

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei

St Ignatius
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 19th APRIL 2026

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui...

A special welcome to visitors or newcomers to our parishes this weekend.

On this Third Sunday of Easter we are drawn into the beautiful story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

They walk away from Jerusalem disheartened and confused, yet the risen Jesus comes alongside them, though they do not recognise him at first.

He listens, he explains the Scriptures, and finally, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened.

This Gospel so closely mirrors what we do each time we gather for Mass.

First, we listen to the Word of God, allowing Christ to speak into our lives and rekindle our hope.

Then, at the altar, he is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The same risen Lord who walked with the disciples is present to us—speaking, nourishing, and strengthening us.

Like them, we are invited not just to understand, but to recognise.

The response of the disciples is immediate: they return to Jerusalem with joy to share the Good News. So too, every Mass sends us out. The dismissal is not an ending, but a beginning—a call to

bring Christ into our homes, our workplaces, and our communities.

It is a special joy this weekend to celebrate those who have been baptised and confirmed in our parishes.

We warmly congratulate them and give thanks for the gift of their faith.

In these sacraments, they have encountered the same risen Lord, come to know him in Word and Sacrament.

May they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they are confirmed this Sunday afternoon at 2pm.

May their commitment inspire us all to renew our own faith. And may each of us, recognising Christ in the breaking of the bread, go forth with hearts burning within us to proclaim by our lives: the Lord is truly risen.

ANZAC Day, Saturday April 25

9.30am Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help will be offered in remembrance of the fallen, and for Peace in our time.

The annual St Heliers ANZAC Service commences at 10am at the St Heliers Bay cenotaph. 'Lest we forget'

Blessings Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 2:14.22-28

On the feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the resurrection of Jesus.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned into faith.



Lord Jesus, walk with us in our times of doubt and discouragement.

Open our eyes to recognize your presence and let your word fill our hearts with joy and hope.
Journey with us Lord. Amen.

CHAIRS FOR ST IGNATIUS PARISH CENTRE

The new chairs in the Parish Centre look great and are a well needed upgrade.

Many thanks to those who have donated towards them.

We are still in need of donations to cover the expenditure – if you can manage to contribute towards the

Replacements - they are \$80.00 each.

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



SHINE TELEVISION – 19th APRIL

St Joseph's Parish this Sunday
9.30am Sunday Mass will be recorded by Shine Television.

The Mass celebrated will be the 4th Sunday of Easter
(Good Shepherd and Vocations Sunday).

TAX RECEIPTS 2025/2026

Tax Receipts have been emailed to Mother of Perpetual Help and St Ignatius parishioners. If you have not received yours, please email

finance@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

to get this resolved.

St Joseph's parishioners will receive their tax receipts in due course.

DO YOU LIKE PLAYING CARDS!

Every Wednesday afternoon at 1.00pm a group gathers to play Cards at the St Ignatius parish centre. 500 is the game of choice and it's a great opportunity to try something new..... and to make new friends and simply enjoy time together.

All welcome.

Newcomers please seek out Stella (acting co-ordinator in Bob's absence!)

Diocesan Youth Mass

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm

February – November at

St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info contact the

Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry

Team: youthmin@cda.org.nz

FRANCISCUS

A Recital to Commemorate the Papacy and Legacy of POPE FRANCIS

One of this country's leading choirs, The Graduate Choir of New Zealand, is honoured to present a concert of sacred music to pay tribute to Pope Francis, on the first anniversary of his death, next Tuesday 21 April at 7.30pm.

at St Michael's Church,
Beatrice Road, Remuera.

Tickets will be available at the door on the night, \$40 and \$30 for students.

Men are invited to the Joshua 40-Year Celebration Weekend!

