

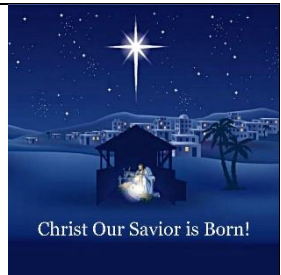
4th Sunday of Advent
21st & 22nd December 2024

Christmas Day
25th December 2024

**Parishes of Mother of Perpetual Help and
St Ignatius**

Gospel John 1:1-18

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.



Christ Our Savior is Born!

Jesus is fully God and fully human and is our source of life and light. God responds to the sin and brokenness of creation by sending his son to bring love and light to this world.

Message from Fr John Dunn...

Dear Parishioners of St Ignatius and Mother of Perpetual Help and all who come to worship with us,

I wish you all a blessed Christmas!

It has certainly been a challenging year for many of us, and I pray that this Christmas may give us time to rest and enjoy some special time with our loved ones.

For me personally, I come to this Christmas with mixed feelings. It has been my joy and privilege to live and serve among you these twenty years, and I have a sense of deep gratefulness in my heart. But I am also sad. You have been my family and it is hard to leave those you love. However, the time has come for me to move on, and I am delighted that you will have Monsignor Bernard Kiely as your new priest.

I am leaving to be pastoral formator for the trainee priests in Ponsonby. It is an important task. I believe the church must change radically in the coming years. Our young people must see a church in which they feel fully participant and at home. They must see a church which is not inward looking whose identity is confined to its worship, but one which is committed to a more just society and world. This is not something new. It is the very nature of the Gospel if we are to follow Christ.

We know that we need compassionate priests with this kind of vision, filled with love of God and love for their people, and with the pastoral skills to gather an inclusive community and empower the laity. I'll do my best!

Thank you, each and all, for your love and support. I have been truly blessed. May God continue to bless you as you live the Gospel in this beautiful part of the world. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Father John

From St Ignatius Parish Council...

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, the St Ignatius Parish Council would like to extend our heartfelt wishes to each and every one of you for a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

2024 has been another wonderful year for St Ignatius Parish and it would not have been possible without your unwavering support, generosity, and contributions to our vibrant faith community. Whether you joined us at Mass and coffee (or wine and cheese) afterwards, you participated in our weekly ministries, attended the Annual General Meeting, supported the Parish fundraiser quiz night, joined our working bee, enjoyed a sausage sizzle, or contributed to the annual Christmas hampers charity event, your dedication has been the cornerstone of our success. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, thank you, thank you!

As we look ahead to 2025, we recognise that change is on the horizon. Our beloved Father John, who has served our parish for over 20 years with great love and devotion, will be moving on to a new role within the Diocese.

While we will deeply miss his leadership and presence, we will arrange a special farewell event so you can say your goodbyes and also welcome our new parish Priest Monsignor Bernard Kiely.

Dates will be announced in the newsletter in the new year.

Wishing you all a very merry and safe Christmas.

God bless

The St Ignatius Parish Council



St Vincent De Paul Society

Winners of the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Raffle:

- 1st Prize – Ingrid and Peter Coakley
- 2nd Prize – Ofeira and Sani Ioane
- 3rd Prize – Ann and Clem Simich

Petite Christmas Cake Consolation Prize Winners are:
Dorothy Bennett, Colleen Birch, Andrew Gilhooly and Angela Shields

Many thanks for your support by purchasing Christmas Cards, Raffle Tickets and Festive Goodies which raised \$1,350.00

We wish everyone a Blessed Joyous Christmas and a Happy Festive Season

Thank you, Father Doan and Brother Frank...

**Thank
you!**

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish would like to acknowledge with gratitude the contributions made by Fr Doan in his support of our Masses and Adoration on Thursdays, and more recently the Masses he celebrated on Saturdays. Thank you with a sincere heart to Br Frank for his support in his "behind the scenes" manner, quietly living his faith by his work and witness.

We wish you both many blessings in the New Year. Our prayers go with Fr Doan in his new assignment.



Mother of Perpetual Help

Rosary and Adoration will re-commence on 6th February 2025

Contact: Delreen 021 0231 1320

Rosary Group – Fridays 3.30pm at MPH
Re-commencement date for 2025 to be advised

2025-2026 Sacramental Programme - Information Evening

Wednesday 19th February, Parish Centre 7:30pm

If your child is in Year 4 or above and you would like them to receive their Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist, please book in this date.

