

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:

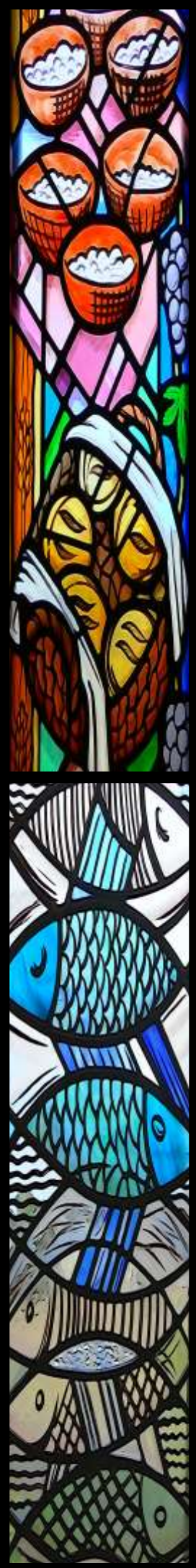
RETIREMENT VILLAGES

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

FURTHER CONTACTS:

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



REFLECTION FOR THE 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Fr Carlo

The Gospel presents Jesus putting His finger on the deaf man’s ears, spitting with His saliva, and touching his mouth. Immediately the man was able to speak upon hearing Jesus said, “*Ephaphtha*,” which means “Be opened.”



Jesus took the deaf away from the crowd. A one-on-one encounter would assure the deaf that he need not worry. By the time Jesus was about to perform the healing, the deaf must have been fully confident: strong and fearless.

A part of Jesus was infused on the man. It may very well mean “breathing” or putting a divine substance on the afflicted man. Jesus chose to reveal His love and healing power to a lowly deaf who surely was poor materially, emotionally and psychologically.


The healing touch of Jesus brought marvel to the eyes of the spectators. While they were warned not to tell anyone of the miracle, they could not contain themselves. It proved to be too much for them. They were compelled to tell about their Jesus encounter — the Jesus touch, the healing explosions.

Many of us suffer from deafness. We find it difficult to hear and listen to the cries of the poor and needy. Many of us are mute. We see so many deplorable things. We wake up witnessing the face of poverty and sufferings of countless people. Yet, we choose to keep quiet and remain indifferent to their plight.

In the Eucharist, let us seize the moment when we would have a one-on-one encounter with Jesus and in so doing, the much needed healing be received.


Lord, spit on me that I may be healed. Touch my ears and my eyes to listen to and see the suffering around me. Amen

THE FEAST OF NATIVITY of The Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary of Nazareth, the Mother of God, has been given to us a model of our pilgrimage of faith. From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s Will in all things. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God. Mary is not only the Mother of God, she is the Mother of the

Māori Language Week
14-21 September



He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata.
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure

Upcoming Parish Dates

Sunday, 08 September: Birth of Mother Mary.
Rosary 30 minutes before Mass
Bring your Mary picture for a blessing.

Sunday, 15 September: Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Blessing & Dedication of St John’s Church

Tuesday, 24 September, 7pm: Presentation: “Church buildings inspired by Vatican II”

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

15/09/24 23rd Week Ordinary time
Ps. 116A, p.126
1. Isaiah 50:5-9
2. James 2:14-18
Gospel Mark 8:27-35

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, Heath B.

Please let us know if you need prayers.

Baptism

Saturday, 07 September
11am, St John's Church
We welcome to the
Christian community :
**Valentine Orjuela
Mateus**

Aiden Jayce Curay



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. This Sunday there will be
special Morning Tea celebrating
the Birth of Mother Mary.



It will be organised by the Indonesian group
& the Filipino group.

After 9.00am Mass at St John's Church.
It will be organised by Nicki and her group.
Please join the celebration and bring a plate.

MASS MINISTRIES:

14/15 September 2024

5.30pm: St. John's

Sacristan: Margaret Mc.

Greeter (Door): Amanda Dixon-Mc.

Projectionist: Xavier H.

Welcome/Prayers: Debbie E.

Readers: Cathy F., Des F.

Holy Communion: Maria N.,

Mary H., Amanda Dixon-Mc.,

Anthony M.

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

7.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Farida T.

Greeter (Door): Lyn R.

