

St. Francis de Sales
8 Finchley Rd, Torbay



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

Family Groups: Lindsay & Colin 021 082 95605

Music: Matt matthewdavis26@hotmail.com

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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

St. John the Baptist
87 Hastings Rd, Mairangi Bay



REFLECTION FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Fr Emile

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks us to make our home in Him. The Eucharist, the Sacraments, the Bible, the Rosary, are all some of the ways in which we can make our home in Jesus. There are many distractions in our world also inviting us to make our ‘home’ in them, but if we do that, our branch will wither and we will not bear fruit. We are all called to make our Home in Jesus. He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And, when we make our Home in Jesus, we will bear fruit. Jesus said, “A branch cannot bear fruit by itself but must remain part of the vine”.

It’s not just a question of making our home in Jesus because it feels good. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel, “whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears much fruit, for cut off from me you can do nothing.’ Are we bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God? Is our Christian love real and active, something that inspires others? By opening the door of our heart, inviting Jesus in, every moment of every day, the ‘fruit supply’ will be limitless.

**Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion**

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

Many thanks to **Anthony** who has been leading it mostly by himself for 4 months.

It would be wonderful to see others to step up and support Anthony—especially those of you who have attended the Tuesday formation. As Randall reminded us: we are all called to fully participate in our services.

So, if you are available on Monday mornings and are interested in being part of a team of lay leaders of Liturgy of the Word, please get in touch with [the office](#).

Fr Emile will be moving into semi-retirement to Milford.

No date is yet confirmed.



Thank you to those of you who participated in our Formation Session with Randall Ramos. It was great to see more than 50 people showing up on a beautiful Tuesday evening to learn more about the Mass and their ministries.

Upcoming Parish Dates

- Thursday, 2 May: Alpha Programme start
- Sat/Sun, 11/12 May: Mother’s Day Masses
- Sunday, 19 May: Pentecost Sunday
- Friday, 24 May: Confirmation
- Sunday, 09 June: First Holy Communion
- Tuesday, 11 June: Baptism Preparation Course

Morning Tea after 10.30 am Mass

All parishioners are welcome for a cuppa after 10.30 am Mass, this Sunday is organised by the hospitality group.

Thank You!



28/04/24 5th WEEK OF Easter

- Ps. 22, p.31
- 1. Acts 9:26-31
- 2. 1John 3:18-24
- Gospel John 15:1-8

05/05/24 6th WEEK OF Easter

- Ps. 98, p.107
- 1. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- 2. 1John 4:7-10
- Gospel John 15:9-17

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, Emmy H.



St Peter Chanel
 First Martyr of Oceania
 and Patron Saint of
 New Zealand.
 His feast day is on the
 28th of April but as the
 day falls on a Sunday
 this year, it will be
 celebrated on Monday,
 the 29th of April.



New to the parish?

Please make yourself known to us.

We would like to meet you.

To register with the parish, please go to:

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

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:

04/05 May 2024

5.30pm: St. John's

- Sacristan:* Margaret Mc.
- Greeter (Door):* Deborah E.
- Projectionist:* Ethan E.
- Welcome/Prayers:* Lynne B.
- Readers:* Volunteers
- Holy Communion:* Maria N., Emma A. Amanda Dixon-Mc., Mary H., Anthony M.
- Altar Servers:* Isabella W., Wonai Sh., Sophie H.

7.30am: St. Francis

- Sacristan:* Lynne S.
- Greeter (Door):* Vivienne W.
- Projectionist:* Douglas S.
- Welcome/Prayers:* Lynne S.
- Readers:* Carlo P., Paul D's.
- Holy Communion:* Linda A.
- Altar Servers:* Volunteer

9.00am: St. John's

- Sacristan:* Theresa B.
- Greeter (Door):* Fabrizio M.
- Projectionist:* Beth O'B.
- Welcome/Prayers:* Daniella B.
- Readers:* Lawrence R., Richard W.
- Holy Communion:* Richard B., Kevin O'c., Tony Sm., Theresa B., Gladson D's.
- Altar Servers:* Dominic S., Aaron J.

