

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
EAST COAST BAYS**



FRANKIE & JOHNNY

CHRISTMAS EDITION 2020



Painting by Frances Smith



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St. Francis de Sales
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INTRODUCTION

to *Frankie & Johnny* 2020

This issue of *Frankie & Johnny* might look familiar and yet different to you.

The year 2020 has turned out to be quite different to what we expected. Last year's plans were shattered in many ways. In August, when Auckland went into lockdown again, I heard someone on the radio saying:

“This year is so frustrating – we might as well get our Christmas trees and forget about the year.”



Fortunately, we are people of Faith and Hope. We don't give up so easily.

Today, we know that New Zealand has been incredibly lucky with having had only a few weeks of lockdown. This parish has even had the wonderful opportunity to watch Mass with their own priests on YouTube.

I have joined the *East Coast Bays Catholic Parish* in my role as Operations & Finance Manager about three months ago. I have a background in linguistics, history of art, as well as marketing and business. I have been involved in my own parish and Diocesan committees for more than 10 years.

It has been hard to connect with the people at *St. John's* and *St. Francis* in the beginning. Due to Lockdown Level 2 and the recommendation to wear masks, it was not easy to get to know the parishioners. I would like to express my gratitude to those of you who have made me welcome, especially *Fr. Raphael*, *Fr. Alejandro*, *Liz*, and the volunteers who are supporting us on a daily basis as well as the *Parish Pastoral Council* and *Finance Committee* members.

Preparing this *Frankie & Johnny* together with *Liz* has helped me get to know the parish better. However, I am aware that it is not representative for the work of so many volunteers in the

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parish. My apologies to those who are not named on any of these pages. I was relying on the groups I met during the last weeks and those who answered my call to contribute to the *Frankie & Johnny*.

I am looking forward to getting to know you in the weeks and months to come. The Lockdown has taught us to be patient and full of hope, so I would like to refer to *Saint Francis de Sales* who has been quoted with the words:

“ Have patience with all things, But, first of all with yourself. ”

Beate Matthies



ANGEL GIVING TREE

Thank you for supporting our **Angel Giving Tree**. Your gifts will be distributed to families in need. This is how it worked:

1. An angel card was chosen from the tree in the church foyer.
2. A suitable gift was bought for a boy or girl in the age range indicated on the card.
3. The wrapped gift was placed in the box by the tree.



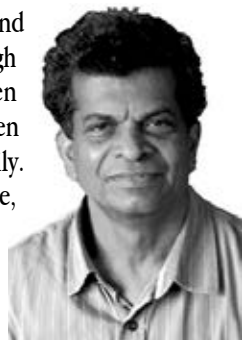


CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

from the Parish Priest

**Wishing all – virally spread Christmas blessings
and a vaccination of everything negative – New Year 2021.**

I would like to acknowledge all our parishioners for their support and generous self-giving to build our parish community all year through 2020. There are many of us, who have shouldered responsibility, taken decisions, spent hours sorting out tangled knots and issues, given hours of their precious time and specialised expertise voluntarily. Others have laboured hard to reach out to and bring joy, peace, and love through a viral spirit of self-giving.



Some of us have been there to care for the daily chores of the parish family assisting with liturgy and life in the parish community. They have taken extraordinary care to be inclusive of 'all' children, youth, adults, seniors and the very young at heart, in our parish. I am deeply grateful to 'one and all' and extend the appreciation of our entire community to 'each and every one of you'. Much as I would like to mention each one individually, I know I would end up missing someone out. So Please accept a big THANK YOU for ushering in a spirit of Joy, Happiness, Community Love, and Deep Concern for each other. Finding a reason to reach out and touch other lives while being busy balancing one's own life concerns. We as a community have virally spread a positive spirit of Joy Peace and Love in Our Community, and Our World around us. At a time when the world was socially distanced, deeply divided and paralysed by 'The Virus'.

To put our spirit in a single phrase, "Everyone Belonged". That is the spirit of Christmas. Long may our Christmas spirit reign for all of us and spread to our community and world our around.

