



EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Glendowie
and St Ignatius Parish, St Heliers

Palm Sunday

Sunday 13th April 2025

Pastor's Note

Kia ora koutou katoa Greetings and a special welcome to those of you who are visitors or newcomers to the Eastern Bays Catholic parishes this weekend.

Today is Passion or Palm Sunday

We begin our Masses with a reading from the Gospel that tells of the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and blessing of palms.

A major part of today's liturgy is the proclamation of St Luke's Gospel account of the 'Passion of the Lord.'

At various points through the reading, we will sing the refrain "**Jesus remember me when you come into your Kingdom**".

These words echo the man hanging on a cross alongside Jesus who recognizes who Jesus really is.

Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of our entry into HOLY WEEK.

Holy Week is the name given by our ancestors to this important week of the year that prepares us to celebrate the **SACRED TRIDUUM.**

The Triduum refers to THREE liturgies that form the most important celebration in the Church's liturgical year (more important than Christmas!).

What Sunday is to the week, the Triduum is to the year. The Triduum refers to the ONE celebration that calls us to gather THREE times over three days.

The Triduum begins on the 17th of April at 7pm with the

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

At this Mass we remember the Lord's

command to his disciples to take bread and wine, bless, break bread, pour the wine and share Eucharist.... Sharing in the Body and Blood of the Lord. We also remember that in John's Gospel Jesus washes the feet of those at table and urges us to be servants to one another.

The Triduum continues with the remembrance of the Lord's

Passion at 3pm on Good Friday.

We listen to St John's Gospel account of the Lord's path to Calvary and we venerate the Cross. The Triduum concludes with great

Easter Vigil, the first Mass of the

Resurrection at 7pm on

Holy Saturday.

This liturgy includes gathering around the Easter Fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle.

Please keep the eight people being baptised and received into the church in your prayers this week.

These **three liturgies** form **one** great

celebration that we refer to as the

EASTER TRIDUUM.

Interestingly there is no dismissal "Go in peace...." at the Thursday or Friday liturgies, and no greeting "the grace and peace of our Lord..." on Friday or Saturday, because the three gatherings are considered as **one great liturgy** spread over three days.

If you can, please try and make all three gatherings.

If you're travelling, try and see what is available in your area.

At the very least try a participate in an Easter Sunday Mass

Please note there is NO 5.15pm Vigil Mass next Saturday night.

*May our journey through these final days of Lent through to Easter be blessed, **Bernard***

Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Word

Gospel for Procession Luke 18:28-40

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as messianic king is a sign that the peace of salvation decreed by God are at hand.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission but is confident that God will vindicate him.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Because Jesus took on himself our human condition and accepted death on a cross, the Father has made him Lord of heaven and earth

Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56

Luke's version of the Passion Story. As in the rest of his Gospel, so in his account of the Passion, Luke presents a Christ who is merciful and forgiving, even to his executioners.

Holy Week Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we walk through this sacred Holy Week, we remember the path Your Son Jesus took for our salvation. We thank You for His humility, His suffering, and His unwavering love. Help us to enter into this week with reverence, gratitude, and a heart open to transformation.

Lord Jesus, in Your journey to the cross, teach us patience in trials, compassion in pain, and strength in surrender. May we not rush to Easter's joy without first embracing the sorrow of the Passion. Let Your sacrifice renew our faith and deepen our understanding of grace.

Holy Spirit, guide us in silence and prayer. Open our eyes to see the cross not only as suffering but as victory. Let this week mark a turning point in our hearts—toward peace, mercy, and new life.



In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

Easter Ceremonies* *Holy Week

Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

Sunday 13th April

Holy Monday

Monday of Holy Week, 14 April 7.00pm
at Mother of Perpetual Help Church.

This is a communal celebration of Penance with individual confession.

There will be five priests present.

Holy Tuesday

Chrism Mass at
St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.00pm

The Easter Ceremonies for the Eastern Bays Pastoral Area will all take place at

Sacred Heart College Chapel

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Good Friday

The Passion of the Lord and Veneration
of the Cross 3.00pm

Holy Saturday

The great Easter Vigil and First Mass of the
Resurrection 7.00pm

Easter Sunday

Mass at 9.30am



St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Food Basket is at the entrance to the church. It's a good way to observe the almsgiving dimension to Lent.

Tax Receipts

Tax Receipts for our Pastoral Area have now been emailed and/or posted. If you have not received yours or have any queries, please contact Bridget at finance@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

For MPH Parishioners, with no email address, your receipt is on the table at the Church entrance. On the same table will be new envelopes for the Parishioners that use envelopes. Thank you.

Easter Collection of Food

There will be a collection of non-perishable food items at the Holy Thursday Mass. The items will be gifted to local foodbanks. There will also be a collection for St Vincent de Paul
Thank you for your generosity.

