

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

RECONCILIATION:

St. Francis: Saturdays, 8.00-8.45am
St. Johns: Saturdays, 4.30-5.15pm

MASS TIMES:

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

* Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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

MONTHLY MASSES:

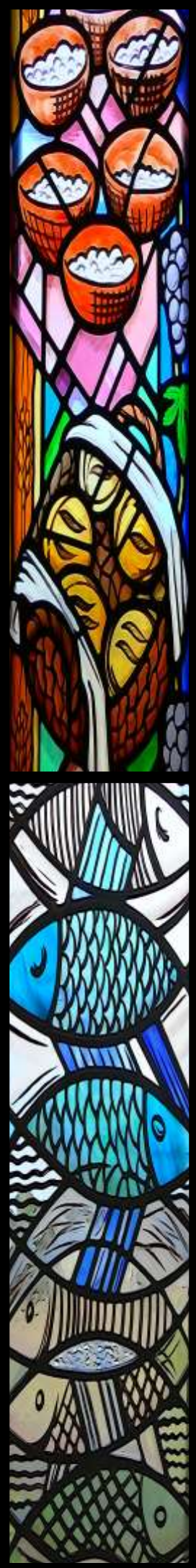
RETIREMENT VILLAGES

3rd Friday/month: Fairview 11.00am
4th Friday/month: 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
Legion of Mary: Emma 027 3070864
St. Vincent de Paul: Anne G. 027 3210729
Youth: Joseph joseph.marr@live.com

St. John the Baptist
87 Hastings Rd, Mairangi Bay



REFLECTION FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Fr Carlo

The Jews of Jesus’ time struggled to believe His words that He is the living Bread from heaven, that He is from heaven. They knew His family and the home He grew up in. Nothing extraordinary. No obvious signs of His being the God-Man or of being the awaited Messiah. At the most, they would probably accept Him as another God-sent prophet.



Had Jesus come today, I believe we will also struggle to accept in faith His words in today’s Gospel. The way He talked, referring to Himself as the “living bread that came from heaven . . . the bread that makes one live forever . . .” may make many of us think that He is a lunatic, one whose mind has conked out.

We believe who Jesus really is, thanks to the fact that we live two thousand years after His earthly life and mission. There is also the great role of the Church as teacher. There are the wonderful witnessing of saints and martyrs. There are the brilliant works of theologians and fathers of the Church. Above everything, there is the infused gift of faith through the work of the Holy Spirit. This divine grace has made our hearts and minds open and receptive to Jesus. He Himself declares that no one can come to Him unless the heavenly Father draws him.

Let us, therefore, thank God for the undeserved gift of faith infused in us. But let us also do our share to nurture and even make stronger this seed of faith. We can do this with two important disciplines:

The discipline of study. Through continuing readings and listening, we nourish our rational and inquisitive soul. The more we know, the more we understand, the more we love. This discipline involves being discriminating with what we read, listen to, and study. Let us ingest and digest that which can help us in our faith life.

The discipline of prayer. These are moments of dialogue and conversation with God. Faithfulness to prayer moments is like exposing ourselves to the sunlight. We are able to absorb more of the grace of God that we need. Faith is a gift—and a responsibility.

*Lord, Thank you for the gift of faith, May I learn to nurture it each day
Amen*

This Sunday we welcome Fr Emile, Fr Macky who will celebrate 7.30 and 10.30am Masses at St Francis Church,



We welcome Fr Danko, who will be assisting Fr Carlo in the Parish and will be the chaplain to the Croatian Community.



Shine TV Mass
Come and join us at St John’s church on Wednesday, 21 August, 9.15am Mass. It will be recorded for Shine TV to be broadcast on Sunday, 25 August.



