

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

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:

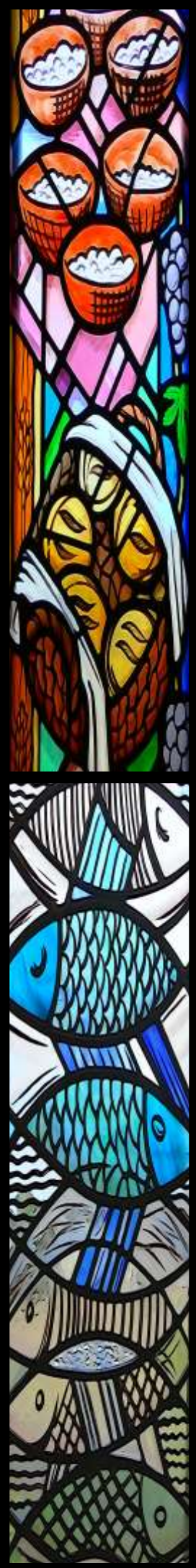
RETIREMENT VILLAGES

3rd Friday/month: Fairview 11.00am
4th Friday/month: Hugh Green 11.00am

FURTHER CONTACTS:

- Children's Liturgy:** Bill barsfamily@xtra.co.nz
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St. John the Baptist
87 Hastings Rd, Mairangi Bay



REFLECTION FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Fr Carlo

I had an amusing experience when I was in the Holy Land. Whenever we did a “comfort room stopover,” our Israeli tour guide would ask each one of us as we go back to our bus, “Did you remember to wash your hands?” This routine question was not just for sanitary and hygienic purposes, but one conditioned by his socio-religious upbringing.



The ceremonial washings practiced by religions flow from our belief that God whom we seek to encounter and approach is All Holy. Therefore, we also need to come before Him clean and worthy.

What we fail to remember at times is that what God really values is the heart, or what is inside us. We often focus on external details of worship, on the right words and actions, right doctrines, and such other points. But what we forget is that we are with our whole mind, heart, and will - the true glory of God. We are God’s greatest work, the Temple of His Spirit. True worship of God means living up to our dignity in truth, in justice and love. True worship includes seeing to it that we give due respect to other people.

Mystery of the Incarnation underscores the value of humanity before God. This Christian mystery celebrates Jesus’ being True God and True Man. The plan of God does not negate human nature but the renewal of our appreciation of true humanity as made in the image of God. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta had this at the heart of her mission. She saw to it that every sick and dying who came under her care was given due respect in treatment, and proper burial according to the dead person’s religious conviction.

*Lord, help me to always remember to come clean before You, in thought, word and deed.
Amen*

Prayer for Saint Joseph on Father’s Day

Oh, St Joseph, do assist all fathers by your powerful intercession, and obtain for them from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, they may offer thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.



If you missed watching Mass at St John’s on Shine TV last Sunday, check it on the Parish Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ecbcatholic>



Upcoming Parish Dates

- Sunday, 08 September:** Birth of Mother Mary. Rosary 30 minutes before Mass. Bring you Mary picture for a blessing
- Sunday, 15 September:** 30th Anniversary of the Blessing & Dedication, St John’s Church
- Tuesday, 24 September, 7pm:** Presentation: “Church buildings inspired by Vatican II”

01/09/24 22nd Week Ordinary time

Ps. 15, p.24

- 1. Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
- 2. James 1:17-18, 21-22,27

Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

08/09/24 23rd Week Ordinary time

Ps. 146, p.155

- 1. Isaiah 35:4-7
- 2. James 2:1-5

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

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; Merle M; Evelyn D

Presentation

We welcome to the Christian community :
Sunday, 01 September
Valentine Orjuela Mateus
9am Mass, St John's

Aiden Jayce Curay
10.30am Mass
St Francis Church,



Gift Shop, Parish Office

Open Monday-Friday
10am-1pm
Cashless Payment available



Morning Tea

All are welcome for a cuppa after
10.30am Mass at St Francis Church. It will be organised by the PPC members. Also at
9.00am Mass at St John's Church. It will be organised by Nicki and her group.



Celebrating Father's Day

Sat/Sun 31 August/01 September,
hot chocolate & marshmallows
after all Masses at
St John's Church & St Francis Church



After the 10.30am Mass at St Francis Church, parishioners will have the opportunity to meet the new PPC members while enjoying a cuppa.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF
YOUR PHONES**



MASS MINISTRIES:

07/08 September 2024

5.30pm: St. John's

Sacristan: Margaret Mc.
Greeter (Door): Lynne B.
Projectionist: Gilroy M.
Welcome/Prayers: Mary H.
Readers: Anastasia B., Debbie E.
Holy Communion: Anthony M., Barry R., Lindsay B., Tusi H., Tam F.
Altar Servers: Sophie H., Meesol T., Pasene M.