A couple of years ago a French communist newspaper addressed the following remarks to the French Christians:

“Your 'Gospel' is a much more powerful weapon than our 'Marxist philosophy of life', yet we will defeat you in the long run, how can anyone believe in your 'Gospel' if you refuse to 'live it out' in your lives, if you refuse



to 'sacrifice your time and yourself for it'. How can anyone believe in your gospel, if you refuse to dirty your hands for it.”

Yes, indeed in our Gospels we have the most powerful weapon for a 'radical social transformation'. Our faith is simply a dead thing if our gospel teachings do not play an active part in our daily lives. Let this year's Christmas help us to bring Christ into our lives and help each one of us to be a genuine reflection of Jesus in our own homes and to everyone we meet in our lives.

Happy Christmas and a positively prosperous and inclusive New Year 2021 to everyone.

Fr. Raphael Lobo

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS



Carolyn MacDonell
Chairperson



Kerry Bergin
Secretary



Thérèse Leslie
Communications



Lindsay Brand
Hospitality & Social



Barry Rogers
Capital Works



Liz George
Pastoral Assistant



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

from the *Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee*

In this season of Advent, we are surrounded with the joy and light which the birth of *Jesus* brings into the world. At this great time of joy, we thank each of you and your families for being a part of our faith-filled community here at *East Coast Bays Catholic Parish* during the year that has been 2020. And what a year it has been!

With the level 4 lockdown in March, the *Finance Committee, Parish Pastoral Council*, and office held 12 Zoom meetings to plan the way forward for our parish community at the various alert levels. Key priorities included:

- ✦ ensuring the welfare of our priests, parishioners, volunteers, and office team while maintaining health and safety,
- ✦ instigating digital communications,
- ✦ producing online Masses,
- ✦ phoning vulnerable parishioners,
- ✦ and managing reduced finances.

The teams worked cohesively, negotiating through the uncertainty and the unprecedented impact of the virus, and managing a local response in line with New Zealand's overall response and our subsequent return to Mass.

Throughout this year of adaptation and change, we truly came together as a community via Masses on Zoom and YouTube. We are grateful for the support of our clergy, and the many parishioners and volunteers who made our online Masses possible. COVID-19 interfered with many of the social activities and events planned during 2020, but we are hopeful of enjoying a full social calendar of events in 2021.



The challenges of 2020 have caused us to pause and review many plans and goals for the parish. Key priorities for 2021 include:

- ✦ the overdue *St. Francis* refurbishment,
- ✦ a pledge renewal campaign,
- ✦ and investigations into income generating opportunities from fixed assets, notably the land at *St. Francis* church.



We are grateful for the positive feedback received following the *AGM*. It is most encouraging that several parishioners have expressed interest in joining the *Parish Pastoral Council*, nominations for which opened on 1 December 2020 and close on 1 February 2021. We ask that you reflect during Advent on how you can use your talents to support our parish community as a volunteer going forward. Please contact the office for the nomination forms and details of the nomination process.

We wish each and every one of you a joyous and blessed Christmas. May the beauty, peace, and joy of this season surround you all with the infinite love of *God*, and the wonder of the birth of His only Son, *Jesus*.

Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee



Deacon David *and* Fr. Alejandro



Marcelle *and* Jiries' display of woodcraft



From Left to right: Kerry, Fr. Alejandro, John, *and* John



Maria



PARISH GROUP REPORTS

Passionist Family Groups

2020 – what a year! A year where we have been isolated from our families and communities; a year where events have been cancelled and social connections limited; and a year where we have had time to reflect on life, our values, and our actions. A year when we have needed each other – more than ever before! Some of us thrived within our own ‘bubbles’, while others craved the human touch, voice and face – hidden behind masks. A year when we have discovered how much we truly need people.