14th to 16th August, Keswick Christian Camp,
5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua

Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of
Australia's Men ALIVE

Cost: \$247pp ~ accommodation and meals

To Register: Follow the link below **OR** contact
Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or
Greg Sullivan (021) 437747

Link: <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

St Michael's Parish Remuera Scripture Study: 'THE EXODUS'

by Dr Dan Stollenwerk.

Please join us at St Michael's ~ 4x Wednesday
mornings **6th, 13th, 20th, 27th**

May. 10:30am – 11:45am in the Parish
Centre. Followed by Midday Mass.
No registration required.

Vacancy – Head of Pastoral Services - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a
committed, faith-filled leader to support the
Bishop's Pastoral mission and provide
strategic leadership across diocesan pastoral
ministries, working closely with parishes and
communities to strengthen evangelisation,
formation, and pastoral life.

Applicants must demonstrate a strong
Catholic faith, senior pastoral leadership
experience, and strategic capability.

Full details and application information
available via the Diocesan website -
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under
Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

Applications close 30 April 2026

Vacancy - Reshaping Facilitator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland

The Diocese seeks a mission-focused Reshaping
Facilitator to support parishes on the reshaping
journey. This is a three 3-year fixed term role, full-
time or two part-time roles considered.

For full details and to view the position
description, please visit our
website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz
under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

Applications close **24 April 2026.**

Sacred Heart College Market Day

SHC Senior Business Studies students have
partnered with St Ignatius parish to run a
market day after 9am Mass on
Sunday 3rd May.

20% of all profits will be donated to the
Christmas Hamper Drive 2026.

Food and drinks will be on sale as well as the
usual after-mass tea and coffee, so please
bring cash and stay a while to support the
boys. All are welcome.

Mass of The Neophytes

Bishop Steve invites all those initiated into the
Church at Easter, their families, and friends to
return to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St
Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on
Sunday 24 May 2026 at 4.30pm. This is an
opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith
and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration
of the Eucharist.

Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network

Everyone is invited to a 7-week Seminar, The
Holy Spirit-our Helper. Tuesday evenings,
Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby, 7.30pm, with
cuppa from 7.15pm. Starts April 21st. For
more info email aucklandccr@gmail.com

Christian Care Network Serving those in need in our Eastern Bays communities

For assistance, please contact our
confidential helpline on 09 521 5712.

If you would like to help CCN you may donate
non-perishable goods at St Joseph's Church,
or donate via CCN

bank account 12-3047-0089077-01

Reference: Your name

For tax receipts please email Maxine
Priestley at priestlyfam@xtra.co.nz

CURRENT PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mother of Perpetual Help

Mon & Wed 1.30pm – 5.30pm

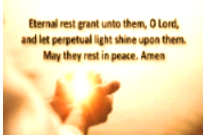
Thursday 8.30am – 12.30pm

St Ignatius

Tues & Fri 8.30am – 11.30am

Preference Enrolment forms by Appointment

Email: office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz



Anniversaries

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

Hugh Kennedy Graham, Len Fahey, Rodney Gordon, Caroline Mitchell, Daniel Shanahan, Fr Terry Dibble, Gordon Mearns, Edwin Garchow, Denis Newman, Jamelie-Rose (Jimmi) Farry, Patrick Gilroy, Ronald Vernon, Margeret Grigg, Patsey Walker, Michael Hickey, Duncan MacKenzie, Peter Huljich, Angela McHugh, Sister Kathleen Cecilia Buchanan, Terence Taehen, Mary Frances, Ada Coleman, Gertrude Slade, Joan Barry, Johannes Veltmans, Ron Moir, Berna Matthews. Quentin MacMillan, Terence Daly, Neda Simunovich, Murray Hudner, Reuben O'Neill, 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 Hejplik, 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 Squirrell, Paula Clark, Anne Stanhope, Fr Denis Whelan CSsR, Terrance Alcock, Paul 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.**

Eastern Bays Area Schedule

Monday

9.00am Mass at OL of Fatima Meadowbank
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 (Term Time) 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)

E: sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

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