



EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA

Mother of Perpetual Help Church, Glendowie ~ St Ignatius Church, St Helens

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~3 August 2025

Kia ora koutou katoa. A special welcome to newcomers and visitors today.

“Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All is vanity!” (Ecclesiastes 1:2)

These sobering words from Ecclesiastes open today’s Liturgy of the Word with a stark reminder: so much of what we chase in life: wealth, prestige, security..... slips through our fingers like sand. The sacred author doesn’t just write out of cynicism, but from deep observation of human striving. He invites us to reflect on what truly endures.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers a similar caution. A man interrupts him to ask for help in settling an inheritance dispute. Jesus responds not with legal advice, but with a parable: the rich man who builds bigger barns to store his harvest, only to die that very night. “Fool!” God says to him, “*This very night your life will be demanded of you.*” The message is clear—riches, while not evil in themselves, can blind us to life’s deeper purposes if they become our obsession.

Our calling as Christians is to broaden our horizons; to see things through the eyes of Christ to live not only wisely and faithfully, but also sensitively and generously.

Our Sunday Eucharistic gatherings form us into people who live with eternal priorities: faith, mercy, and solidarity..... mindful of the common good of all.

The Scriptures speak powerfully to us both personally and to our world today, where so many lives are marked by suffering, displacement, and injustice. We cannot help but be disturbed by the images that are emerging out of the Middle East, particularly of the innocent caught in the tragedy unfolding in Gaza. Most have lost everything.... homes, livelihoods, family members, and for many, survival is uncertain. The situation is desperate. The atrocities of war must cease. May relief be swift and generous. Let us keep them close in our prayers. Let our prayer stir something deep within us into action, compassion, and a commitment to justice and peace for all.

As we journey through this Jubilee Year may we never give up hope for a better, more humane world.

***Wishing you a blessed
Sunday ~ Bernard***

Today’s Readings

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

The things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

Through Baptism we share in the life of Christ.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Jesus warns against greed, and stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one’s security rather than on God.

Thinking of Exploring the Catholic Faith?

Our first enquiry session for those who would like to become Catholic is 28th August, 7:15pm at St Ignatius Parish Centre.

For further information and to register please contact our Pastoral Coordinator Gina at sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

St Ignatius Catholic School Enrolments for 2026

We are now processing enrolments for children starting school in 2026. You can download the enrolment forms from the school website www.stignatius.school.nz or call into the school office at 72 Speight Rd.

Applications for 2026 close on 31st August and acceptance letters go out in September.

Preference Forms

Fr Bernard is available to sign Preference forms on Friday mornings. Please email office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz first to let him know you're coming.

Baptism Course - St Ignatius Parish

The next course in preparation for Baptism at St Ignatius Parish will be held on **9th, 16th and 23rd October**

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: St Ignatius Parish Centre

To register please email

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

DO YOU LOVE PLAYING CARDS?

**Come and join with us every
Wednesday, 1.00 pm at St Ignatius
Parish Centre foyer
Contact Bob at 575 76221**

Interfaith Peace Prayer Service for Peace in Gaza, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all war-torn places.

2pm Saturday 9 August. St Mark's Catholic Church, 334 Pakuranga Rd. All Welcome.

Jubilee Jottings - the latest edition of Jubilee Jottings is out, with upcoming diocesan events at: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/JJ-AUGUST-2025-Share.pdf>

NZ Catholic - The latest edition of the diocesan newsletter is available now at: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/NZ-Catholic-Issue-5.pdf>

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St Ignatius Ministry Roster August, September, and October

Please use the URL link below to the questionnaire for volunteering for ministries. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ministry_rovers_Aug_Sept_Oct_25

Alternatively, email John at Rovers@xtra.co.nz and he will send you the link.

We are particularly short of Data projection operators, Altar Servers, volunteers for morning tea, and for the washing of Altar Linens. The first ministry is scheduled for August 9th and 10th, so please complete this questionnaire as soon as possible.

St Mary's Avondale Parish Fire

On Monday 14th July, the much loved Church at St Mary's Avondale was tragically destroyed in a fire.

The parish is now raising urgent funds to help set up a temporary chapel and replace essential liturgical items lost in the fire.

If you are able to support them in this time of need, you can donate by either:

ONLINE BANKING: Account name - St Mary the Immaculate Conception Avondale |

Account number - 0201080706996004 |

Particulars - (Your first initial and surname) |

Reference - FIRE SUPPORT (for a tax receipt, please email your payment confirmation to: office@avondalecatholic.org.nz and include

your full name and address).

GIVEALITTLE PAGE: You can also donate securely via Givealittle at:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/org/st-mary-the-immaculate-conception-avondale>.

Givealittle will automatically provide a tax receipt for your donation.

Every gift, big or small, makes a meaningful difference as they work to restore what was lost, and continue gathering in faith.

Catholic Women's League Eastern Bays Suburbs Event

Wednesday 27 August at St Joseph's Church,
Orakei. Mass at 10.30am followed by morning

tea and a talk by two Sisters from the
Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary
on their work in Samoa and the Pacific.

Cost: \$20 for morning tea and lunch.

For details phone Tina 021 940 950

The Pathways to the Implementation of the Synod on Synodality

The report is available to download now
from the diocesan website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

There are more details to follow in the
coming months.