Upcoming Parish Dates
Sat/Sun, 10/11 August, Altar Server Commissioning at 5.30pm and 9.00am Masses.
Saturday, 31 August: Working Bee, grounds St John’s Church, 10.00am-12.00pm

11/08/24 Nineteenth Week Ordinary time
Ps. 34, p.44
1. 1Kings 19:4-8
2. Ephesians 4:30, 5:2
Gospel John 6:41-51

18/08/24 Twentieth Week Ordinary time
Ps. 34, p.44
1. Proverbs 9:1-6
2. Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel John 6:51-58

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS
Fr Carlo will be available to sign the forms for parishioners on **Wednesdays, 10.30am - 12noon & 1-3pm for a 15 minute slot. Please make an appointment: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz**

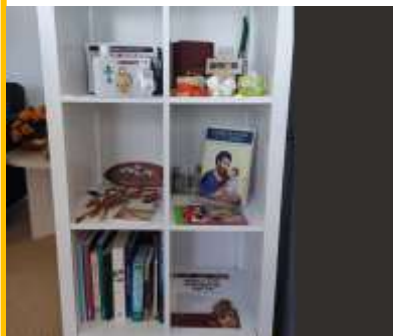
Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Bruce R; Joanna R; Jill C; Stacey; Jenny F; Jenny J; Kim C; Jean A; Jim A; Murray F; Shirley B; Ivy P; Peggy J; Verena K; Anthony T; Mary M-G; Wayne L; Deny C; Marinai K; Louise D; Maria J; Eugene R; Sanny L; Kevin D; Wan L; Eowyn W; Cooper, Emmy H.; Cecile A; Elizabeth W; Oliver H; Tamara K; Pam W.

Please come and join the **Christian Meditation** group, for half an hour of quietness and meditation.

Every Tuesday
1.00pm-1.30pm
Fr Quinn's Chapel
St John's Church



Gift Shop, Parish Office
Available now: refill
Holy Water Bottles
Open Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm



Morning Tea

All are welcome for a cuppa after
10.30am Mass at **St Francis Church**, it
will be organised by the Indonesians.



9.00am Mass at **St John's Church**.
It will be organised by Nicki and her group.
**Please bring a plate to share for
5.30pm and 9.00am Masses** and let us
welcome Fr Danko to the Parish

Our Condolences to the family of
Peter Kelly. Eternal rest grant
unto him, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon him.



MASS MINISTRIES:

17/18 August 2024

5.30pm: St. John's

Sacristan: Katie P.

Greeter (Door): Carl E.

Projectionist: Xavier H.

Welcome/Prayers: Nicola J.

Readers: Lindy W., Lynne B.

Holy Communion: Jennifer K.,

Maria N., Joanna N., Debbie E., Tam F.

Altar Servers: Isabella W., Wonai Sh.,
Joshua R.

7.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Farida T.

Greeter (Door): Edna J.

Projectionist: Sofia P.

Welcome/Prayers: Gary H.

Readers: Vicky R., Carlo P.

Holy Communion: Linda A.

Altar Servers: Declan J., Isabella J.

9.00am: St. John's

Sacristan: Rosemary W.

Greeter (Door): Fabrizio M.

Projectionist: Emma G.

Welcome/Prayers: Children Mass
Volunteer

Readers: Children Mass Volunteer

Holy Communion: Thomas B.,
Maurice L., Michael B., Michael Y.,
Mike W.

Altar Servers: Elizabeth O'B.,
Isaac O'B., Aaron J.

10.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Helen S.

Greeter (Door): Shiela T.

Projectionist: Matthew C.

Welcome/Prayers: Catherine van V.

Readers: Chris N., Paul D'S.

Holy Communion: Lynne L.

Altar Servers: Elena R., Teresa R.



Regular Parish Activities

Friendship & Craft, every Wednesday, 1-3pm, Fr Quinn's Chapel,
St John's (Judith 0278252319 or Ally 0211077980) , All
welcome, Next meeting: 14 August 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: 13 August 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)

Bible Study for Young Adults aged 18 to 30, every Friday except
1st Friday of the month, 7-9pm, Mike Byrne Room, St Francis
(Joseph 0278273979)

Blessings

Parishioners who are celebrating their Birthdays or
Anniversaries can approach the celebrant before
Mass and ask for blessing at the end of the Mass.



Baptism dates:

1st Saturday/month, 11am at St John's

Next Baptism Course 12 November, 7.00pm

No Baptism Course in October.

For further information, please see:

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

To Register contact: baptism@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



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.

01 August - 08 August 2024

Parish Collection: \$4,818.90

Donations: \$82.40

Donations 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.

For any questions, contact beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Please note that the Donation Point is out of order.

