



# NEWSLETTER

## PARISH TEAM:

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## PARISH OFFICE:

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*The Parish Office is located at the back of St. Johns Church and is open Mondays—Fridays, 10am—1pm*

## 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 except on Feast Days, there will be a Mass.

## MONTHLY MASSES:

**CHILDREN** : 3rd Sunday: 9.00am Mass St. John's Church. Children to please arrive by 8.30am. Contact Lindy [lindy@willplan.co.nz](mailto:lindy@willplan.co.nz) if you would like to receive a reminder email.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY :

1st Friday/month at 6pm - followed by Adoration—St John's

## 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](mailto:barsfamily@xtra.co.nz)  
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**St. John the Baptist**  
87 Hastings Rd, Mairangi Bay

## REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : Fr Carlo

Jesus continues His sermon on the mount that started with the Beatitudes last Sunday. Notice the beautiful transition from last week's "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me" to this week's "You are the salt of the earth."



Jesus uplifts us today for all our love and sacrifices this week. Every time we give ourselves in love and service, when we choose to do what is right and just, when we would rather be merciful and peaceful, we make more impact in the world like the salt that makes food taste better. Salt purifies and preserves food that, in ancient times, denotes life. Salt also points to eternal life because it preserves against corruption, the most dreaded of which is death; hence, in ancient times, people who dined together ate salt during the meal to signify their bond and friendship beyond this life. Every good deed we perform in this life not only leaves an impact here but leads us to heaven too.

We are called salt of the earth not for our own sake. Anyone truly wishing to serve must forget one's self and, like Saint Paul, come "in weakness and fear and much trembling," relying more on the "power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:3 and 5) than on their own wisdom and abilities. People who try so hard to make an impact in the world with their own abilities do get noticed for some time. But they eventually fizz out and, worse, fall into shame and oblivion. Those who work in silence and obscurity are the ones who affect others much in this world because their good deeds and kindness continue through others—they are simply doing the work of God. Power that truly transforms people and nations come only from God despite human weakness and limitations.

*Lord, teach us to be like the salt of the earth by dissolving our pride and be like the light of the world by diffusing our self-centeredness. Amen.*

Thursday, 12 Feb 10am, St Francis Church.  
Liturgy of the Word



For all baptised children aged between 7 years and 18 years as of June 2026, who would like to register. Please visit parish [website](#) for more information and to express your interest.



Fr Carlo will be away until Tue, 17 February.  
Reconciliation & Vigil Masses: Fr Emile.

### St Francis Church

Saturday, 07 Feb, 8am Reconciliation and 9am Mass & Sunday, 08 Feb, 7.30am Mass - Fr Daniel Kulangara.

Sunday, 08 Feb, 10.30am Mass - Msgr David Tonks.

### St John's Church

Saturday, 07 Feb, 4.30pm Reconciliation and 5.30pm Mass - Fr Emile

Sunday, 08 Feb, 9am Mass, Msgr David Tonks.



### Adoration in St John's Church:

Friday, 06 February 2026, 6-9pm.

Next Adoration in St Francis Church:  
Thursday, 19 February 2026.

Next Evening & Anniversary Mass

Friday, 06 March, 6pm, St John's

### 08/02/26 5th Sunday In ordinary Time

Ps.112, P122

1. Isaiah 58:7-10

2. 1Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

### 15/02/26 6th Sunday In ordinary Time

Ps.119, P130

1. Esuc. 15:15-20

2. 1Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo will be available to sign the forms for parishioners on Wednesdays between 10.30am -12 noon for a 10 minute slot

Please make an appointment:

[office@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

No appointments until Wednesday, 18 Feb 2026

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Jenny F; Jenny J; Kim C; Jean A; Jim A; Peggy J; Wayne L; Louise D; Maria J; Kevin D; Wan L; Cooper; Cecile A; Emmy H; Elizabeth W; Oliver H; Pam W; Evelyn D; Heath B; Wolfgang Von S; Diane S; Sarah B; Key Sg; Verity R; Rima S; Pat G., Anna J; Mary J; Wane J; Michelle P; Ross C; Miles C.; Iain R., Kyle P.; Audrea W; Leo K; Marion W; Robert W.; Julie Th; Shenal G; K L; Mary J.; Ghada B.; Ann J.; Joanna R.; Daniel M.; Sebastian Z.; K. L, Liz G.