The *Passionist Family Groups* (PFG) have not had their usual monthly get-togethers; however, connections were maintained through Zoom coffee dates, casual phone-calls, texts, and WhatsApp groups. The modern era has ensured that we can remain connected and in touch. For some however, loneliness, depression, and isolation were felt more than ever.

If you would like to know more about the background of the *Passionist Family Groups*, please get in touch with us or check out www.passionistfamily.org.nz

How Do We Work?

Each group has somewhere between 12-40 people, including children. In forming the groups, we try match children of a similar age, and a cross-section of adults so that it resembles an extended family. The emphasis is on building relationships, so the groups are about ‘being’ rather than ‘doing’.

This sign is close to the parish office entrance – have you seen it when you last came to the office?

The family group motto is:

“a family for all.”



Interested in Joining?

For further information contact *Lindsay* and *Colin Brand*, ph: 021-0829-5605.



North Shore Secular Franciscans

The *North Shore Secular Franciscan* fraternity has continued to meet in our Parish this year. As followers of *St. Francis of Assisi*, we try to practise the lifestyle he taught those first attracted to him. A lifestyle in which loving kindness and an attitude of service is extended to all people and all creation.

In June, we were delighted to welcome *Peter Jaekal* as a full member of our Order when he made his profession during a fraternity Mass celebrated by Capuchin friar *Fr. Philip Lakra*, who comes to our meetings and provides spiritual guidance.



On 7 November, we were able to join for the day with other Franciscans from the Auckland area and our members took a leading role. *Tricia Clarkson* led a reflection on the life of *St. Maximilian Kolbe*, the Franciscan friar who voluntarily took the place of a stranger about to die in Auschwitz prisoner of war camp during World War II. In the afternoon, *Peter Jaekal* gave a PowerPoint presentation about the history of the Catholic Church in Korea and the Korean martyrs.

Our meetings are held at *St. John's* on the second Friday of the month at 7:30pm, and normally begin with Mass celebrated by *Fr. Philip*. You are welcome to come and join us.

Linda Atkinson, email: linda@atkinson.org.nz



*Peter Jaekal making his profession during a fraternity Mass
celebrated by Capuchin friar Fr. Philip Lakra*



St. John's School

St. John's School, like all schools in New Zealand, has had a truly unusual, yet remarkable year.



COVID-19, although so devastating, has taught us many positive things. As a school community we have learnt how much we rely on each other, parents and teachers working together to support our little ones as they learnt from home. Teachers, learning new skills so that they could deliver the curriculum into the children's homes via Zoom, and children growing in resilience and appreciation. We did not allow COVID-19 to disrupt joy at our school. We had a focus on well-being and fun as we wanted our children to return to school feeling safe and excited to be there. We were successful!

There were many of our usual events that we could not hold. We had to adapt our Senior production from that of a live performance to a recorded version. This proved to be a great learning opportunity for our children, and we thank *Brendon Murphy* for the time we gave to us and his expertise in filming our show. Our sports teams have had modified seasons, but continue to show excellent sportsmanship. What we missed most was being able to come together as a faith community and we are so happy to be able to do so once again.

We feel very blessed to have the active presence of our wonderful *Father Raphael* and our new vibrant *Father Alex* at our school. The children love to see them in the classrooms and in the playground. The children particularly love it when *Father Raphael* calls them by name when asking them questions at Mass, they feel very special indeed! We also appreciate the presence and ongoing support of *Mrs Liz George* in our school. *Liz* has been invaluable in facilitating the **Seasons for Growth** programme for our children in need.

As a school we continue to pray for those who have been adversely affected by COVID-19 in our community. After the first lockdown we started a community food and veg stall, and this





was well received. We also had a pre-loved clothing stall that our children loved organising. We continue to offer pastoral care to those who require assistance.

Lastly, I wish to thank my staff. They are all dedicated, enthusiastic, faith filled individuals, that together make our school the great place it is for our whole community to enjoy.

Christmas blessings to you all.

Viki Trainor, Principal

St. Vincent de Paul Society

It has been a busy year though our foodbank was closed during lockdown. In the past year we have given out 145 food parcels, plus 12 Christmas hampers and 12 Christmas hampers from the Family Groups.