Parishioners' notice board

If you have a notice you would like to share, or if you like to advertise your small business, please contact the office at office@ecbcatholic.org.nz. We can put it on the notice board at the back of St John's church.

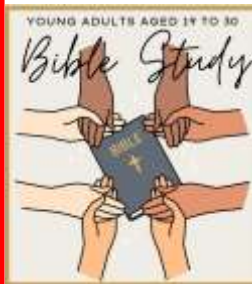
New to the parish?

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/>



Young Adults aged 19 - 30, are invited to join Bible study on Fridays, 7-9pm, Mike Byrne room (St Francis).

For inquiries contact Joseph Marr: 02782739789 or email: joseph.marr@live.com

Praying for the sick

If you know of someone who would like regular prayers to add to the newsletter, please contact [the office](#).

Father's Day Theme
01 September, celebrating Father's day this year with hot chocolate & marshmallows after 10.30am Mass, St Francis Church



Altar Server Commissioning

All Altar Servers who completed their training will be commissioned on Sat/Sun, 10/11 during 5.30pm And 9.00am Masses.



NORTH SHORE DOVE FELLOWSHIP

All women are invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday, 20 August, 7.30pm at St Thomas More Church Hall, Glenfield

St Vincent de Paul Society

We are currently in urgent need of Tinned vegetables, soup, 2min noodles and weetbix. Thank you for all the wonderful donations we receive. If you would like to make a monetary donation our bank account is - 12-3059-0241398-00 & email your details to treasurersvdpecb@gmail.com for a receipt.



Join us for Morning Tea



Every Tuesday
9.30 - 11.30 am

White Flower Café
88 Clyde Road
Browns Bay

Everyone is welcome

Titipounamu Study & Joy



Ulm Minster - The highest church building in the world with Beate Matthies

A journey through the history and architecture of the German Ulm Minster from the laying of the foundation stone in 1377 to today.

Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom).
Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/>

YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Gardening Working Bees St John's Church grounds

Weeding and cleaning up on:

Sat, 10 Aug, 2.00pm-4.00pm and/
or Sat, 31 Aug 10.00am-12noon



DIOCESAN NEWS & NEWS from the VATICAN

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on 15 August, is the **patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand**
Special Masses at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph
Thursday, 15 August
7am, 12.15pm & 5.30pm



Spending Time with Saint Mother Teresa



Come along listen to a talk by Eamon Butler about Mother Teresa's life, work and spirituality, followed by a time of silent prayer and Reflection. **Saturday, 24 August,** 10.00am-3.00pm Conference Room, 30 Holgate Rd, Kohimarama.
For Registration go to: eamon_butler@hotmail.com



World Youth Day Auckland

17 August, 10.00am -8.30pm
Victory Convention Centre—Beaumont St.
Organiser: ACYM. youthmin@cda.org.nz

Safeguarding Workshop

Monday, 12 August, 7.00-9.00pm
Orakei Parish, 16 Brenton Ave, Orakei

Online Safeguarding Workshop
Tuesday, 20 August, 7.00-8.30pm

For link and further information contact:
Lisa-May 09 360 3019 or lisam@cda.org.nz



Social Justice Week 2024

8-14 September. The theme of Social Justice Week is Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa: Kōwhiria te murunga hara, me mōhio ki te rangimārie. / Imagine Peace for All: **Choose forgiveness, know peace.**



Diocesan Training

For the ministries of 1st Sacraments for children and Baptism preparation.

Northshore Deanery

Sunday 15 September,

1.00pm-3.00pm

St Joseph Parish Takapuna.

Please register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/>



PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE: Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture

Friday/Saturday, 30/31 August

Holy Family Parish Hall, Te Atatu Peninsula
Speaker: knowledgeable pro-life missionary, Fr Shenan Boquest (USA).

For info contact Simon Archer: 021400729 or visit fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024

Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Invitation to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Steve Lowe.

Monday, 02 September, 7.00pm

Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont St. Ponsonby

Pope Francis:

“Commit ourselves to bear witness to God-as-love, creating communion in his name”

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

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

Catholic University Chaplaincy:

Contact Robbie – robbiedlv@cda.org.nz

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday, 25 August, 5.00pm

St Elias Melkite Catholic Church

5 Mount Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens, Manurewa