

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's, Orakei

St Ignatius, St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help,
Glendowie

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parishioners,
With gratitude to God and a spirit of hope,
I write to share an important
development in the life of our local
Church. The Eastern Bays parishes now
include a third parish:
St Joseph's, Ōrākei, alongside
St Ignatius, St Heliers, and **Mother of
Perpetual Help, Glendowie**, we are now
three parish communities
journeying together.

While we recognise three distinct
parishes, each with its own history,
character, and traditions, we will operate
as **one pastoral area**. This is not simply
an administrative change, but an
invitation to deepen our sense
of *communion, participation and shared
mission* as the people of God in the
Eastern Bays. Importantly we do so in
light of the Bishop's call for the
Diocese to embark on the
'Reshaping our Future'
discernment process.

Practically, how this will work will unfold
over the coming months, and I ask for
your prayer and patience! Initially it will
mean that there will be **one central email
address, one shared website and one
weekly newsletter** for the pastoral area.
These will help us communicate more

clearly and co-ordinate our ministries
more effectively. My thanks to the small
but energetic team working out of the
parish offices at St Heliers and
Glendowie, and to those of you involved
in parish pastoral leadership for your
ongoing wisdom and guidance.
Again, exactly how everything will work in
detail will no doubt unfold over time,
as we listen, learn, pray for and respond
to, the needs of our communities,
including our two schools.

The pastoral area will be served by
myself, as parish priest, together with our
newly ordained priest, **Fr Ryan Sy**.
Both of us also have diocesan
responsibilities including chaplaincy at
two secondary schools.
We are also blessed to have **Seminarian
Bob Fe'ao** having his 5th year pastoral
ministry among us.

As we take these steps into the future I'm
aware that change can be challenging,
but it is also an exciting opportunity for
growth and renewal. As we commence
our **Lenten journey** this Wednesday let
us move forward together in faith, trusting
that the Lord who has begun this good
work among us will bring it to completion.

With every blessing,
Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading

Sirach 15: 15-20

We are called to give attention to God's commandments and our capacity to keep them.

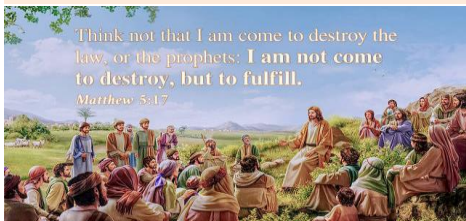
Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

True wisdom comes from God, and reveals the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him.

Gospel Matthew 5: 17-37

Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples.



Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.
Matthew 5:17

**Holy God, purify our hearts
and guide our choices.**

**May we live with sincerity
and love in all we do. Amen.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Ashes are distributed at ALL services.

St Ignatius ~ 9.00am Mass

St Joseph's School ~ 9.30am

School Liturgy with distribution of Ashes.
All welcome.

Mother of Perpetual Help ~

12 Noon Mass

St Ignatius School ~ 2.00pm

School Liturgy with distribution of Ashes.
All welcome.

COMBINED SERVICE OF ASHES

St Philip's Anglican Church, 92 St Heliers Bay Road at 7.00pm. This is an annual opportunity to gather with our Anglican brothers and sisters to celebrate the beginning of Lent. Our thanks to St Philip's for hosting us this year.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 18th February, begins our six weeks of Lent **to prepare for Easter** - Join in these short Zoom sessions through Lent: wake and pray, daily meditation 6.15am; Wednesdays 7-7.40 pm reading Pope Leo's "Dilexi Te" – his teaching on compassion for the poor; Saturdays 7-7.40pm reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent.

SHROVE TUESDAY GATHERING

This Tuesday, parishioners of our three parishes are invited to gather at the Glendowie Church for a last social celebration before we embark upon our Lenten journey.

Traditionally pancakes are served but if you're able to bring a plate of finger food then please do!

Drinks will be provided.

It's an opportunity to get together with members of the three communities in our pastoral area, introduce ourselves and make connections.

Tuesday 17th February from 7-9pm
MPH Parish Centre, 510 Riddell Road.
Please come! See you there! Bernard

2026-2027 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Information Evening

Wednesday 4th March,

St Ignatius Parish Centre, 7:15pm.

Monsignor Bernard wishes to extend an invitation to current parishioners to join up first!

To register your child please email sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Children must be in Year 4 and have already been baptised.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays through Lent at MPH at 7.00pm.

Saturday Vigil Mass 28 February

Father James Mulligan will be celebrating Mass at 5.30pm at MOPH. All welcome.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE – OPEN DAY

Wednesday 25th February 2026 - Two sessions – 10.00am and 1.00pm

Includes address and Tour of the College.