We are extremely grateful for all the donation money and food donations throughout the year, and felt very blessed that when the cupboards were completely cleaned out after we re-opened in May that *St. John's School* had a food drive and we were once again overflowing. Wow!

We have been able to help other families in need in many different ways including fees for school camps and household items.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you know of anyone who could do with some help in any way or even a visit. We would also welcome anyone who is interested in joining our group.

Anne Gough, ph: 479-8840, ph: 027-321-0729, or email: anne.beadlady@gmail.com



“You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That’s how prayer works.”

Pope Francis



Baptism Courses

The *Baptism Course* helps prepare and support parents in a caring community atmosphere. Highlights are:

- ✦ The diversity of people attending the course – sharing their faith and life experiences.
- ✦ The return of parents who have taken time out from the church.
- ✦ The large number of family and friends who attend the actual Baptism.



Sbona Spelman

Korean Bible Study Group

The *Korean Bible Study Group* has been led by *Rosa Moon* who has a Masters Degree in Theology. Every Monday morning, the members met in *St John's Church* to deepen their understanding of the Holy Scriptures. The topic for the year 2020 was *The Acts of the Apostles*.

The members of the group are sad that *Rosa* and her husband *Gregorio* are returning to Korea for a certain time, but hope that they will be back to continue with the Bible teachings in the Korean language.



Left to right: Veronica, Gregorio, Rosa, Katarina, Peter, Helena.

Not present: Agnes, Esther, Jacob

하느님의 말씀을 심지 삼아 등불을 든 사람들 !

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“Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.”

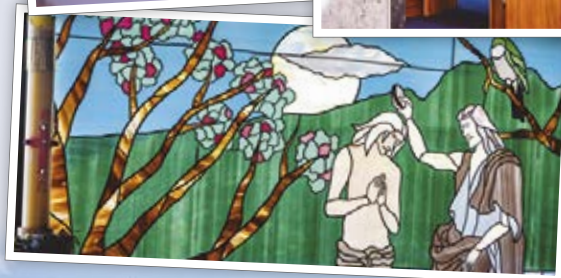
Pope Francis





ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

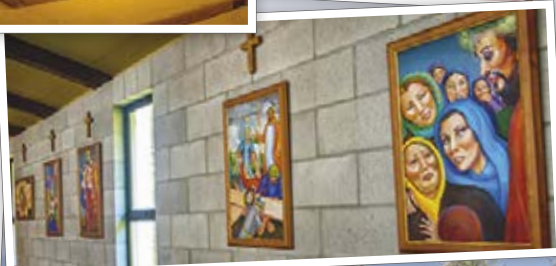
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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

8 Finchley Road, Torbay





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Bible Study Sessions

The *Bible Study Sessions* under the able *Deacon David Marshall* continued despite the pandemic breaks very smoothly and were led enthusiastically. Then as time moved along, Zoom served as an ever-ready ambulance. The participants were from New Zealand as well as from other countries. Present were people from Auckland and some from outside



The *Acts of the Apostles* from Chapter 1 sailed with us throughout 2020, with very interesting maps, journey routes, and graphics retrieved from the archives. In between, for a short while, we were exposed to the *Letter to the Ephesians*, then we continued with the *Acts of the Apostles*.

We ended on 8 December 2020 with Chapter 28.

We gave glory to *Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception*, and celebrated the *Feast* with a cuppa, cake, and snacks. It was also a way of bidding farewell to 2020 and wishing all a happy birthday of *Jesus* and a bright, healthy, and interesting New Year 2021.

Rev. Deacon David Marshall has waved a wand to start it afresh on 2 February 2021.



