



# Hibiscus Coast Parish

Kia Ora

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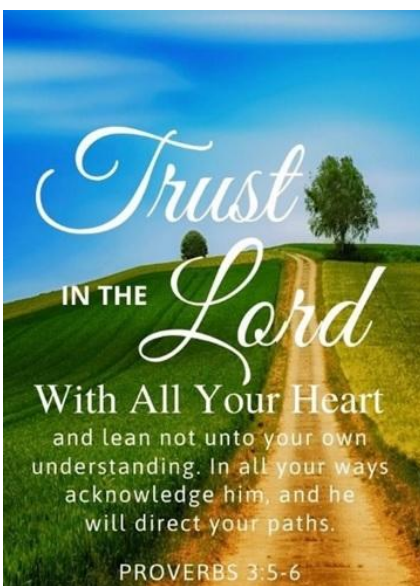
Welcome back to St Johns and St Francis parish.

It's great to have you with us again. There are signs of new life and growth everywhere in nature currently. Bright yellow daffodils, blue irises, and gorgeous pink magnolia buds bursting out on branches all around the Coast.



How lucky are we to live here! Everywhere are small reminders of **HOPE**: improving weather, tides retreating and returning, people caring for, and about us. Even in bad times and poor health, we have reason to be hopeful and put our faith in the Lord.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH?



### Connecting with other Parishioners for faith and fun!

Each week in this Newsletter, you'll get to meet some folk from our parish and see the good work they are doing.

We are fortunate to have many programs operating and a wide range of Ministries which we can enjoy including prayer and rosary, coffee catchups, meditation, Pilgrims, to name a few, in addition to the Sacramental group, Liturgy, Youth group, Care and Share, Catering and many many more.

Want to tell us about your group? [Email us!](#)

## Holy Family Fellowship

**Convenors:** Helen Kehoe - 0212117380 - [helenkehoenz@gmail.com](mailto:helenkehoenz@gmail.com)  
Kathy Ellery and Joanne Wilson



We meet every Tuesday afternoon in St John's Hall from 1 pm, starting with a shared plate, light lunch, and fellowship, followed by our sharing with a Catholic flavor (Bible reflection, the life of a Saint for inspiration, music, different expressions of prayer, etc). It varies each week but is always done in an atmosphere of joy, friendship, love, and support. We finish at 3 pm, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the church.

This is a "drop-in" afternoon for anyone to join in as much or as little as they wish. A place to feel loved, valued, and cherished. A time to nourish body, soul, and spirit. We are very sociable and hold regular parties for parishioners and everyone is always so very welcome.

Our founding scripture is Mathew 12 V 49: And with outstretched arms towards His disciples He said, "Here are my Mother and brethren".

Our Holy Family Fellowship prayer is:

"Unite us, dear Lord, in one heart and mind, the Heart and Mind of Jesus. And May the love that exists between us closely resemble the love that exists in the Holy Family, Amen".

We would love you to come and join us at any time - a chance to grow our Parish family.

Helen, Jo, and Kathy.

## Marita Connelly



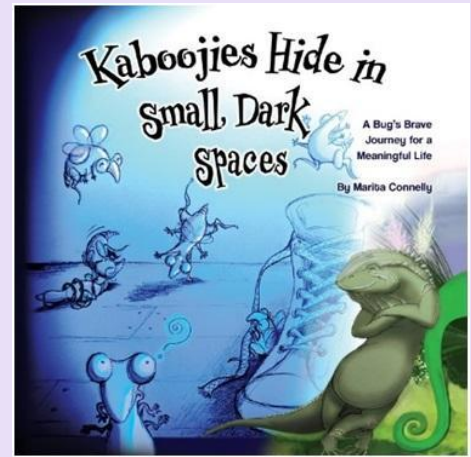
Marita is a recent addition to the PPC. Relocating to Stanmore Bay from the USA, she shares her talents in many groups in the parish (liturgy, gardening to name a few).

Following her work life as an educational illustrator and animator for a large global company, she recently published her first book, with a second on the way.