10.30am: St. Francis

- Sacristan:* Lynne L.
- Greeter (Door):* Shiela T.
- Projectionist:* Volunteer
- Welcome/Prayers:* Volunteer
- Readers:* Gregory L., Cathy van der V.
- Holy Communion:* Lynne L.
- Altar Servers:* Paul D's.

Regular Parish Activities

Friendship & Craft, every alternate Wednesday, 1-3pm,
 Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith 0278252319 or Ally 0211077980) , All welcome, Next meeting: 01 May 2024

The Living Water Prayer Group, every Monday, 7.15-9.00pm,
 St John's (Nola 0276666857 or Maurice 0277775527)

Meditation Group, every Tuesday, 1-2pm,
 Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's ([contact the office](#))
 Next meeting: 30 April 2024

Young Mothers' Group, every 2nd Friday, 10.30-11.30am,
 Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith 0278252319)
 Next meeting: 10 May 2024

The Secular Franciscans, every 2nd Sunday, 4pm,
 St John's (Linda 094796469)

Legion of Mary, every Wednesday, 4.30-5.30pm
 St John's (Emma 0273070864)

WEEKLY DIARY:

SUNDAY - 28 April - 5th Sunday of Easter

MONDAY - 29 April - St Peter Chanel, First Martyr of Oceania
 9.15am **Liturgy of the Word**, St. John's Church
 7.15pm **Living Waters, Prayers**, St. John's Church

TUESDAY - 30 April
 10.00am **Mass**, St. Francis Church
 10.30am **Rosary**, St Francis Church

WEDNESDAY - 01 May
 9.15am **Mass**, St. John's Church
 9.50am **Rosary**, St John's Church

THURSDAY - 02 May - St. Athanasius
 10.00am **Mass**, St. Francis Church

FRIDAY - 03 May - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
 9.15am **Mass**, St. John's Church

SATURDAY - 04 May
 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.

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

We are looking for more volunteers to support us for the **different ministries during Mass, esp. Altar Servers, Greeters, Projectionists and Musicians.**

Please [get in touch with the office](#) if you would like to join one of our teams.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

UPCOMING DATES:

11 JUNE

6 AUGUST

8 OCTOBER

12 NOVEMBER

3 DECEMBER

TIME: 7PM TO 8:30PM

@ ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH



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



Baptism dates:

1st Saturday/month, 11am at St John's Church
3rd Saturday/month, 11am at St Francis Church

For further information, please see:

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

Parish Collection: 19 April —25 April 2024: 5,402.53

Collection for the Seminary: \$1,399.20

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 fish, cereals, crackers, cans creamed corn and rice. 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 treasurersvdpcb@gmail.com for a receipt.



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, 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/>

Monday, 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

Afternoon Concert with Chris Skinner sm

Date: Sunday 5 May @2pm, Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre Chapel 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.
Suggested Koha: \$10.
Light refreshments will be served after the concert .



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. For more information, [see here](#).

Dove Catholic Women's Fellowship Invites you to learn about **THE GIFT of the Spirit** over two sessions: Sat 11th & 18th of May 10am –2pm At St Thomas More Church.



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](#)

Pope Francis:

"The Holy Spirit truly transforms us. With our cooperation, he also wants to transform the world we live in."

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

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

Catholic University Chaplaincy:

Contact Robbie – robbiedlv@cda.org.nz

Let's Talk About... Mary

In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple.



8 MAY | 7.30PM

Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre or zoom

Register | pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz



Carmel Contemplation in Ordinary Life

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

If you are attracted to a life of prayer in apostolic service of the Church, you are invited to contact:

Dianna Fouhy –0212612189,
dfouhy@gmail.com

The Holy Family OCDS Community meet at the Carmelite Monastery, 636 Mt Albert Rd 2nd Sunday of each month 12-3pm

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.

Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'. **Pay in cash or online to the parish account.**