Florinda Azavedo

Other Groups & Courses

Mothers Prayers	Korean Catholics of the Holy Family	R.C.I.A.
The Living Waters Prayer	Rosary Groups	Children's Liturgy and Mass
Legion of Mary	Children's Choir	Youth Mass
Korean Legion of Mary	Scripture Group	Safeguarding Courses
Mother of Humble	Eucharistic Adoration	Seasons for Growth



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

COVID-19 Update

20 March 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

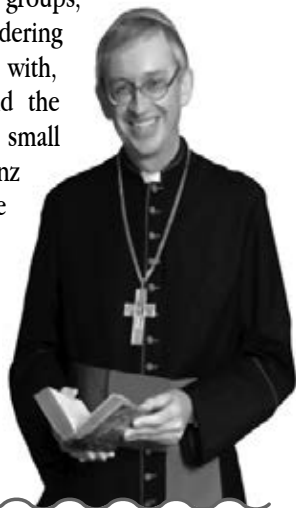
We are living in a time of uncertainty and fear as COVID-19 spreads throughout the world. This is a serious public health emergency. In order to keep New Zealanders safe and limit the transmission of this virus, then New Zealand Government has announced a number of measures to promote the common good and ensure that best practice is followed to mitigate the effect of this pandemic on human life. One of these measures was the announcement prohibiting gatherings of more than 100 people. This has significant implications for Sunday Mass and our Easter celebrations. Having carefully and calmly reviewed the advice from the Ministry of Health, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference have agreed to **suspend all Masses, including Sunday Mass** until further notice. I formally give you *dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays* and holy days of obligation (cc 87 #1, 1247).

Keeping the Lord's Day Holy

Although Mass will not be available on Sunday in this time, people are encouraged to celebrate Sunday as domestic Church. Gathering to pray in small groups, particularly whānau groups. This might include – reading and pondering the Scriptures for Sunday, giving thanks for all that we are blessed with, praying for the needs of individuals, families, New Zealand, and the world. You will also be able to pray Sunday Mass individually or in small groups through the diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz where Sunday Mass will be available on the front page of the website from 6:00pm each Saturday.

The Door is Always Open

As far as possible, Churches will remain open for private prayer – the door is always open. Guidelines for how this can be safely done will be provided by the diocese on the resource





page. A number of resources are being prepared by the Diocese to support you in the journey of faith in these times. Check regularly.

There are many pastoral implications to this difficult decision. I and others from the Diocese will regularly communicate with priests, parish leaders, and you the People of God of the Auckland Diocese.

Let us hold each other, our world, all people in prayer as we look out for each other and our neighbours, mindful of the love that God showers on us.

Yours sincerely in the Lord.

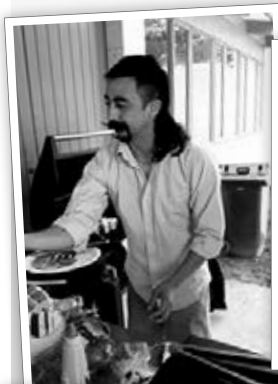
+ Patrick Dunn





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & GRATITUDE CELEBRATION

15 November 2020



Let's Celebrate

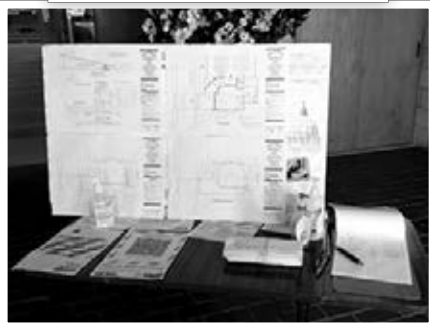
Our parish has much to celebrate and be grateful for - let us celebrate together at **St Francis Church on Sunday, 15 November.**

You are welcome to join for 10.30am Mass or just arrive on time at 11.45am for the official part of our special day:

- COVID 19 debrief (Parish Pastoral Council)
- Short Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Opportunity to share your ideas (please write your thoughts on paper and contribute to the meeting beforehand - drop a note into the office or send an email to office@stfrancis.org.nz)
- THANKSGIVING TO THE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH
- Invitation to a celebration with Sausage Sizzle, Yummy Treats - and free barista made coffee. Come and get to know more about our parish, join us for a day of mixing & mingling, sharing and laughter.