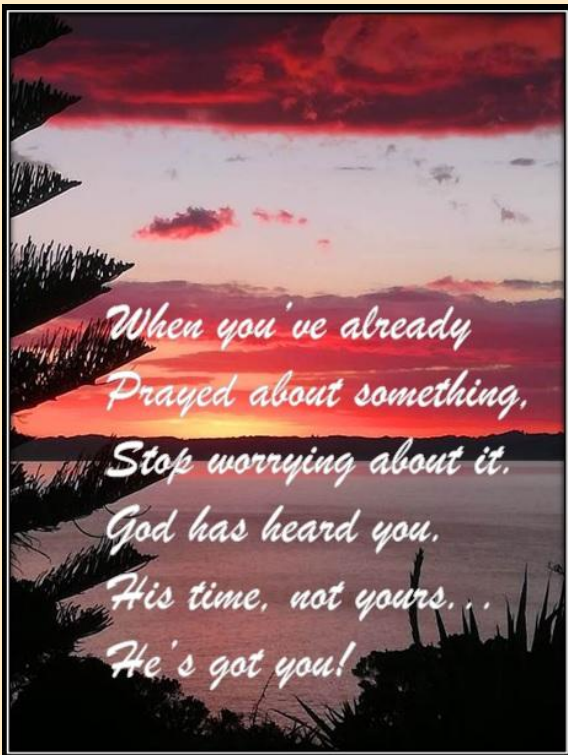
Could be a super Xmas present for the grandkids! Sold on Amazon, B&N and other online bookshops.

"Readers go on an exciting, brave journey with Kaboojie Bean as he ventures out from his usual dark spaces into the amazing nature of New Zealand. As a stranger in a new land, he meets many challenges, makes new Kiwi friends, and discovers the true meaning of life. Courageous Bean follows his dream!"

[store.bookbaby.com/book/kaboojies-hide-in-small-dark-spaces](https://store.bookbaby.com/book/kaboojies-hide-in-small-dark-spaces)



## Communications Team



With the backing of the PPC, we've established a "Comms Team" designed to help facilitate and support all platforms of communication throughout the Parish, to better connect existing and new Parishioners. Two initiatives we have established in our first 4 weeks are the Friday Newsletters and The Telephone Tree Pastoral Ministry.

### Team Members:

Cathy Allen (PPC),  
Rebecca Corona-Nickerson (PPC)  
Maria Sousa  
Mary Therese Caldwell  
Clive Goodman  
(Parish Pastoral Co-ordinator)

## Telephone Tree Pastoral Ministry

With the kind help of 20 volunteer Parishioner Team Leaders, we are making ph calls to parishioners to see how they are managing during the lockdown. We have received many positive emails and thank yous.

The idea originated at St Francis church in the first lockdown and a lot of work was put in by Deacon Greg and Catherine Cyprian and many others into getting this underway. Thank you to all who were involved, and to those who are leading this initiative today.

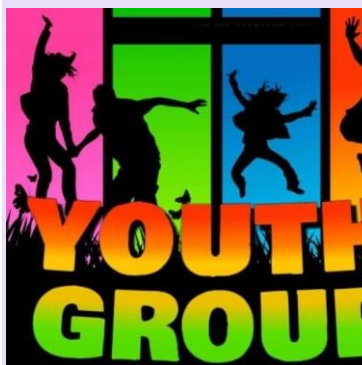
If you know of someone who would like a phone call please [email us](#).

**More Team Leaders wanted - please [email us](#) for a chat.**

## Newsletter Feedback

We love receiving your feedback, and finding out how you are, so please email us and share your suggestions for prayers, stories, or articles.

### The Youth Group is going great guns! They're meeting on Zoom tonight



Look forward to seeing you all again this Friday at 5 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89150345890?pwd=OW9WcDhpdVRqM1ZJd1dTMWVKcXQvdz09>

Meeting ID: 891 5034 5890

Passcode: 065005

Please note that this time we are having the Youth Group from **5 pm to 6 pm.**

Join Us On  
Facebook

## Strengthening our Daily faith through Songs and music

Are you missing a sing-a-long?