Projectionist: Kevin D.

Welcome/Prayers: Joseph M.

Readers: Linda B., Nicholas E.

Holy Communion: Darryl R.

Altar Servers: Volunteer

9.00am: St. John's

Sacristan: Katie P.

Greeter (Door): Fabrizio M.

Projectionist: Elizabeth O'B.

Welcome/Prayers: Children's Mass
Volunteer.

Readers: Children's Mass Volunteer.

Holy Communion: Theresa B.,

Thomas B., Richard B., Tony Sm.,

Tony St.

Altar Servers: Libby S., Mason S.,
Issac O'B.

10.30am: St. Francis

Sacristan: Helen S.

Greeter (Door): Shiela T.

Projectionist: Matthew C.

Welcome/Prayers: Greg L.

Readers: Theresa M., Chris N.

Holy Communion: Sandra F.

Altar Servers: Declan J., Isabella J.

RIP

Our Condolences to the
family of Vinka Marinovic
Eternal rest grant unto
her, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon her.



Topic: Church buildings inspired by
Vatican II- With the example of our
St John the Baptist Church.

Tuesday, 24 September, 7pm
St John's Church

Presenter: Beate Matthies

Presentation

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: 11 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: 10 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
would 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.

30 August - 04 September 2024

Parish Collection: \$6,026.74, Donations: \$147.50

August Collection: \$23,689.07, Donations: \$608.90

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 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.

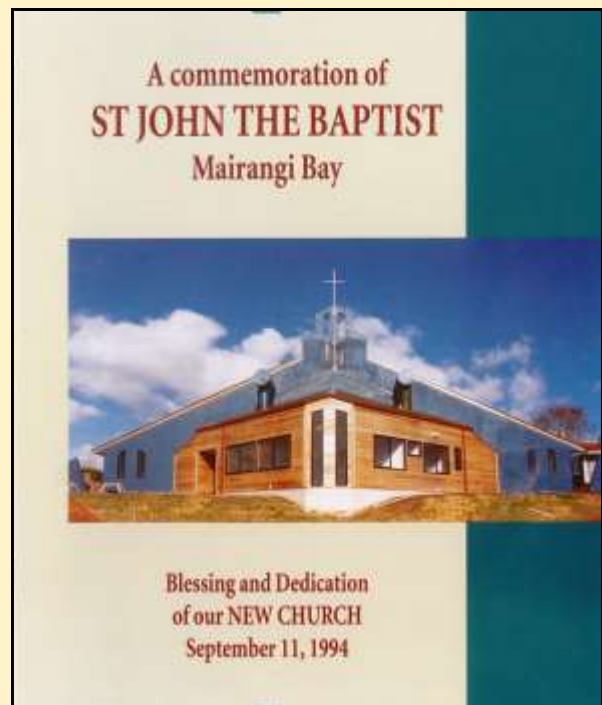
We are now filled to overflowing; so no more food is required at this time. We will keep you informed as to when we need more.



Celebrating 30 years of St John's Church September 2024

This is a memorable occasion and it will be a great opportunity to celebrate as a family community.

On 15 September, after 9.00am Mass at St John's Church, all parishioners are invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle. A plate of food would be most appreciated.



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/>



RCIA Sponsors required

The ministry of a sponsor is companionship, encouragement and witness of Faith.

Sponsors for this *Rite of Christian Initiation* sought to accompany older children (age 8-17) who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism as part of the RCIA journey. For more details, contact Leo and Emma by email at: rcia.ecbp@gmail.com

Please let us know if you would like to attend any of the Masses and have no transport. We will try to organize pickup and drop off after Mass.

Titipounamu Study & Joy



In the light of September being the month of the Season of Creation, you might like to hear this interview prepared a couple of months ago: "Reading the Bible Ecologically" with the late Dr Elaine Wainwright rsm:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWsvEFAHloU>

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



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

Season of Creation 2024
The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)



In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles.

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/)



Dove Catholic Women's fellowship, North Shore

Invites all women to join on Tuesday, 17 September, 7.30pm at
St Thomas More Catholic Church hall, Glenfield
Talk: Derek Prince
Topic: Burning Bush
Scripture: Exodus 3:1-2, 10



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 need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family"

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