We will acknowledge our volunteers, learn about the role of a member of the Parish Pastoral Council and about the many active groups within the parish who will be present.

This is a special opportunity to **HAVE YOUR SAY** and **CHANGE** things.





SOCIAL MEDIA

In the document from Vatican II in 1963, *Inter Mirifica*, the participants of this transformation event in the life of the Church saw the need to educate the members of the Church concerning the use of social communications to further the life of the Church.

More recently, *Pope Francis* said that:

“It is... important to know how to dialogue and, with discernment, to use modern technologies and social networks in such a way as to reveal a presence that listens, converses, and encourages. Allow yourselves, without fear, to be this presence, expressing your Christian identity as you become citizens of this environment. A Church that follows this path learns how to walk with everybody.”

As a parish, we want to remain with the beautiful challenge of opening ourselves to the new paths that the media opens up for us. We invite you to be part of this world so great that it encourages us to dialogue and to be virtually connected as a community.

Fr. Alejandro de la Sotta SVD

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Email: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ECBParish/

App Email: app@ecbcatholic.org.nz

YouTube live-streaming of Mass: (thanks to *Mark Leslie*)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCSbu87hUIs





ADVENT VIDEO

Fr. Alejandro de la Sotta SVD has been asking parishioners to talk about the four themes of Advent:

1. Sunday of Advent – we light the candle of Hope
2. Sunday of Advent – we light the candle of Peace/Faith
3. Sunday of Advent – we light the candle of Joy (Gaudete Sunday)
4. Sunday of Advent – we light the candle of Love

You can watch the videos at eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz/resources/



Fr. Alejandro *filming Advent video-clips*

“ Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.”

Pope Francis





VOLUNTEERS



A big **THANK YOU** to all parishioners who are donating their time and use their skills for the many tasks in the parish (some photos on opposite page), such as those listed on the right.

Interested in contributing?

Every contribution counts. The more volunteers are rostered, the lighter the burden for all.
Contact the office, email: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Rosters

Thank you to the volunteers who have done the rosters in 2020: *Chris Ingram* and *Simon Plimmer*.

Linda Butler has been so kind as to take over the rosters for the next couple of months while we are starting Online Rosters.

Please don't be afraid of this new system – if you can't use it (for whatever reason), you can still email or phone the office. However, we encourage you to use our new system: The rosters will be pre-populated and volunteers will be able to go into the roster and see their rostered dates, as well as book themselves into future dates.

We are making this change so there is a “one stop” view of all ministries for each Mass and to make it easier for volunteers to be flexible with their commitments.

Please email: ecbparish.rosters@gmail.com to tell us if you can help with ministries.

Community & Social

Parish Pastoral Council
Leisure Group (60+)
Caring / Grief Support
Hospitality / Catering / Baking
Home Help
Zone Leader / Zone Leaflet Deliverer
Youth Groups

Sacramental Education

Baptism Preparation for Parents
Reconciliation Preparation
First Holy Communion Preparation
Confirmation Preparation
Religious Edu. Adult / Converts Classes
Edu. in Faith / Children / Teacher
Children Liturgy / Teacher

Liturgical

Altar Server
Reader
Usher / Collector / Welcomers
Collection Counters
Computer
Children's Mass
Eucharistic Minister to Sick / Elderly
Organist / Musician
Singer / Cantor / Choirs

General

Flower Arranging / Church Cleaning
Gardening
Laundering Altar Linen
Maintenance / Working Bees
Transport to Mass



“Volunteers
do not necessarily
have the time;
they just have
the heart.”

Elizabeth Andrew





FRANCES ELLEN SMITH



Frances Smith was a diminutive, smiling, often funny person with a prodigious painting talent which she shared generously. *Frances* loved to use her artistry as means of expressing her faith. She created some beautiful paintings for *St Francis Church* after which *Fr. Raphael* commissioned her to create the stunning colourful depictions of the *Stations of the Cross*.