Please let us know if you need prayers.



## Morning Tea All are welcome

After 9am Mass, St John's Church, contact Nicki on 0211198153 if you would like to be part of the team.

After 10.30am Mass, St Francis Church, morning tea will be organised by the Indonesian Group.



## Baptism Saturday, 07 February 11am, St John's Church

Hailey Rose du Piesanie,  
Luca Anne Mitchell



## Upcoming Parish Events

Friday, 06 Feb, Adoration 6-9pm, St John's Church.

Saturday, 14 February, RCIA Rite of Sending during the 5.30pm Mass, St John's Church. Please join if you can.

Tuesday, 24 February, Formation Evening. Everyone is encouraged to attend the *Reshaping Session* in St Joseph's, Takapuna, 7-9pm

### Old Palms

Please bring your last year's Blessed Palms and place them in the baskets at the back of both churches by the weekend Sat/Sun, 14/15 Feb, to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday, 18 Feb.



## MASS MINISTRIES: 14 Feb/15 Feb 2026

### 5.30pm: St. John's

**Sacristan:** Liany D.

**Greeter (Door):** Volunteer

**Projectionist:** Ethan E.

**Welcome/Prayers:** Kathleen M.

**Readers:** Anastasia B.,

**Holy Communion:** Maria N., Lindsay B., Tam F., Jennifer K., Tusi H.

**Altar Servers:** Wonai Sh., Meredith F., Hara K., Myles B.

### 7.30am: St. Francis

**Sacristan:** Farida T.

**Greeter (Door):** Gina H.

**Projectionist:** Douglas S.

**Welcome/Prayers:** Linda B.

**Readers:** Emma A., Vicky R.

**Holy Communion:** Rodney J., Rosana P.

**Altar Servers:** Angela D., Liliyanna R.

### 9.00am: St. John's

**Sacristan:** Rose W.

**Greeter (Door):** Volunteer

**Projectionist:** Children Mass

**Welcome/Prayers:** Children Mass

**Readers:** Children Mass

**Holy Communion:** Theresa B., Richard B., Thomas B., Daniella B., Beverley H.

**Altar Servers:** Charlotte A., Pippa A., Jason O.

### 10.30am: St. Francis

**Sacristan:** Michael Y.

**Greeter (Door):** Volunteer

**Projectionist:** John D.

**Welcome/Prayers:** Marie S.

**Readers:** Shiela T., Alyssa M.

**Holy Communion:** Greg L., Helen S., Lynne L.

**Altar Servers:** Anya & Ivo A., Joshua & Rosemary G.

## Have you recently changed your address or contact details?

Are you new to the parish?

Would like to receive our notices and newsletters by email?

Would you like to support us? Please help us to keep the database up-to-date.

[Please register with the parish](#)



## Formation Evenings

Every 4th Tuesday of the Month, 7-8pm, St John's Church

Tuesday, 24 February 7-9pm, Reshaping in the Spirit of Synodality—**St Joseph's, Takapuna. All are invited to attend.**

Tuesday, 24 March, Lenten reflection. Speaker TBC

Tuesday, 28 April, Bible Society, St John's Church.

Tuesday, 26 May, Mary Untier of Knots, St John's Church.

## Regular Parish Activities

**The Craft and Friendship Group**, every Wednesday, 1-3pm, Fr Quinn's Chapel, St John's Church (Judith 0278252319 or Ally 0211077980). All welcome to join and share Friendship, next meeting, Wed, 11Feb.

