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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 FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Fr Carlo

What is your image of God?

Is your god a strict lawgiver who imposes difficult rules and punishes those who fail to follow? Is your god a divine puppeteer who controls every action of each person, disregarding and disrespecting human freedom? Is your god a celestial judge policing humanity by granting merits or demerits based on human actions?

You may be nodding your head at this moment. Unfortunately, these are incomplete, or even wrong, images of God. We may have learned these images of God from our catechists, parents, or even teachers. This may also be a projection to God of our personal images of our own parents who may have been strict and conditional in their way of loving us. Finally, these incomplete images may simply be an unfinished understanding of God based on the Old Testament.

With Jesus Christ, we are given the complete image of who God is. In our Gospel today, He says that He is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The image of the Good Shepherd is an image of a God who is unconditional in His loving. He searches for those who are lost and brings them back to the fold. He leads them to good pastures and keeps them away from harm. Even if they walk in a dark valley, they will not be afraid for the Shepherd is with them at their side.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd is different from our old images of God as a strict lawgiver, divine puppeteer, and celestial judge. After all, Jesus is the incarnate God.

Lord, You are my Good Shepherd. With You, there is nothing I shall want. Thank You for finding me when I am lost. Thank You for laying down Your life for me.



Welcome to our newly baptised children and their families:

Willow Rivalland, Hugo Tolich, Finlay & Amelia Paterson, Fleur Kilkelly, Jackson Weafer

Baptisms on 20 April

Upcoming Parish Dates

Tuesday, 23 April: Formation All Ministers
Thursdays, 2 May - 4 July: Alpha Programme
Sat/Sun, 11/12 May: Mother's Day Masses
Sunday, 19 May: Pentecost Sunday
Friday, 24 May: Confirmation
Sunday, 09 June: First Holy Communion
Sunday, 23 June: AGM

Morning Tea after 10.30 am Mass

This Sunday's Morning Tea in St Francis is organised by the Filipino Group

Thank You!



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

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

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.](#)

New to the parish?

Please make yourself known to us.

We would like to meet you.

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

**Sunday 21 April is Vocations Sunday
There will be a 2nd collection for the
Seminary this weekend.**

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:

27/28 April 2024

5.30pm: St. John's

Sacristan: Margaret Mc.

Greeter (Door): Carl E.

Projectionist: Ethan E.

Welcome/Prayers: Tamara F.

Readers: Amanda D-Mc., Tharushi W.

Holy Communion: Crystal P., Deborah E., Emma A., Jennifer K., Lindsay B.

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

7.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Farida T.

Greeter (Door): Volunteer

Projectionist: Kevin D.

Welcome/Prayers: Carlo P.

Readers: Volunteer

Holy Communion: Lynne S.

9.00am: St. John's

Sacristan: Rosemary W.

Greeter (Door): Ricardo Sch.

Projectionist: Beth O'B.

Welcome/Prayers: Tim L.

Readers: Sandra A., Donna P.

Holy Communion: Mike W., Raad N., Tony St., Daniella B., Thomas B.

Altar Servers: Joshua Sch., Malachi Sch., Trinity Sch.

10.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Stephanie R.

Greeter (Door): Volunteer

Projectionist: Matthew C.

Welcome/Prayers: Greg Lee.

Readers: Paul D'S.

Holy Communion: Volunteer.

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Regular Parish Activities

Friendship, Hobbies & Social Group, every alternate Wednesday, 1-3pm, Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith at 0278252319), Next meeting: 01 May 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: 23 April 2024

Young Mothers' Group, every Friday, 10.30-11.30am, Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's (Judith at 0278252319)
Next meeting: 26 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 - 21 April - 4th Sunday of Easter

MONDAY - 22 April

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

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

TUESDAY - 23 April

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

10.30am **Rosary**, St Francis Church

WEDNESDAY - 24 April

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

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

THURSDAY - 25 April ANZAC Day

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

FRIDAY - 26 April - St. Mark The Evangelist

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

SATURDAY - 27 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

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 are interested to join one of our teams.

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 !

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



*Friendship,
Hobbies &
Social Group*

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 !!!!

Parish Collection: 12 April —18 April 2024: \$4,751.20

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, 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

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 .

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, North Shore

An invitation of all men to the next Joshua meeting.

Date/time: Wed 24 April 2024 7.15am start with cuppa/fellowship followed by meeting at 7.30pm

Venue: Parish Hall, St Thomas More Church.

Guest speaker: Dr David Legg, Lecturer in Philosophy & Theology at the Catholic Theological College,

Topic: Importance of Philosophy in the Christian Tradition.

For more information contact: Russell 022 034 5678

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*

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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:

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