



EAST COAST BAYS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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ADORATION:

1st Friday/month: 6-9pm at St. John's

Thursdays: 10.30-11.30am St. Francis

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 (Liturgy of the Word)		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: Saturdays, after 8.00am Mass

St. Johns: Saturdays, 4.30-5.15pm

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

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Secular Franciscans: Linda 479-6469

Legion of Mary: Emma 027 3070864

St. Vincent de Paul: Debbie 021 745 225

Youth: Joseph joseph.marr@live.com



REFLECTION FOR EASTER SUNDAY : Fr Emile

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN; CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is bursting with meaning for our lives, for where we are now, and where God wishes to lead us. His saving death and his victorious rising to new life are God's answer to all we experience living our daily life. God gives his answer to us in the great Paschal mystery we have been celebrating these past few days. Jesus died for each and every one of us. And, rising from the dead, Jesus shows us that all of us are called to eternal life with Him. The joy of this day is that we know exactly where Jesus is: **INSIDE EACH ONE OF US; IN OUR HEARTS; IN OUR PRAYERS; IN OUR REACHING OUT TO OTHERS.** that is why we can truly sing together with full joy: Jesus Christ is Risen. Alleluia



*Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm.
Look forward to the future with confidence. (Pope St. John Paul II)*

Morning Tea after 10.30 am, St Francis Church
Easter Sunday Mass on 31 March

We will Celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord,
Everyone is invited to a cuppa after the Mass.
Please bring a plate to share if you can.

We appreciate your help.



Upcoming Parish Dates

Tuesday, 23 April: Formation Ministries
Friday, 24 May: Confirmation
Sunday, 09 June: First Holy Communion
Sat/Sun, 11th/12th May: Mother's Day

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

All Parishioners are invited to join the Christian Meditation Group in the parish.

**Tuesday, 2 April at 1pm, St John's Church,
Fr Quinn's Chapel**

For any questions, please contact
the [parish office](#).



Tuesday, 23 April 2024, 7pm, St John's Church

Randall Ramos (Diocesan Liturgy Department)
will lead a formation session for

**Ministers of the Word and
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.**

All parishioners who currently serve in one of these ministries or who consider serving in one of these ministries in the future - and everybody else who is interested in learning more about Mass, please do attend the session.

St Vincent de Paul Society

We are currently short of tinned pasta, tomatoes and fruit. Thank you for all the wonderful donations we receive. If you would like to make a monetary donation our bank account - **12-3059-0241398-00** & email your details to treasurersvdpceb@gmail.com for a receipt.



**31/03/24 Easter Sunday
(Resurrection of the Lord's Passion)**

Ps. 118, p.128
Acts 10:34-37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel John 20:1-9

07/04/24 2nd WEEK OF Easter

Ps. 118, p.128
1. Acts 4:32-35
2. 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel John 20:19-31

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PREFERENCE FORMS**

Fr Carlo and Fr Emile will
be available to sign the
forms for parishioners on
Wednesdays,
10am - 12noon & 1-3pm for
a 15 minute slot. Please
make an appointment:
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; Peggy J; Verena K; Anthony T;
Mary M-G; Wayne L; Deny C; Yvonne D;
Marinai K; Louise D; Eileen M;
Eileen McG; Maureen N; Eugene R; Sanny L;
Maria J; Kevin D; Tony J, Wan L, Eowyn W.,
Cooper

Please let us know if you need prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course: Tuesday 9 April, 7pm.

Registration is necessary.

See the website at

<https://eastcoastbaycatholic.org.nz/2023/03/09/baptism/>

Contact baptism@ecbcatholic.org.nz



Young Mothers' Group

Parents/Caregivers with Babies & Preschoolers

Casual Meet-up Group on Friday Mornings

10.30-12.30am at Fr Quinn's Room, St John's Church.

Coffee & Biscuits provided. Start: **Friday, 12 April.**

Contact: Judith (0278252319) or Sandra (0274336404) or

the office at office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

RCIA / RCIC Programme

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

Training is available.

office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

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 09 479 6469

MASS MINISTRIES:

06/07 April 2024

5.30pm: St. John's

Sacristan: Katie P.

Greeter (Door): Lynne B.

Projectionist: Gilroy M.

Welcome/Prayers: Lindy W.

Readers: Emma A., Maria Teresa L.

Holy Communion: Amanda D McL., Anthony M., Barry R., Joanna N., Deborah E.

Altar Servers: Sophie H., Teresa R., Elena R.

7.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Lynn S.

Greeter (Door): Joseph M.

Projectionist: Douglas S.

Welcome/Prayers: Lynne S.

Readers: Carlo P.

Holy Communion: Linda A.

9.00am: St. John's

Sacristan: Rosemary W.

Greeter (Door): Fabrizio M.

Projectionist: Elizabeth O.

Welcome/Prayers: Daniella B.

Readers: Martin B., Rachael O.

Holy Communion: Kevin O., Maurice L., Michael B., Raad N.

Altar Servers: Isaac O., Mason S., Emma B.

10.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Lynne L.