**The Living Water Prayer Group**, every Monday, 7.15-9.00pm, St John's (Nola 0276666857 or Maurice 02102525371)

**Meditation Group**, every Monday after Liturgy of the Word, If you are interested in joining our Group, please get in touch [with us](#). The location might change short term.

**The Secular Franciscans**, every 2nd Sunday/month, 4pm, St John's (Lysa 021 612171)

**Legion of Mary**, every Wednesday, 4.30–5.30pm, St John's.

**White Flower Café**, every Tuesday, 9.30-11.30am, 88 Clyde Rd  
**Bible Study for Young Adults aged 19 to 35**, every Friday except 1st Friday of the month, 7-9pm, Mike Byrne Room, St Francis Church contact Levi Sharpe [youth@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:youth@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

## Collections / Donations

January 2026: Collection total: \$28,972.62

General Donations/Fundraising: \$3,128.70

Less allocations to the Diocese & Priests: \$16,888.13

Collection (30 January – 04 February): \$7,908.00

General Donations/Fundraising: \$297.31

Fundraising Roof (Total): \$40,343.20,

The costs for the repair were: \$51,566.00

Fundraising Screens (Total): \$8,930.80

The cost for the screens in both Churches: \$21,805.85

Current Fundraising projects:

1. Roof St John's: **"Roof"**

2. TV Screens for the Churches: **"Screens"**

3. Presbytery upgrade: **"Presbytery"**

If you can, please continue to donate to these huge costs by using the references above.

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](mailto:beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

**PayWave Machines are available at the back of both Churches.**



Columban Calendars 2026

now **\$10** each.



Bible Diaries 2026

now **\$15** each.

only 2 copies left in the office.



Baptism dates:

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

Next Baptism Course

03 March 2026, 7.00-8.30 pm

Please note that there will be **No Baptism** in the Parish during Lent.

Upcoming Baptism dates:

Saturday, 07 Feb 2026 and Saturday, 02 May 2026

For further information, please [see the website](#).

To Register: [baptism@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:baptism@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are currently in need of Tinned Fish, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Beetroot, Corn, Noodles, Coffee, and Snack Biscuits.



Thank you very much for all the wonderful donations.

If you would like to make a monetary donation our bank account is 12-3059-0241398-00.

Name: St Vincent de Paul Society.

Email your details to: [treasurersvdp@pceb.org.nz](mailto:treasurersvdp@pceb.org.nz) for a receipt. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from a helping hand, please contact Debbie in confidence for a food bag or other assistance. Ph 021 745 225. We are here to help.

Bible Study for Youth Adults  
(19-35y) Fridays, 7-9pm

(Except on the 1st Friday of the month).

Location: Mike Byrne Room

St Francis Church. [Register here.](#)

Contact: Levi Sharpe [youth@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:youth@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.



## Gift Shop

We have a great variety of Rosaries and Wood Craft items (incl. crosses), as well as Holy Water bottles and much more.

Opening hours: Mon– Fri, 10am-1pm.

Please contact the [office](#) for appointments outside the opening hours.



Our condolences to the families of Maureen Atkins who passed away last week, and



Terry Corbett whose Funeral will be held on Monday, 9 Feb, 12pm at St John's Church.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please **DO NOT** double park in the car park and block the access for drop-offs and Emergency vehicles. Additional Parking for those attending **St John's Masses on the weekends** is available on the school netball court, please take **Penzance Rd** and drive beyond the School Hall to park.



## For our Nation on Waitangi Day

That we will always be focusing on unity, healing, to build a peaceful and just nation, rooted in justice, partnership, and mutual respect.

## *Titipounamu Study & Joy*



Franciscan Renaissance

with Patrick Carolan (live from USA)

Monday, 16 February 2026, 7-8pm. Zoom (Koha/Donation). Register to receive the Zoom link: [www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/08/franciscan-renaissance/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/08/franciscan-renaissance/)

Crisis Pregnancy & Healing. Interview with Catherine Gillies (CDA Human Life Committee). [www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/18/crisis-pregnancy-healing-muffin-talk-with-catherine-gillies/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/18/crisis-pregnancy-healing-muffin-talk-with-catherine-gillies/)

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

Facebook/Videos: Pictures might be taken at special events. Please let us know if you don't like your personal photos to appear on social media.