7.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Farida T.
Greeter (Door): Edna J.
Projectionist: Sofia P.
Welcome/Prayers: Paul D'S.
Readers: Carlo P., Vicky R.
Holy Communion: Pria P.
Altar Servers: Declan J., Isabella J.

9.00am: St. John's

Sacristan: Richard B.
Greeter (Door): Ann W., Jason B.
Projectionist: Emma G.
Welcome/Prayers: Rachael O'B.
Readers: Laurence R., Donna P.
Holy Communion: Michael B., Michael Y., Mike W., Ronin P., Mark W.
Altar Servers: Aaron J., Elizabeth O'B., Issac O'B.

10.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Shiela T.
Greeter (Door): Joseph M.
Projectionist: Joseph M.
Welcome/Prayers: Catherine van V.
Readers: Nonnah N., Shiela T.
Holy Communion: Lynne L. Belinda B.
Altar Servers: Volunteers.



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: 04 September 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: 03 September 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 19 to 30, every Friday except 1st Friday of the month, 7-9pm, Mike Byrne Room, St Francis (Joseph 0278273979)



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: baptism@ecbcatholic.org.nz

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.

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.

23 August - 29 August 2024

Parish Collection: \$5,648.53

Donations: \$20.00

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

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/>



Parish Pastoral Council 2024

East Coast Bays Catholic Parish

Our Vision: Inspiring a loving, caring, Christ-like community



Cathy Flynn
Chairperson



Nola Lopes
Vice-Chairperson



Tam Fatialofa
Secretary



Mary Huang
Liturgy Convener



John Pereira
Interfaith Relationships



Nonnah Nuñez
Bi-Multicultural Convener



Marina Binns
St John's School



Joseph Marr
Youth Convener



Henry Sharpe
Youth



Tusi Hedditich
Hospitality



Marcella von Stetten
Ecumenism Convener

New Donation Paywave Machine

Now available at the back of the churches and in the office

How to operate our new Donation Point:

1. The donation point should look like below.
2. Click the amount you'd like to donate (or click other amount and enter an amount).
3. Warning: Be careful here to ensure you enter the correct amount.
The minimum donation is \$1.
4. Tap your PayWave enabled card on the red part at the top of the donation point. Hold it there until it says to remove card.



Thank you very much for your donation!!!

There will be someone at the devices this weekend.
Don't hesitate to ask if you have questions!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you all for answering our request for food items for the foodbank. Your generosity was overwhelming. We are now filled to overflowing; so no more food is required at this time. We will keep you informed as to when we need more.



Presbytery Garden working Bees

The fence between the Presbytery and the neighbour has finally been replaced by a new fence. What we now need is some volunteers who help tidying up the grounds around the Presbytery. Please come along for a couple of hours on **31 August, 10am-2pm**.



The costs for the fence were shared with the neighbour. Our share is \$1,849.78.

If you want to contribute financially specifically for this project, please donate to our Fundraising account at: East Coast Bays Fundraising Account 02-0108-0707702-003 (please include your pledge number for a receipt at the end of the tax year).

Thank you to all who helped during the Garden Working

Bees. It is looking great and tidy



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/>

Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group. Sunday, 01 September, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-3/>

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

DIOCESAN NEWS & NEWS from the VATICAN

Safeguarding Workshop

Online Safeguarding Workshop

Tuesday, 10 September, 7-8.30pm

Monday, 23 September, 7-8.30pm

For link and further information contact:

Lisa-May 09 360 3019 or lislam@cda.org.nz



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](#).

Young Adults Ball

Saturday, 14 September

7.00-11.00pm

Mchughs of Cheltenham.



46 Cheltenham Rd, Cheltenham

For more details visit:

https://young_adults_ball.eventbrite.com/



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.

more information go to: [For https://www.caritas.org.nz/](https://www.caritas.org.nz/)



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.



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/>



Pope Francis:

"We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life"

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

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

Catholic University Chaplaincy:

Contact Robbie – robbiedlv@cda.org.nz



"HE EMPTIED HIMSELF" Philippians 2:7

One-day Men's Retreat

Saturday. 19 October 8am-4pm

St Thomas More Church, Glenfield.

A special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve.

Suggested Koha \$20, use QR code to register, or contact:

Greg Sullivan 021 437747 or

Russell Sobotker 022 0345678

