

St. Francis de Sales
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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:

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St. John the Baptist
87 Hastings Rd, Mairangi Bay



REFLECTION FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Fr Emile

What a mess we would be in if it were not for the forgiveness of Jesus. What a mess the disciples would have been in after Easter if Jesus did not forgive them for abandoning him during his Passion.

Jesus does not want us to remain in shame or guilt. He did not want his disciples to remain in shame or guilt, and so his first words to them as we hear in the Gospel today were, "Peace be with you." His meeting with his disciples is really one in which he forgives them for having abandoned him. This gentle meeting did so much to ease the tension and calm nerves. Jesus asked them: "Why are you troubled? He asks this to reassure them that everything is ok. Jesus is accepting his disciples again. After we sin, Jesus wants us to return to him quickly also. As we heard Peter say in our 1st Reading: "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away. The best repentance is to make a firm decision not to commit that sin again. The forgiveness of Jesus flows to us from the Cross.

Jesus says to us: "Peace be with you."
 And what do I say? What would YOU say?
THINK ABOUT IT & SAY IT.

**We welcome the children
 who are going to be baptised**

Sunday, 14 April

St Francis de Sales Church

7.30am: Willow Rivalland

10.30am: Jackson Weafer

St John The Baptist Church

9.00am: Amelia Paterson, Finlay Paterson



Morning Tea after 10.30 am Mass

This Sunday's Morning Tea in St Francis is organized by the Indonesian Group .

Thank You!



Baptisms

Saturday 20 April, 11am

St Francis de Sales Church

Willow Rivalland, Jackson

Weafer, Hugo Tolich



Upcoming Parish Dates

Saturday, 20 April: Baptisms

Tuesday, 23 April: Formation Ministries

Thursday, 2nd May - 4th July: Alpha Prog.

Sat/Sun, 11th/12th May: Mother's Day

Friday, 24 May: Confirmation

Sunday, 09 June: First Holy Communion

Sunday, 23 June: AGM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONES



14/04/24 3rd WEEK OF Easter

Ps. 5, p.16

1. Acts 3:13-15,17-19

2. 1John 2:1-5

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

21/04/24 4th WEEK OF Easter

Ps. 118, p.128

1. Acts 4:8-12

2. 1John 3:1-2

Gospel John 10:11-18

Day of Prayer for Vocations

**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

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

Randall Ramos from the Diocesan Liturgy Department will lead a formation session of **Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.**

All parishioners who currently serve in one of these ministries or who are considering 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. If you can, [let us know if you are coming.](#)

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

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:

20/21 April 2024

5.30pm: St. John's

Sacristan: Margaret Mc.

Greeter (Door): Carl E.

Projectionist: Gilroy M.

Welcome/Prayers: Nicola J.

Readers: Tamara F., Lindsay B.

Holy Communion: Tusi H., Amanda D-Mc.,

Ann R., Anthony M., Barry R.

Altar Servers: Pasene M. Joshua R.,

Sophie H.

7.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Lynne S.

Greeter (Door): Edna J.

Projectionist: Douglas S.

Welcome/Prayers: Lynne S.

Readers: Nick E., Emma A.

Holy Communion: Linda A.

9.00am: St. John's

Sacristan: Rosemary W.

Greeter (Door): Volunteer

Projectionist: Volunteer

Welcome/Prayers: Children's Mass

Readers: Children's Mass

Holy Communion: Theresa B., Richard B.,

Kevin O'C., Maurice L., Michael B.

Altar Servers: Dominic S., Emma B.,

Libby S.

10.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Shiela T.

Greeter (Door): Volunteer

Projectionist: Volunteer

Welcome/Prayers: Paul D'S.

Readers: Florinda A.

Holy Communion: Greg L.

Altar Servers: Elena R., Teresa R.

Regular Parish Activities

Friendship, Hobbies & Social Group, every alternate Wednesday, 1-3pm, Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith at 0278252319), Next meeting: 17 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 ([contact the office](#))
Next meeting: 16 April 2024

Young Mothers' Group, every Friday, 10.30-12.30pm, Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith at 0278252319)
Next meeting: 19 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)

SUNDAY - 14th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

MONDAY - 15 April

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

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

TUESDAY - 16 April

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

10.30am **Rosary**, St. Francis Church

WEDNESDAY - 17 April

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

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

THURSDAY - 18 April

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

FRIDAY - 19 April

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

SATURDAY - 20 April

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

WEEKLY DIARY:

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.

DO YOU QUESTION YOUR FAITH
UNSURE OF JESUS THE PERSON
QUESTION CHURCH AND LIFE

Then Please Join Us For

ALPHA 

02 May'24 - 04 Jul'24 (10 Sessions)

Time : 7pm - 9pm

@St. John's School Hall, Mairangi Bay

Weekend 1-Day Retreat: 15 June 2024

All Are Welcome!!

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL ecbp.alpha@gmail.com
Or CONTACT : Tam 021 082 95 610 OR Nola: 027 66 66 857



Sunday 28th April is Vocations Sunday

There will be a 2nd collection for the Seminary.

Nanny/Assistant to help mum with twin baby girls

The task is simple: keeping one baby safe and entertained while mum is feeding the other baby !

If you are interested please

contact: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Morning Tea after 10.30 am Mass

We are still looking for groups who could organise morning tea on the **First Sunday of the month.**



Please let us know if you could support us

once a month or every second or third month.

Contact: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Good friends, great connections and lots of coffee.

Do you want to meet new people and make new friends ?

Or maybe you are feeling a bit lonely or live alone, then come along and join us in the Friendship, Hobbies & Social Group.

Tea / Coffee / Biscuits will be provided.

When : Every alternate Wednesday afternoon

1.00pm to 3.00pm starting from 17th April 2024

No age or gender restrictions.

Where : St John's Church, Mairangi Bay, (Fr. Quinn's Room)

Feel free to bring your own crafts/books, music/hobbies or just come for the friendship. All parishioners and other friends are welcome.

For more information contact Judith on (027) 825 2319 or Ally on (021) 107 7980 or call the Parish Office on (09) 4784565

The more the merrier... come and enjoy the atmosphere and make new friends. See you there !!!!

*Friendship,
Hobbies &
Social Group*

Parish Collection: 05 April —11 April 2024: \$4,796.20

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.

Donation Receipts will be sent out per email soon.

Please let us know if you need a hard-copy.

St Vincent de Paul Society



We are currently short of sandwich spreads, canned tomatoes, canned fish, canned vegetables, canned lentils, cans creamed corn, 2minute noodles, plain biscuits, coffee and rice. Thank you for all the wonderful donations we receive.

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

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



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

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, Glenfield



THE STUDIO OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

DIVINE MYSTERIES FOR OUR TIME

OPEN STUDIO & SACRED ART EXHIBITION

10am - 4pm, 5th–20th April

1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna,

Behind St. Joseph's Church



telling THE story

Relics Tour From 26 April to 5 May

Unique & Historic Opportunity

We will welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches.

This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/.

Download the programme [here](#)

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](#).

Pope Francis:

"We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God."

NZ Catholic available in the foyer.

Price: \$4.

Relics of 11 saints coming to NZ. Wellington cathedral to open in June. **Pay in cash or online to the parish account.**



Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

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

Catholic University Chaplaincy:

Contact Robbie – robbiedlv@cda.org.nz