Please register online

at www.sacredheart.school.nz

MARIST COLLEGE – OPEN DAY TOURS

Thursday 26th and Friday 27th February 2026
- Tours at 9.00am

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE, PONSONBY - OPEN DAY

Thursday 19th March 2026

9.30am or 1.45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour of school

ST MARY'S COLLEGE, PONSONBY OPEN DAY

Enrolments for 2027 enrolments are open, **Open Day** will on Thursday, 23 March 2026

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS –

Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March 2026

Bookings are online only and open 9.00am Monday 23 February

Tour times: 9am and 10am each day

Enrolments for Year 7, 2027 and for limited places in other Year levels will **close at 3pm**

on Friday 13 March, 2026.

www.baradene.school.nz



This Lent, win people over to the dignity of every person from conception, and pray for an end to abortion. Join in 40 Days for Life, offering hope to those in need. From Ash Wednesday (18 February) to Palm Sunday (29 March).

Street vigil: Tu/We/Th 07:00 – noon; Dominion Rd & Prospect Tce corner, Mt Eden.

For more information contact Simon – 021 400 729 or simon@fli.org.nz

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Light Gardening Work , Housework, Dog Walking, Graphic Design Needs?

Please Call or Text Angela on 022 101 2573; awilkin@xtra.co.nz

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PIANO AVAILABLE

Steigerman Upright Piano and stool available free to good home. Older, but in good condition and in tune. Contact Barry Larsen 0292976539



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY at MPH would

be grateful to receive donations of non-

perishable food and groceries for Te

Waipuna who support local families in Glen Innes and Pt England. Items may be left in the grey baskets which are in the Church Foyer.

You may prefer to make a cash donation in collection boxes in the Church and Foyer.

Your support is much appreciated.

BISHOPS' LENTEN APPEAL

The beginning of Lent marks the start of the Bishops' Lenten Appeal.

Freepost envelopes are available at Mass. Donations may be made to Caritas directly via direct debit or credit card at

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>

Or through Caritas Bank account number 03-0518-0211216-000

Reference: Lent and your Full Name

Formation Sessions on Synodal Listening

Bishop Steve has called us to Reshaping: a time of renewal focused on mission, co-responsibility, and synodality. All leaders and interested parishioners are encouraged to grow in synodal listening, strengthening communion and shared discernment as we walk together in the Spirit. Formation sessions are available for those who wish to facilitate conversations. Details and registration: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/reshaping-in-the-spirit-of-synodality>

CURRENT PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MPH Mon & Wed – 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday – 8.30am – 12.30pm
St Ignatius Tues & Fri – 8.30am – 11.30am

Preference Forms by appointment at St Ignatius Parish on

Fridays: 8.00am – 10.00am

Please email:

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz



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

Charmaine Strickett, Jan Green, Flavia Philipiah, Martin Ulemberg, Anna Fitzpatrick, Pat Kirwan, John Brady, John Waldron, Nonie Kiely, George Reid, Br Hugh Zeinert CSsR, Patricia O’Sullivan, Desma Stewart, Rita Kent, Anna Cholena, Br Alan Lynskey CSsR, Kathleen Dobson, Felicia Stern, Eileen Dunn, Alexander Forrest, Geoffrey Derrington, Colleen Larsen, Mary Fin, William Vella, Dorene Beckingsale, Gary Mangham, Eileen Mason, Jason Green, Irene Reid, Fr Frank Dobbs CSsR, Hugh Cullen, Maree Hunt, Peter Burton, Noeleen White, Stella Pemberton, Marshall Lornie, Barbara Packwood, Anton Botica, Patrick Hunt, Michael Scully, Ane Vidak, Rhoda Wakem, Verna O’Connell, Anthony Crookbain, Frances Kellerher, Mervyn Mortimer, Elizabeth McComas, Heather Shevland, Patrick O’Neill, Jo Rivalland, Helen Bennington, Louise Bousquet, Jesse Drumm, James Farrell, Gwenda Heron, Frank McSweeney, George Lear, Zena Wilson, Patrick Urquhart, Edward Rouse, Johannes Dykzeul, June Roche, Cyril Keppel, Betty Williams, Gerard Kilpatrick, Maria De Groot, Marie Slater, John Hackshaw, Ellie Carrucan, Thomas Geoghegan, Maureen Rouse, Bruno Gianni, Mary Dunn, Noel Smith, Gretta McDermott, Catherine Hanley, Alexandra Mews, Wilhelmina Bonsel, Eileen Mason

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

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

Thursday

9:00am Mass at 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

9.30am and 5.00pm St Joseph’s

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 – All Welcome

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
 Fridays at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre

Visit our website for

~New Parishioner Registration

**~Sacramental Programmes: including for
 Adults (RCIA) and Children (RCIC)**

E: sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

~Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Please contact gerrys@cda.org.nz

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Parish Priest: Monsignor Bernard Kiely

Website: www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Assistant Priest: Father Ryan Sy

Seminarian: Bob Fe’ao

ST JOSEPH’S

16 Brenton Place, Orakei

ST IGNATIUS

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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