contact details still correct? Are your children still living in your household? If you have moved or your contact details have changed, please let us know!

Please let us know if you have any special skills to offer to our parish, e.g. nurses, doctors, trades, gardeners.

We would like to keep us all connected. You can always inform us of new contact details through our website:

<https://eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz/parishioners/>



St Francis de Sales was Bishop of Geneva, Switzerland and promoted the teaching of Christian spirituality and gentleness. He was made Doctor of the Church.

He was buried on 24 Jan 1624 in Annecy, France.

St Francis de Sales Feast Day

On Sunday, 21 January 2024, 10.30am

we will celebrate the feast day of St Francis de Sales. We will use this opportunity to also celebrate **Fr Emile's birthday**.

Please join us for a cuppa after Mass—and bring a plate if you can.

21/01/24 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5,10, 12-14, Psalm 25, p.34
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel of Mark 1:14-20

28/01/24 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Deut. 18:15-20, Psalm 95, p.104
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel of Mark 5:1-20

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PREFERENCE FORMS**

Fr Carlo and Fr Emile will be available to sign the forms on **Wednesdays, 10am - 12 noon & 1-3pm for a 15minute slot. Please make an appointment through:**
office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Bruce R; Joanna R; Jill C; Stacey; Jenny F; Jenny J; Kim C; Jean A; Jim A; Murray F; Shirley B; Ivy P; Suzanne Y; Peggy J; Verena K; Anthony T; Mary M-G; Wayne L; Deny C; Yvonne D; Marinai K; Myra B; Louise D; Eileen M; Eileen McG; Maureen N; Eugene; Sanny L; Maria J; Kevin D; Tony J, Katarina L., Wan L

Baptism Preparation Course: Tuesday 13 Feb, 7pm.

Registration is necessary.

See the website at <https://eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz/2023/03/09/baptism/>

Contact baptism@ecbcatholic.org.nz

This Sunday, we will have the first **Presentation of a child to the Christian community** at our 9am Mass in St John's Church. In future, parents who have asked for baptism for their child, will be presenting their child to the parish. The presentation is a simple ritual that involves presenting and naming the child.

ADORATION

1st Friday of the month, 6-9pm

(St John's church)

Thursdays, 10.30-11.30am

(St Francis church)

January: There is no Exposition of the Holy Sacrament



I would like to express my gratitude to parishioners for the kindness shown to me when my mum passed away.

Just before Christmas I received a gift by an Angel named Sue. She delivered a beautiful rose called 'Mum' and a huge bundle of cards from so many of you with heartfelt wishes and blessings following my resignation. Your kindness really lifted my spirits. I read them often and smile.

ECB parish has been my community for forty years and the office... my home away from home for twenty-four years. In that time I have had the privilege of getting to know so many amazing people, true taonga, (treasures).

St. John's School has been a bonus in my life. Thanks to the teachers, staff and students for your kindness and inclusiveness. Expect me to gate crash the staff room from time to time.

The White Flower Coffee group, still meets on Tuesdays at 9.30-11am. Come and join us.

Sunshine blessings and thanks from my heart to your heart. Liz

We remember: On 21 January 2024 is the first anniversary of the death of **Betty Dunlop**, a parishioner who was very active in many ministries over many years.

MASS MINISTRIES:

27/28 January 2024

5.30pm: St. John's

Sacristan: Margaret McL.

Welcome: Debbie E.

Projectionist: Gilroy M.

Greeter: Amesh W..

Readers: Nicky J., Amanda D-McI.

Holy Communion: Tam F., Lindsay B.,

Michael T., Jennifer K. Maria N.

7.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Farida T.

Welcome: Edna J.

Projectionist: Kevin D.

Greeter: Volunteer

Readers: Tony J.

Holy Communion: Linda A., Volunteers

9.00am: St. John's

Sacristan: Rosemary W.

Welcome: Ricardo S.

Projectionist: Ibrahim N.

Greeter: Timothy L.

Readers: Richard W., Donna P.

Holy Communion: Theresa B., Therese L.,

Daniella B., Tony S., Kevin O'C.

10.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Lynne L.

Welcome: Volunteer

Projectionist: Declan J.

Greeter: Volunteer

Readers: Chris N., Florinda A.,

Holy Communion: Victoria B., Sandra F.,

Greg L.

CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Wednesday, 14 February,

1-3pm (St John's)

For more information, please phone Judith at 027 825 2319.

THE LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP

Invite you to join us **Mondays 7.15 - 9pm**, at St John's church.