*Thank you*



# DIOCESAN NEWS & NEWS from the VATICAN

## Weekly Mass on Shine TV

Free to air Channel 25  
Sky Channel 201

Each Saturday evening at 5.30pm  
Sunday Mass is available for viewing.  
Check out [the link](#).



The Liturgy magazine by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre is available [online](#) and for free.  
For queries contact: [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz)

## Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network

Praise in the Park  
15 February 2026, 4-6pm  
Selwyn Domain, Mission Bay, Auckland  
For more details visit [PRAISEINTHEPARK.NZ](#)



## North Shore - Reshaping in the Spirit of Synodality

Tuesday, 24 February 2026  
7.00-9.00 pm  
St Joseph Takapuna

10 Dominion St, Takapuna  
Registration essential <https://www.ucklandcatholic.org.nz/reshaping-in-the-spirit-of-synodality/>

## 40 Days for Life

Offering hope to mothers in their hour of need.  
From Ash Wed, 18 Feb, to Palm Sunday 29 March  
Street vigil: Tue, Wed, Thu 7am-12noon, Mt Eden.  
For more info contact Simon 021400729 or [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz)



## "I Will Give You Rest"

Friday, 06 March 2026, 10am  
Trinity Waikae (Methodist Church)



World Day of Prayer is an international movement of Christian people in many different traditions that have a continuing relationship of prayer and service. People from various denominations gather in one another's churches to celebrate, using a Worship Service prepared by women of a different country each year. For info visit: <https://www.worlddayofprayer.org.nz/>

## Pope LEO XIV:

"You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world. And today your voices, your enthusiasm, your cries — which are all for Jesus Christ — will be heard to the ends of the earth . "

## Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

[www.facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) [www.instagram.com/acym2](https://www.instagram.com/acym2)

**Catholic University Chaplaincy:**  
Contact Daniel – [daniels@cda.org.nz](mailto:daniels@cda.org.nz)

## Celebrating Marriage & Family Life St Valentine's Mass

Sat, 14th Feb 5.30pm, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. Everyone is welcome  
For info contact Jerry on 02102247442



Helping disciples build a culture of prayer, leadership, and mission  
Sharing Your Story: Testimony That Transforms  
Monday, 16 Feb, 7-8.30pm  
Email to register: [missionhubnz@gmail.com](mailto:missionhubnz@gmail.com)

## Safeguarding Online Workshop

Thur, 19 Feb 7.00-8.30pm  
For more information and to get the Microsoft Teams Online Link, contact Lisa-May Gray [lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz)



## Masterclass For Youth and Young Adults Ministry Leaders

Sun, 22 Feb, 1.00pm -5.30pm  
Pompallier Diocesan Center  
Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/masterclass2026>



**St Joseph's Gift Shop.** Come see us at our new location in Albany Village or visit us online at [www.stjosephscentre.co.nz](http://www.stjosephscentre.co.nz)

## Rosmini College Enrolments 2027

For all enrolment enquiries, please contact Eunice Barnard on 09 488 3750 or email [enquiries@rosmini.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@rosmini.school.nz)  
<https://www.rosmini.school.nz/enrolment/>



## Carmel College Enrolments for 2027

Open 27 January 2026

Close 13 March 2026

Any questions to Jane Meurant [admin@carmel.school.nz](mailto:admin@carmel.school.nz)



Kidz Corner  
For info click [here](#)

## Gospel for kidz

A Religious Education Resource for Families

## Marriage and Family Life Marriage Preparation

### Engaged / Planning a wedding?

Catholic Diocese of Auckland-Approved Marriage Preparation Course. Book your Course early, 1 year and 18months for overseas wedding. Register & Book here: <https://www.ucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>. For more information contact: Gerry at: [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) M: 021 02247442