St Ignatius Baptism Course – February 2025

If you would like your baby to be Baptised, please email

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz to register. February sessions are scheduled to commence 13th February 2025

YEAR OF JUBILEE - 2025

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the Diocese has a calendar of Jubilee Events. This also includes details of a Pilgrimage lead by Bishop Steve to France and Italy leaving 29th September 2025. Bishop Steve will celebrate the **OPENING MASS** for the year of Jubilee at the Cathedral on 31st December at 11.00pm.

For ongoing information please explore and return regularly to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

JANUARY 2025 RETREAT

Dan and Stephanie Burke from Avila Institute and Divine Intimacy Radio

Sat 4th Jan: Setting the Captives Free: Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits, Hillsborough. Full day retreat.

Mon 6th Jan: Awakening the Heart to the Presence of God; Meadowbank 6-9pm

Tues 7th Jan: Deeper Into the Heart of God; Ponsonby 6-9pm

For more information and to register: <https://spiritualdirection.com/nz>

DATE		CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE
Christmas Eve		
24 th December Tuesday	Family Christmas Mass Sacred Heart College Auditorium	5:00pm
24 th December Tuesday	Christmas Night Mass Sacred Heart College Chapel	9:00pm
Christmas Day		
25 th December Wednesday	Christmas Mass St Ignatius Parish	9:00am
25 th December Wednesday	Christmas Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	9.00am
Parish Masses		
28 th December Saturday	Vigil Mass St Ignatius Parish	5.15pm
29 th December Sunday	Sunday Mass St Ignatius Parish	9.00am
29 th December Sunday	Sunday Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	10.30am
1 st January Wednesday	New Year's Day Mass St Ignatius Parish	9.00am
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January 2025

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED MOPH and St Ignatius offices will be closed all of January and re-open on 3rd February 2025. There will be NO newsletter.

January Scheduled Maintenance

Please be advised that there will be scheduled maintenance in both Parishes during January 2025 and we will need to close both Churches as follows:

Mother of Perpetual Help 6th – 19th January inclusive (NO MASSES during this time)
The Church will NOT BE OPEN.

St Ignatius Parish 20th – 31st January inclusive
Maintenance is in the Parish Centre. The Church will REMAIN OPEN but there will be NO MASSES
The only weekday Masses in January are Tuesday 14th – 17th January
Normal weekday Masses will resume on Monday 3rd February

Please refer to the website for additional information on Mass times

www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz

PASTORAL CARE

For urgent Pastoral Care and Bereavement, please email Matthew, the Parish Operations Manager at manager@easternbayscatholic.org.nz with your details and he will ensure the right person gets in contact with you as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Gift of Love

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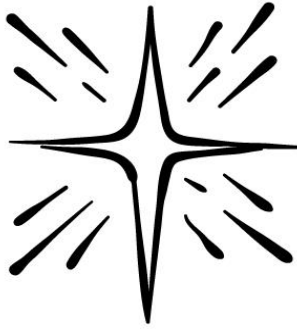


"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
 Luke 1:45 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 1:39-45

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BLESSED	CHILD	PROMISE	LEAPED	JUDEA
ZECHARIAH	JOY	BABY	HOME	MARY



ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK – 28th and 29th December

Mother of Perpetual Help 10.30am

Greeter	Richard Pain
Readers	Peter Palu and Ofeira Ioane
Euch Minister	David Manickum
PowerPoint & Musicians	TBA
Grace Joel	Heather Hart
POTF	TBA
Church Cleaning	TBA
Altar Linen	David Manickum

St Ignatius Parish 5.15pm

St Ignatius Parish 9.00am

Greeter	Carol Smith	Helen Seaton
Altar Server	Colin Davis	TBA
Commentator	Gillian Barron	TBA
Data Projector	Josephine Ellis	Maggy Hamilton
Readers	Anne Hay and Michelle Yates	Janet Mikkelsen and Lucy Pierpoint
Euch Minister	Kathleen Slater	Pip Block and Simon Pierpoint
Collectors	Anna Lippard	John Wilkinson
Counters	--	TBA
Morning Tea	--	Helen Seaton
Linen	--	Anna Lippard

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 an 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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