For more information, please contact Nola 0276666857

WEEKLY DIARY:

SUNDAY - 21 Jan—Third Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY - 22 January—St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

9.15am **Liturgy of the Word**, St. John's Church

7.14pm **Living Waters, Prayers**, St. John's Church

TUESDAY - 23 January

10.00am **Mass**, St. Francis Church

WEDNESDAY - 24 January—St Francis de Sales, Bishop

9.15am **Mass** St. John's Church

THURSDAY - 25 January—The Conversion of St Paul

10.00am **Mass**, St. Francis Church

FRIDAY - 26 January—St Timothy & Titus, Bishops

9.15am **Mass**, St. John's Church

SATURDAY - 27 January

8.00am **Mass**, St. Francis Church

Fundraising Account for donations specifically towards the upgrade of the presbytery.

East Coast Bays Parish Fundraising account:

02-0108-0707702-003 (BNZ), Reference: 'Presbytery' and your gifting number.

For questions or feedback: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz.

Our Parish Office needs support!

If you are friendly and welcoming, have a high level of written and spoken English and are IT savvy you might like to consider applying for one of the positions.

Position 1: Office & Communications Assistant

To support the office team in communications activities and processes for the parish and ensure all parishioners are kept informed and supported through different channels of communication. This includes preparing the weekly newsletter and assisting with the updating of the parish website and social media.

Position 2: Liturgy & Pastoral Coordinator

Prepare the efficient delivery and coordination of all sacraments and liturgical celebrations which enhance the parish community of East Coast Bays Parish. This role includes supporting and coordinating processes, programmes and volunteers, and making sure that the parish's liturgical and pastoral needs are met.

Hours: 12-15 hours/week (with some flexibility)

Location: 395 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay
Detailed Job Descriptions are available on request.

Contact: beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Sacramental Programme 2024

Registrations close on 28 February 2024

Our sacramental programme encompasses the education for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Materials are prepared to support this education and future development. We aim to help families and individuals see that the Sacraments of The Catholic Church have an ongoing place in our lives and can bring our parish community closer together.

For information and registration see: <https://eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz/2023/04/04/2023-east-coast-bays-parish-sacramental-programme/>

Parish Collection: 12-18 Jan 2024: \$4,710.80

Donate to East Coast Bays Parish:

02-0108-0707702-000 (BNZ)

Please indicate your gifting number for a donation receipt at the end of the financial year.

If you don't have one, contact beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz

If you see any damages or maintenance concerns on the parish buildings, please contact the office or drop a note in one of the donation/feedback slots in the back of the churches. **Thank you**

Sunday of the Word of God

January 21, 2024



**«REMAIN IN MY WORD»
(Gospel of John 8,31)**

RCIA Programme

Are you interested in becoming part of a team welcoming new members to the church and the parish community?
Training is available.

Is God calling you to walk in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi?

The Secular Franciscans meet at St John's Church every 2nd Sunday of the month at 4pm.



Contact: Linda Atkinson 09-4796469

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Bible Stories—What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sunday, 04 Feb, 03 Mar, 07 Apr & 05 May 2024, 4-6pm (Zoom). Koha.

The Mystery of Miracles

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm

\$25/session or \$80/series incl. study material.

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



Liturgy of the Word on Mondays

From January 2024 on, we will have Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Mondays.

Are you interested in stepping up as a Lay Leader? If you are trained or are thinking about training to be part of our new Monday Liturgy of the Word sessions, please [get in touch with the office](#).



DIOCESAN NEWS & NEWS from the VATICAN

Pope Francis is set to canonise fellow Argentinian

Blessed Maria Antonia of Saint Joseph de Paz y Figueroa

in Saint Peter's Basilica on 11 February, the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Blessed Maria Antonia of St. Joseph spent much of her life promoting retreats in the Ignatian tradition following the expulsion of the Jesuits from Spain in the second half of the 18th century. She was beatified by Pope Francis in August 2016.

Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp is for you, and it is for your teens. Registrations are closing! So if you are ready to help lead your teens closer to Christ and have the #bestsummerever then go to www.lifeteen.nz to register your group or to apply as a Summer Missionary. Contact samuelb@cda.org.nz for queries

What about the Synod? The Synod on Synodality was not just a meeting in Rome in October. This week the Synod Secretariat issues guidelines *Towards October 2024* for how local Churches continue the journey together exploring the question "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?". Regional opportunities for holding conversations around this theme will be held post Easter that the diocese might participate in this phase. To find out more head to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>. Details about the sessions will be available early 2024.

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Are you getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18 months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete and is usually spread over 3 months.

For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on M:021 02247442.

Pope Francis:

"Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

www.facebook.com/AKCYM, www.instagram.com/acym2

Catholic University Chaplaincy:

Contact Robbie – robbiedlv@cda.org.nz

JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship

First meeting for 2024:

Wed 31 Jan at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. All men are invited to join for a cuppa and fellowship.

NZ Catholic available in the foyer.

Price: \$4.

The next issue will be available at the end of January.

Pay in cash or online to the parish account.