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### **Easter Basket Blessing**

Holy Saturday morning, April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Centre

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Collection for Holy Places

On Good Friday, there will be the annual collection taken up for the Holy Land and the maintenance of its holy places. Funds collected from NZ go to support education scholarships for Palestinians and also for the Church of Cana in Gallilee.



Good Friday – 18th April

Stations of the Cross through our City Centre. Starting 9am at Albert Park. Finishing 11am at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph.
There will also be Stations of the Cross prayed at Mother of Perpetual Help at 10am on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday Ecumenical Service

On Easter Sunday there will be a Sunrise Ecumenical Service at 6.30am on St Heliers Beach. Everyone is welcome.

Our Pastoral Area is hosting a Seminarian for Holy Week

We are delighted to be hosting Paul, a new seminarian for Holy Week. Paul will be back in our Pastoral Area later in the year.

My name is Paul, and I come from a small southern Vietnamese family—just my sister and me. My sister is a nun in The Daughters of Our Lady religious order in Vietnam, and she has been one of my greatest inspirations on my faith journey.



I am currently a first-year seminarian at Holy Cross, the national seminary of New Zealand, serving in the Diocese of Auckland. I have a deep love for Catholic art, which continues to enrich my spiritual life.

As I continue this journey of discernment and grow closer to God, I humbly ask for your prayers. Please keep me in your thoughts.

From the Diocese...

Invitation to join with Bishop Steve on a Special Jubilee Pilgrimage.

Te Ara o te Tūmanako - The Way of Hope - 29th September 2025 to 19th October 2025

The theme for Jubilee 2025 is
“Pilgrims of Hope.”

I invite pilgrims to join me on a pilgrimage from Lyon to Rome as we celebrate Jubilee 2025. On the way we will meet pilgrims of the past, who we now know as saints, but were once pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church and who will inspire us in hope as journey to the Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica in Rome. For further information and bookings please contact

Harvest Journeys NZ Call free 0800 819 156 -
harvestjourneys.com/pv2566 or
info@harvestjourneys.com

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 27th April

5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

Anniversaries

We remember those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur during the month of April

Reuben O'Neill, Maria Hansell, Michael Hickey, Ronald Vernon, Duncan MacKenzie, Peter Huljich, Angela McHugh, Sister Kathleen Cecilia Buchanan, Terence Taehen, Mary Frances, Ada Coleman, Gertrude Slade, Joan Barry, Patsey Walker, Margaret Grigg, Johannes Veltmans, Ron Moir, Berna Matthews, Quentin MacMillan, Terence Daly, Neda Simunovich, Murray Hudner, Patrick Gilroy, Douglas Barnett, Neville Buckler, Daniel Bergin, Rona MacKinlay, Alan Simpson, Kathleen Plank, Robin Johnstone, Ethel Van Ecil, Hilma Strevens, Trevor Clark, James Houghton, Rona Butler, Michael Payne, Neil Wallace, Alice Holt, Lena Glynn, Maureen Bevin, Joseph Shalfoon, Douglas Barnett, Margo McCoy, Teresa O'Shea, Melanie Heiplik, Colleen O'Donoghue, Kevin Hayes, St John McGuire, Brigid Cotter, Monica Crookbain, Daniel Sloan, Richard Phillips, Fanny Moore, Jeffrey Starr, Margaret Duncan, Lionel Ward, Kazimierz Borowski, Anthony Squirrel, Paula Clark, Anne Stanhope, Fr Denis Whelan CSsR, Terrance Alcock, Paula Willmering, William Trigrance, Terrence Daly, Irena Hodgson, Fr Bruce McGill CSsR, Maureen Hall, Jack Lanigan, Alfred Worthington, Margaret O'Brien

Eternal rest grant to them.

Mass Schedule

From 21 April 2025

Monday & Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday

9:00am at St Ignatius (School Mass. All welcome!)

Thursday

9:00am at Mother of Perpetual Help

Friday

9:00am at St Ignatius

Saturday

9:30am at Mother of Perpetual Help (Rosary at 8.50am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation –

8.45am Saturday at MPH

Vigil Mass - 5:15pm at St Ignatius

Sunday Mass

9:00am St Ignatius

10:30am at Mother of Perpetual Help

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays following 9.00am Mass at MPH

Rosary 8.30am and Benediction at 6.45pm

Rosary Group

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Fridays at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre

Weekly Rosters

Please see Noticeboard in both Churches for the current Rosters for all Ministries.

Thank you.

Visit our website

Please see our website for current news and information

New Parishioner Registration

Sacramental Programme; including for Adults (RCIA) and Children (RCIC)

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