

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei

St Ignatius
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

PALM SUNDAY ~ 29th MARCH 2026

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui... A special welcome to visitors or newcomers to our parishes this weekend.

Today is **Passion (Palm) Sunday** so called because we listen to St Matthew's account of the Lord's passion.

The palms remind us of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem and also marks the beginning of our entry into Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK is the name given by our ancestors to this most important week of the year that prepares us to celebrate three sacred days... or more accurately the **SACRED TRIDUUM**.

What Sunday is to the week, the Triduum is to the year. It refers to the ONE celebration that calls us to gather THREE times.

The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, April 2 at 7.00pm with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** then continues with the remembrance of **The Passion of Jesus and Veneration of the Cross at 3.00pm on Good Friday**. It then concludes with great **Easter Vigil, the First Mass of the Resurrection** at 7.00pm on Holy Saturday.

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 to participate in an Easter Sunday Mass.



HOLY WEEK

The beginning of Holy Week brings Lent to a conclusion. Lent is a six-week season of grace that invites us to prepare for Easter.

We are blessed to have a number of children preparing for the sacraments this year and many of them celebrated their

First Reconciliation last Wednesday evening.

It's not just the children then who are reflecting on the place of God's healing, forgiving grace this LENT but each one of us is invited to renewal.

LENT invites us ALL to reflect on our lives and acknowledge our need of God's love and mercy.... To be reconciled with self, others and God is one of the great fruits of the **Sacrament of Penance**.

Ultimately we yearn for peace, and Reconciliation offers a path to peace. It calls us to an honest, and sometimes brutal assessment of ourselves.

We identify areas of our lives that may cause us regret or shame and we courageously allow the light of faith to transform us. (cont'd...)

On this **Monday evening at 6pm at Mother of Perpetual Help.**

Rite II Reconciliation ~ we will have eight priests available for confession. If it's been a long time, or you're not quite sure what to do, the priests will guide you.

Consider coming along!

May our journey through to Easter be blessed, Bernard

Today's Readings

Gospel for Procession

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem, not as an all-conquering warrior, but as a gentle, humble bearer of Good News.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

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

Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

St Matthew shows the passion as fulfilling the prophecies of Scripture, and portrays Jesus, because of his fore-knowledge and free decision, as being in complete control of the situation.



Heavenly Father, as we reflect on Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem, let us find humility and serve others selflessly and put their needs above our own.

May we follow Jesus' example of humility and love.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

Sunday 29 March ~ Usual Mass Times

Holy Monday

9.00am Mass at St Ignatius

6.00pm Rite II Reconciliation 30 March
Mother of Perpetual Help

This is a communal celebration of Penance with individual confession.

There will be several priests present.

Holy Tuesday

9.00am Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help

Holy Wednesday

9.00am Mass at St Ignatius

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

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

Holy Thursday

There will be No 9.00am Mass and No Adoration at MPH

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at SHC

Good Friday

10.00am Stations of the Cross in the grounds of St Joseph's Orakei

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross at Sacred Heart

Holy Saturday

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

Easter Sunday

6.30am Ecumenical Dawn Service on St Heliers Beach (Eastern end)

9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart College

5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's Orakei

EASTER BASKET BLESSING

Holy Saturday 4th April, 2026 at 10.00am

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Centre

Please bring a basket to be blessed filled with a sampling of the food that will be shared with family and friends on Easter Sunday.

Everyone is welcome!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
GOOD FRIDAY AT 10.00AM
AT ST JOSEPH'S ORAKEI**

All parishioners are welcome to meet in the grounds of St Joseph's Parish to participate in the Stations of the Cross which will be led by the Youth in our Parishes.

Contact our seminarian Bob by emailing office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY BELLS

If you would like to bring hand bells for ringing during the Easter Gloria, Please do!

BISHOPS' LENTEN APPEAL

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

**DONATIONS TO THE PARISH
(PLANNED GIVING)**

The end of the 2026 financial year is approaching - 31 March 2026.

The Finance Committee wishes to remind all parishioners in our Pastoral Area (MPH, St Joseph's and St Ignatius), that donations made prior to 31 March 2026, will qualify each parishioner for a Donation Tax Credit.

Each donor is entitled to a refund from IRD of one-third of the amount given in the year ended 31 March 2026.

To qualify for the Donation Tax Credit, complete the Donation Tax Credit Form (IR526) after 1st April, and post or file it electronically with the IRD.

One third the total you have donated to your Parish in the year ended 31 March 2026 will be refunded to you by IRD.

PARISH OFFICE

**The Parish Office will be closed over
Easter – Holy Thursday through to
Wednesday.**

**Any urgent matters please email
office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for your generosity during Lent.

Your non-perishable food and grocery donations, and cash donations, to Te Waipuna for the support of local families in Glen Innes and Pt England is very much appreciated.

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Reading help needed

St Ignatius School are looking for volunteers to support their *Pause, Prompt, Praise* programme.

Running twice a week, supporting some students with additional reading.

For more information please contact
Mrs Debbie Watson at

dwatson@stignatius.school.nz

SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Next year St Ignatius Catholic School will be celebrating its 100th Jubilee. If you would like to be part of our organising committee, please email principal@stignatius.school.nz

CHAIRS FOR ST IGNATIUS PARISH CENTRE

We are rather desperate to replace broken chairs in our much-used parish centre.

We need 100 chairs and
replacements are \$80.00 each.

If you can help please donate via the Parish bank account:

Name: St Ignatius St Heliers Bay

A/c No: 02-0108-0707227-000

Reference: Name and Chair donation



DIVINE MERCY FEAST

Sunday **12th April** 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.



**EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA
MONTHLY WINE AND CHEESE**

St Ignatius Parish Centre
Saturday 11th April,

After 5.00pm Mass ~ See you there!

CURRENT PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mother of Perpetual Help

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 Fridays 8am to 10am

Email: office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Phone: 09 575 5227



Anniversaries

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

Catherine Saunders, Graeme Blackburn, Kate and Phil Evans, Ron Spragg, Mary Davidson, Geoff Ricketts, Audrey Hickey, Victor Matijasevich, Nora O'Brien, Lama Heeney, Jo Lawson, CB Clarke, Craig & Paul Lindsay, Robert Ewart, Herbert Gilroy, Tom Kiely, Tim Dixon, Reginald Spencer, Bert Wilson, Kevin O'Keefe, Bernadette McCartney, Gretta Harris, Patricia McGrath, Mattie Allsopp, John Rothery, Constance Naden, Franciska Read, Margaret McGavin, Anthony Yates, Eileen McIndoe, Valeria Kazinets, Roy Wyatt, Helena Black, Anthony Ravelich, Thomas O'Sullivan, Terence Way, Christopher Francis, Ilene Simpkins, Kerry Morley, Alfred Gatt, Sr Paula Mary Hills, Veronica Chitty, Caryl Inns, Gwen Buckler, Gerard Alwood, Nora Sharkey, Joyce Sorenson, Norma Campbell, Braden Sharkey, Rexton Lamb, Margaret Marshall, Dorothy Scully, Graham Foster, Margaret Lawson, Doreen McKenna, Matile Clay, Peter Lescher, John Mason, Marie Hollies, Ron Stanaway, Reginald Cope, Harry Burton, Maurice Hall, Jay Menzies

.... **Eternal rest grant to them.**

See Holy Week Timetable Herein

Usual Eastern Bays Area 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 6.30pm

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 (OCIA) and Children (RCIC)

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