



**Eastern Bays
Catholic**

Mother of Perpetual Help & St Ignatius Parishes



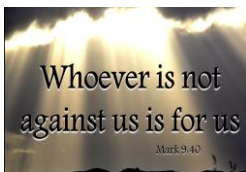
Parishes of Mother of Perpetual Help and St Ignatius

26th Week of Ordinary Time

Sat 28th &
Sun 29th September
2024

Gospel

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



This week the text for our consideration continues the theme of the disciples' misunderstanding. They question Jesus concerning an exorcist who is not one of them and is casting out demons in Jesus' name, but "was not following us".

Jesus' teaching moment comes in his words to the disciples: "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me" – "whoever is not against us is for us".

Jesus' ministry is a pattern for all who reach out in love to their neighbour – "For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear my name will by no means lose his reward". Serving your neighbour is to live in response and to serve out of love in the name of Christ.

Further text focuses on the radical call of following Jesus. Jesus has a special place for children and the powerless in his teaching. "Let the little children come to me...for it is to such of these that the kingdom of God belongs". Jesus warns against putting "a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me".

To cause a little one to fall away, to turn from Jesus brings forth some of the harshest sayings in the gospels, Jesus follows with more harsh sayings. Jesus' concern for "little ones" or "powerless ones" is ultimate.

The closing admonition of today's text is the claim and promise of Jesus' call to live as God's intended purpose in creating us for life. If we lose our purpose to honour and worship the Lord and serve one another, we are like salt that has lost its intended purpose - "Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?"

WINE AND CHEESE FUNCTION

This will be held at St Ignatius after 5.15pm Mass
on Saturday 5th October 2024 in the Parish Centre

All Welcome!

Organisers: Glennis & Bob O'Connor and Carol Smith

PARKING NOTICE

Please be advised that there will be no parking on the St Ignatius school grounds on 6 October due to construction of the new memorial garden which will be underway.

Many thanks

Mrs Jane Penny, Principal

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE THIS WEEKEND...

We wish all teachers, children and parents a restful holiday break and hope you can spend some quality time with family.

To those who may be going out of town, safe travels.

Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help – Saturday at 9.00am

Father Doan has agreed to celebrate Mass every Saturday morning from now until the end of the year.

Mass will be at 9.00am for those who would like to join him. Thank you.

Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Thursday -Rosary at 8.30am
Novena Prayers to Mother of Perpetual Help
for all intentions

Followed by Mass and Adoration

If you can help during the day, please text
Delreen 021 0231 1320

Rosary Group – Fridays 3.30pm at MOPH

Card Group

St Ignatius Parish Centre every
Wednesday at 1.00pm-4.00pm in the Foyer
All welcome!

For info please phone Bob on 021 237 7858

E: glen.bob01@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Mass: 10.30am St Joseph's Church, 16 Brenton Place, Orakei

After Mass: Morning Tea with entertainment provided by St Joseph's School

Followed by AGM

Light Spring luncheon will be served following meeting

Cost \$20.00

To confirm booking please ring Tina on 021 940 950 / 521 2499

PILGRIMAGE WITH THE SAINTS TOUR 2025

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June 2025 For details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or telephone 0800 99 778

EXPLORING SACRED SPACES

We are pleased to announce our next series "Exploring Sacred Spaces". We are planning to visit 5 Sacred Spaces this year:

Wed, 02 Oct, 7-8.30pm: Manurewa Baha'i Centre (Baha'i)

Sat, 05 Oct, 1.30-3.30pm: St John the Evangelist (Catholic)

Sat, 12 Oct, 2-3.30pm: Harkrishan Sahib Ji (Sikh)

If you want to read about our previous event in this series, you might like to check out: <http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/exploring-sacred-spaces-2/>

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for Theological Study.

This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students

If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. Applications close 15 November 2024. For more information, please email scholarships@cda.org.nz

The Upper Room Thursday 17th October 6:30pm-9:00pm at Good George Mission Bay

Young adults, this event is a fantastic opportunity to grab a drink, enjoy some (free) bar snacks, meet other young Catholics, and dive into some relevant topics.

Our guest speaker for this Upper Room is Tim Wilson. Tickets are \$10: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more information.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from 23rd September to 22nd November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new micro credential on Managing Church Organisations

To register: admin@ctc.ac.nz

EASTERN BAYS CATHOLIC PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St Ignatius			Mother of Perpetual Help		
	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mon	08:30am	11:30am	Mon	01:30pm	05:00pm
Tues	08:30am	11:30am	Tues	Closed	
Wed	08:30am	11:30am	Wed	01:30pm	05:00pm
Thurs	Closed		Thurs	08:30am	02:30pm
Fri	08:30am	11:30am	Fri	01:30pm	05:00pm

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK – 5th and 6th October

Mother of Perpetual Help 10.30am

Greeter	Mary Thornton
Readers	Liz Pascal and Vanessa Thomas
Euch Minister	Maria Kneebone
PowerPoint & Musicians	Filipino Community
Grace Joel	Heather Hart
POTF	Lucy Niewiadomski
Church Cleaning	Malia Sili and Willie Lavaka
Altar Linen	Angela Shields

St Ignatius Parish 5.15pm

St Ignatius Parish 9.00am

Greeter	Bob O'Connor	Kerry Topp and Janet Mikkelsen
Altar Server	Colin Davis	Joshua Topp and Anisi Pulotu
Commentator	Fiona Mahony	Jessica Zame
Data Projector	Peter Brown	Kulia Pulotu
Readers	Alison Davis and Claire Ryan	Peter Bergin and Jan Campbell
Euch Minister	Glennis O'Connor	Sione Pulotu and Kerry Topp
Collectors	Bob O'Connor	Greg Peters and Roch Fernando Pulle
Counters	---	John and Rose Crawford
Morning Tea	---	Greg Peters and Angie Welch-Peters
Linen	---	Caroline Henley

MASS TIMES

Please refer to the parish website - www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Safeguarding

Please refer to the parish website
www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Sacramental Programme For Adults (RCIA) and Children (RCIC)

Please contact Gina at sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Pastoral Care and Assistance

Is available for you and your family in times of need

Please contact either Parish Office

MPH 575 9296 St Ignatius 575 5227



Parishioner Registration

If you are a existing parishioner at Mother of Perpetual Help or at St Ignatius or wish to join our faith community, please refer to our website or use the QR code to the left to register www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz

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Parish Priest: Fr John Dunn

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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P: 575-9296

Parish Administrator: Fr Austin Fernandes