Greeter (Door): Geoffrey C.

Projectionist: Volunteer

Welcome/Prayers: Paul D'S.

Readers: Theresa M.

Holy Communion: Sandra F.

Altar Servers: Isabella J., Declan J.

Regular Parish Activities

Craft & Friendship Group, every 2nd Wednesday, 1-3pm,

Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith at 0278252319)

Next meeting: 03 April 2024

The Living Water Prayer Group, every Monday, 7.15-9.00pm,

St John's (Nola 0276666857, Maurice 0277775527)

Meditation Group, every Tuesday, 1-2pm,

Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith at 0278252319)

First meeting: 02 April 2024

Young Mothers' Group, every Friday, 10.30-12.30pm,

Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith at 0278252319)

First meeting: 12 April 2024

The Secular Franciscans, every 2nd Sunday, 4pm,

St John's (Linda Atkinson 094796469)

Legion of Mary, every Wednesday, 4:30-5.30pm

St John's (Emma 0273070864)

WEEKLY DIARY:

SUNDAY - 31st March- Easter Sunday

MONDAY - 01 April Easter Octave

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

7.15pm **Living Waters, Prayers**, St. John's Church

TUESDAY - 02 April Easter Octave

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

10.30am **Rosary**, St Francis Church

WEDNESDAY - 03 April Easter Octave

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

9.50am **Rosary**, St John's Church

THURSDAY - 04 April Easter Octave

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

FRIDAY - 05 April Easter Octave

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

SATURDAY - 06 April Easter Octave

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

5.30pm **Mass**, St. John's 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.

Funds raised as of 08 Feb 2024: \$7,075. For questions or feedback: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz.

COLLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday : The money will go to Caritas.

Good Friday: The money received will go towards the upkeep of the Holy Places in Christendom.

Easter Offertory (2nd Collection): the money received will go for Priests.

ADORATION

1st Friday/month, 6-9pm

(St John's) and

Thursdays, 10-30-11.30am (St Francis)



Celebrating 40 years of Dove Catholic Women's fellowship & Ministry in NZ

Praise & Worship, Photo Tribute, Lunch, Past Presidents panel and testimony, Dove Memorial, Fellowship

Saturday 20th April,

9.15am-2pm

St Thomas More Church,

336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield



An Afternoon Concert with Chris Skinner

Sunday 7 April at 2pm.

Venue : Mary Mackillop Center Chapel,
56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.

Suggested Koha \$10

Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

Parish Collection: 22-28 April 2024: \$7,608.33

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**

EASTER MASSES

**EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF
THE RESURRECTION** Saturday 30 March at
St John's 7pm

Easter Sunday, 31 March

Mass at St Francis, 7.30am

Mass at St John's, 9am

Mass at St Francis, 10.30am

THE STUDIO OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

PRESENTS

DIVINE MYSTERIES FOR OUR TIME .

OPEN STUDIO & SACRED ART *EXHIBITION*

- Sacred Art for sale
- A legacy of 20 year's work

10am - 4pm, 8th-13th April

10am - 4pm, 5th-20th April

1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna,
Behind St. Joseph's Church



**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONES**



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, 07 Apr & 05 May 2024,
5-6pm (Zoom). Koha. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

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.

[Stations of the Cross Booklet available.](#)



DIOCESAN NEWS & NEWS from the VATICAN

Upcoming Retreats & Events at

St Francis Retreat Centre:

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat -
9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)

Tue 16 Apr | Wed 15 May

www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz



PRAY EASTER MASS
Easter Sunday @ 2pm
SHINE TV

Free-to-air TV Channel 25

SKY TV Channel 201

On this Holy Day of Holy Days Mass from Holy Cross seminary chapel with Bishop Steve will be broadcast 2pm on Shine TV. He is risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Building a Thriving Parish is part 2 of the Go Make Disciples series of presentations on Parish Renewal. We will be sharing experiences, challenges, and practical tools and insights to help you as Lay Leaders to help your parish thrive.

St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough.
Koha on the evening. RSVP to stephenf@cda.org.nz

Pope Francis:

"For with Jesus the Risen Lord,
no night will last forever".

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

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

Catholic University Chaplaincy:

Contact Robbie – robbiedlv@cda.org.nz

HOW are we a Synodal Church in Mission?

TOWARDS OCT

24
Synod
2024

For a synodal Church

Week of regional sessions begins. To participate and for more information.

WWW.AUCKLANDCATHOLIC.ORG.NZ/TOWARDS-OCTOBER-2024/



In the next week there are 6 opportunities for people to participate in Towards October 2024. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions to provide an opportunity for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

8th April | St Joseph's Takapuna MEETING ROOM | 7.00pm

The **Liturgy Centre** is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for **Ministers of the Word** and **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas.

19th May 2024 (St Josephs, Takapuna)

1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

Register [here](#).

NZ Catholic available in the foyer.

Price: \$4.

Holy Cross welcomes six new seminarians; Pilgrimage endures despite Holy Land turmoil. **Pay in cash or online to the parish account.**