Cathy Allen (Comms team) shares some favorites which can be viewed on Youtube:

**"Shout to the Lord"**, Darlene Zschech, Hillsong. Turn your Captions/Subtitles on to see the words

[https://youtu.be/5\\_alauL2xKA](https://youtu.be/5_alauL2xKA)

For Elvis Presley fans, **"One Pair of Hands"**, written by Elvis and performed by Carroll Roberson

<https://youtu.be/f1A6JT2FnPI>

## HOPE AND SACRIFICE

Parishioner Audrey Hendon, shared with us a great story of hope and sacrifice, about the four Transalpine Redemptorist monks, abandoned by the Catholic Church. Take a look at their moving story of conviction here as seen recently on the TV programme "Sunday":



<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/sundays-miriama-kamo-her-time-isolated-canterbury-monks>

## Nourish your soul!

The diocese has a number of resources available on its website to support people during this time

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4/>

The diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30 pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQeI-mOW1mJSzfow>

Thanks to Mike (Buck) Rogers who shared this link to Daily Mass at 9 am with Bishop Steve at the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

<https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream>

It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00 pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

Please also enjoy these additional resources which are available online:

FREE DIGITAL COPY NZ  
Catholic

NZ Catholic\_Special  
Digital Issue\_Sept 1, 2021



[Bishop Patrick Dunn-Facebook](#)

[Bishop Michael Gielen-Facebook](#)

[Catholic Resources](#)

[Good News Reflections](#)

New Zealand's national Catholic newspaper:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/25f770ac-5f43-4534-abc8-db3a6d9c451e>

We remind you that St John and St Francis churches including the office are closed till further notice. If you need help yourself or would like to talk to someone, please feel free to contact one of the following parishioners and support people:

**St Johns:**

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(Finance Committee member)  
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Gavin Bell  
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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RAPHAEL

### Dear Parishioners,

We trialed a Mass online last Sunday-our first! I do hope we can do it again this coming Sunday too. I'd like to thank all who have helped make this possible.

May I recommend to your prayers Anny Ekka who is in Hospice care and welcomes our prayerful support at this time as she battles cancer.

This past week has seen a lot of requests for food parcels coming from emergency housing. Thanks to the ladies from Serving Spoons who did the shopping and made up food parcels to go.

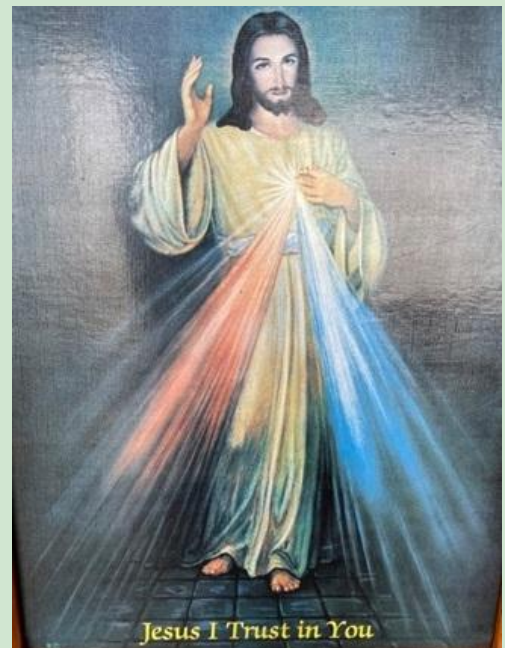




Photo thanks to Christine McClintock & words Joanne Wilson

I leave you with this thought which Therese Leslie has shared with me – a nice piece of insight and wisdom: (from Padua, Italy)

#### WORLD QUARANTINE

- The flood lasted 40 days
- The Exodus lasted 40 years
- 40 days of fasting in the desert where Jesus was tempted
- 40 days lasted the apparitions of Jesus
- 40 days it seems that the isolation called "quarantine" will last

The number 40 in the Bible attracts a lot of attention. 40 days of rest is advised to a woman after childbirth 40 weeks of gestation

Some theologians think that the number 40 represents "change"; it is the global preparation for a fundamental change. Something will happen after these 40 days.

The rivers are clearer, the air is cleaner, pollution is decreasing, the starry sky in the evening is visible, less thefts, less murders, less drugs, less outings, less waste, and less money but Mother Earth breathes and rests after many years.

In the Bible, every time the number 40 appears there is a "change" so if we are in "forced" quarantine, let's enjoy it with our family. It will be a blessing and we will witness the changes that God will make in our lives.

If we add 2021 = 20 + 21 = 41

The "plus one" is God's abundant, overflowing blessings.

God Bless our community.

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**Thank you for your kindnesses, your understanding, and for your prayers  
and good deeds, until we see you next.**

**Ma te wa**

**Father Raphael Lobo, your PPC team, and supporters.**

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