Frances passed away during 2020 after a long illness and we live with her beautiful legacy.

Linda Butler

Some examples of *Frances*' paintings:

(colour versions can be seen on the cover and page 15)



Eucharistic Adoration

St John's Church
Wednesdays, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

St Francis Church
Thursdays, 11:00am – 12:00noon



“ Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed.”

Saint Francis de Sales



ANOINTING MASS 2019

St. Francis was open and we took the first seats in front of the altar.

We went to this Holy Mass with our grand-daughter. *Chantal* had leukaemia and her last treatment was in the week ahead. *Father Raphael* did anoint her. She was the youngest from all the parishioners at that Mass. *Chantal* was so brave and her last treatment went well.

On 19 December 2019 the dear Lord called her. We are all sad, but we know she is with all the angels in heaven.

Sanny Leur





BAPTISMS

Isaac Allison
Kruz Andres
Kyrie Andres
Grace Baddeley
Rita Babnam
Conor Cann Burke
Emma Contini
Beaux Devereaux
Sinead Foster
Alonzo Freesir-Wetzell
Paige Gallacher
Jordan George
Emma Gorst
Ezra Hammond
Robin Hewitt
Rowen Jacobs
Jayden Jeon
Leah Jeon

Nicolas Larreynaga Fernandez
Margot Lichtwark
Bryce Lobo
Gabriel Luong
Samuel Luong
Unaloto Makasini
Kenzo Malinowska (Wang)
Emma Martinez Munoz
Alice Martinez Munoz
Mason Nicoll Ichwansyah
Mila Qastom
Nicolas Retamal Roblero
Tristan Seiderer
Lozano Siller
Asber Yabanpath
Hannah Yoo
George Young

“John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.”

Mark 1:4-5



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Samuel Luong
Matthew McDonald
Thomas Neill
Isaac O'Brien
Benjamin Perry
George Pidgeon
Ava Plummer
Grace Plummer
Rachel Qazanchy
Gabriella Richarte
Rebecca Robertson

Elena Rotaecbe
Liam Sayegh
Alexander Smith
Joshua Steele
Samuele Steele
Cooper Stevenson
James Straka
Jake Stucki
Vasken Wartanian
Ella Whiteman
Magdalena Woeste

“We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good; we go to become good.”

St. John Bosco





REQUIESCAT IN PACE (R.I.P.)

We remember all those who have passed away this year. We especially remember family members and friends who mourn their passing.

Magdalene Baatjies

David Barnes

Albert Belmonte

Roger Benefield

Moyra Billie

Val Bock

Margaret Bonner

Norbert Bornhauser

Stephen Brennan

Margaret Butler

Amgad Dawood

Henedina de Souza

Wim de Veer

Mary Donoghue

Joce Edwards

Sandra Fernandes

Delphine Gillespie

Nora Growden

Douglas Guthrie

Robin Hammond

Ann Harkins

Ann Harte

Madeleine Ireland

Margaret Jeffs

John Leur

Darval Lindsay-Smith

Jeremiab Martin

John Mascarenbas

Lorraine McConchie

Pamela McInerney

Glenda Monteiro

Chloe Mullally

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Bruce Weller

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-5





Christmas 2020

CHRISTMAS EVE – Thursday, 24 December 2020

5:30pm	<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	Children's Mass
8:15pm	<i>St John the Baptist Church</i>	Vigil Mass
11:30pm	<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	Carols & Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY – Friday, 25 December 2020

7:30am	<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>
9:00am	<i>St John the Baptist Church</i>

ST. STEPHEN'S FEAST – Saturday, 26 December 2020

8:00am	<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>
5:30pm	<i>St John the Baptist Church</i>

Normal timetable resumes from Sunday, 27 December 2020



New Year 2021

NEW YEAR'S DAY – Friday, 1 January 2021

10:00am	<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>
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Normal Sunday / weekday timetable resumes from Sunday, 3 January 2021