A Pilgrim's Journey

The Catholic Diocese Pastoral Service Group
warmly welcomes everyone to a day with
David Wells on A Pilgrims Journey in the

Synodal Church. At Sancta Maria Auditorium
on 6th September – registration is essential.

David Wells is an international speaker and
theologian resident in the UK, and will be in
Auckland to share his thoughts on journeying
together in jubilee. To register visit

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/pilgrims-of-hope-in-a-synodal-church/>

For further information please contact

Deacon Steve Fraser 021439407

or email stephenf@cda.org.nz



St Vincent de Paul Society

We have received a request for
warm clothing for families in our
local area and would appreciate donations of
cardigans, jumpers, sweatshirts and jackets
for both adults and children – in a clean
useable condition.

Please leave your donations in the basket in
the MPH Church foyer. - With thanks.

Household Furniture for Families

We are still looking for furniture: sets of dining
table and chairs, a couch or lounge chairs,
Queen Bed. If you can help please contact

Mary Gray on 021 230 5405

Email marygraykiwi@gmail.com

All families are hugely grateful for help.

Wings. Nga Parirau

In this Year of Hope come to know your faith
more fully and enjoy a deep loving relationship
with Jesus the Christ. Gather with others
around the table to reflect on life through the
light of Scripture with Wings.Nga Parirau.

Year One starts 9th August, 1-3pm at the
Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay,
Ponsonby. Register with Dianna

Fouhy: dfouhy@cda.org.nz

The Beginning Experience

A weekend away to help those suffering the
heartache of Separation, Divorce, or

Widowhood on 5-7 September. This is a
non-profit organization that provides support
for the grieving single again, and offers an
opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an
experience of positive growth. The cost for 2
nights' accommodation, meals, and materials
and follow up event is \$350.

For further information please phone Karena
in the evenings on 021 802352.

Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Special Mass for Loss of a Child

A Mass will be offered as a source of healing
for those who have experienced loss of a child
at any stage of life. At St Michael's Catholic

Church, Beatrice Road, Remuera.

5pm, Saturday, 6 September with

Reconciliation & Adoration from 4:30pm.

For more information contact: Brenda
Brightwell at St Michael's 0276415615.

Interfaith Events

Power of Relationships in a Multi-Faith

World. Guest speaker is UNICEF Aotearoa
Elena V Sylvester, light lunch provided.

Saturday 9 August, 11am-3pm at Baha'i
Centre, 712 Beach Road, Browns Bay.

Register email to nzaifc@gmail.com

by 4 August. For more information, please
visit: www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz

ZOOM Webinar Lecture on 'Where are our Churches going together?'

By Elizabeth Stone, General Executive
Secretary of National Council of Churches
Australia. Tuesday 19th August at 7 pm NZT.

Register by email to louisar@cda.org.nz

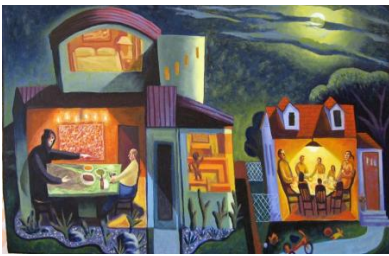
Anniversaries

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

Lorraine Wright, Kathlynn Farissey, Nell Phipps, Ivan Kirton, Frank Clarke, Ray Kirkup, Arthur Mack, Norah McDonald, Desmond Hayes, Doreen Weston, Walter Springford, Clemencia Velasco, Leo Renneberg, Najla Bell, Stephen Batterton, Arthur Lynskey, Tony Marinovich, Christopher Hughes, Douglas Fletcher, Doreen Sydnor, Thomas Boderick, William Naden, Verona Henderson, Philip Batterton, George McIndoe, Olive Pope, Robert Phillips, Patricia Moir, Sheila Lowe, Sean Kelly, Michael Begley, Raewyn Foubister, Maurice Leydon, Diana Ozich, Denis Culpán, Christopher Hughes, Eileen Rennie, William Kearns, Audrey Higgins, Hubert Howe, Paul Krause, Doreen Sweeney, Ross Lanigan, Daphne Cavanagh, Ludwig Sepetavc, Patsy Olsson, Kathlyn Lornie, Aubrey Barrett, Mary Sullivan, Dorina Boric, Hendrik Van Swet, Eileen Brosnan, Anthony Lammert, Marcie Towers, John Turich, Louis Mihaljevich, Victor Davis



Eternal rest grant to them....



Eastern Bays Area Mass Schedule

Monday

9.00am Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion at St Ignatius

Tuesday

9.00am Mass at St Pius X Glen Innes

Wednesday 30 July

9:00am at St Ignatius

Thursday

9:00am Mass Mother of Perpetual Help

Friday

9:00am Mass at St Ignatius

Saturday

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

8.45am Saturday at Mother of Perpetual Help

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00pm at St Ignatius

Sunday Mass

9:00am St Ignatius

10:30am 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 3.00pm in the Parish Centre

Weekly Rosters

Please see the Noticeboards in either Church
for the current Rosters for all Ministries.
Thank you.

Visit our website for

~New Parishioner Registration

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

E: sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

~Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course

For more information please contact
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