



SEASON OF ADVENT

Parishes of Mother of Perpetual Help and St Ignatius

Second Sunday Of Advent

**Sat 7th and
Sun 8th December**

***Gospel
Luke 3:1-6***



Today's Gospel begins with the John the Baptist's ringing call to repentance. His message is that God's ways will lead to salvation. John calls people to prepare the way for Jesus, and to let God reshape the world's social systems and people's hearts. His message was to prepare for the coming of Jesus by repenting and turning to God. However, it was not just about repentance, but about redirecting people to God and the promise of salvation.

Furthermore, John the Baptist's role was to prepare the people of Israel for Christ, by reminding them of their sin and the need to turn from it. Those who responded to his call for repentance declared it publicly through baptism.

In Advent, we can prepare the way for Jesus by opening up our hearts and being open to a Saviour who comes among us.

We know God's ways lead to salvation. God's glory will be revealed in Jesus, the judge who comes to save us. This is the good news that John proclaims, and it is good news not just for us, but for the whole world: all flesh will see God's salvation. This is God's promise and our hope. Let us prepare the way!



With sympathy...

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mary Gray, a longtime parishioner of St Ignatius Parish, on the death of her brother Father Geoff Gray, and to their niece Sophie Gray. May Father Geoff rest in God's peace.
Love and blessings from all our Parishioners



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In addition to Our 'Keep Christ in Christmas' theme cards of 5 Cards with envelopes at \$5.00 per pack and our Christmas Raffle with tickets at \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00, we have a selection of 'Homemade Christmas Goodies'. The small Christmas Cakes (300 grams) and Christmas Mince Tarts (8 per bag) are gift wrapped and perfect for the Festive Season at \$10.00 each. See us in the entrance foyer at 10.30am Mass on Sunday morning. Your support of our fundraising is much appreciated.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Sunday 15th December is the last date we can accept food and grocery donations for the Te Waipuna foodbank as they will be closed over the holiday season. Thank you for your generous donations during 2024 and your continued commitment to this worthy cause, which is most appreciated by the coordinators at Te Waipuna. We will happily accept further food and grocery donations from February 2025.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our last Morning Tea for 2024 will be after 10.30am Mass this Sunday 8th December. Hope you can join us for a Christmas mince tart and some Advent Season cheer

WINE AND CHEESE FUNCTION

This will be held at St Ignatius after 5.15pm Mass this Saturday 7th December in the Parish Centre.
All Welcome!
Organisers: Gill & Stephen Barron and Kate & Paul Lynex

Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help – Saturday at 9.00am
Final Saturday Mass for 2024 with Fr Doan will be 21st December
Details of 2025 Masses to be determined



ST IGNATIUS BAPTISM COURSE 2025

The next Baptism Course will be held on 13th, 20th, 27th February, 7.30 – 9.00pm.
Presentation at Mass on Sunday 23rd February; Baptism Ceremony Sunday 9th March
For more information please email office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz



Mother of Perpetual Help
Every Thursday -Rosary at 8.30am
Novena Prayers to Mother of Perpetual Help
Followed by Mass and Adoration



MPH Volunteers required for 'The Nativity of the Lord' Christmas Masses

The last day for Mass and adoration for 2024 will be Thursday 19th December
Contact: Delreen 021 0231 1320

If you are available to assist with a Ministry at our Christmas Masses please enter your name & phone number on the sign-up sheet on the table in the MPH Entrance Foyer. Alternatively contact Maureen at the MPH office via email at adminsUPPORT@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Rosary Group – Fridays 3.30pm at MOPH

DATE		CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE
Parish Masses		
18 th December Wednesday	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Ignatius	7.00pm
21 st December Saturday	Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent	5:15pm
22 nd December Sunday	Mass 4th Sunday of Advent at St Ignatius	9:00am
22 nd December Sunday	Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent at MPH	10:30am
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
January 2025		
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	MOPH and St Ignatius offices will be closed all of January and re-open on 3 rd 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:		
<u>Mother of Perpetual Help</u>	6 th – 19 th January inclusive (NO MASSES during this time)	
<u>St Ignatius Parish</u>	20 th – 31 st January inclusive	
Maintenance will be in the Parish Centre. The Church will remain open but there will be NO MASSES		
January Weekday Morning Masses		
The final St Ignatius Weekday Morning Mass for the year will be on Friday 20 th December and will recommence on Tuesday 14 th January 2025		

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK – 14th and 15th December

Mother of Perpetual Help 10.30am

Greeter	Mary Osborne
Readers	Madelyne Maningas
Euch Minister	Simon Tevaga
PowerPoint & Musicians	Samoan Community
Grace Joel	David Manickum and Maria Kneebone
POTF	Lucy Niewiadomski
Church Cleaning	Lina Kau Kau and Family
Altar Linen	Angela Shields

St Ignatius Parish 5.15pm

St Ignatius Parish 9.00am

Greeter	Shona and Graeme Cosgrove	AJ Spicer and Janet Mikkelsen
Altar Server	Colin Davis	Thivein and Akien Fernando Pulle
Commentator	Kathleen Slater	Antonio Campos
Data Projector	Bevan Murphy	Kim Ballinger
Readers	Bob O'Connor and Joy Regan	Sarah Burt and Janet Smith
Euch Minister	Brian Houston	Mikaela Tu'ipulotu and Paula Boyle
Collectors	Dimitri Bade	AJ Spicer and Helen Partington
Counters	---	Solange and David Regan
Morning Tea	---	Angela Wilkin, AJ Spicer & Jacqui Miles
Linen	---	Mary Hearn

MASS TIMES

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

Safeguarding

Please refer to the parish website

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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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