

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei

St Ignatius
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 3RD MAY 2026

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui...

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

As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel gives us the beautiful words of Jesus:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

These words were spoken to disciples who were uncertain about the future, unsure of what lay ahead, and needing reassurance.

In many ways, they speak directly to us today as our Eastern Bays parishes of Orakei, St Heliers and Glendowie continue to reflect on what our future might look like as a region.

Our three parish communities along with the parishes of Glen Innes, Panmure and Meadowbank have been asked by the Bishop to embark on the Reshaping Our Future process.

This is both a challenge and an opportunity. It asks us to look honestly at our present reality as a region, to listen deeply to one another, and above all to trust that the Lord is leading us forward. Change can sometimes feel unsettling, yet the Gospel reminds us that our faith is not static, nor dependent on structures, nor on how things have been in past years... but in Christ who remains

our sure foundation. We trust that he is our Way, our Truth, our Life!

An opportunity to gather and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit is being planned for June 14. Further details will follow over the next few weeks.

Jesus also tells us that in his Father's house there are many dwelling places. These words remind us that there is room for all in the Church: long-time parishioners, young families, those returning to faith, and those seeking Christ for the first time. As we shape the future, our calling is not simply to preserve what has been, but to build welcoming communities where all may encounter the love of God.

The first Christians, as we hear in the Acts of the Apostles, adapted their way of living so that the needs of the people could be met. They trusted the Holy Spirit and found new ways to serve. We are called to do the same: prayerfully discerning how our parishes can flourish together in mission, service, and fellowship.

Let us continue this journey with hope. May we listen carefully, pray earnestly, and support one another generously. Christ goes before us. If we keep our eyes fixed on him, he will show us the way.

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May is the month of Mary, Mother of the Church.

May Mary walk with our Eastern Bays parishes in the days ahead.

Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

Second Reading

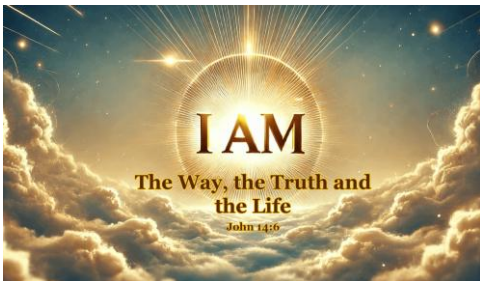
1 Peter 2:4-9

This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community.

Gospel

John 14:1-12

Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.



Risen Lord,
You come to us in our everyday moments
and fill us with Your peace.
Strengthen our faith,
renew our hearts,
and guide us to follow You with
love and trust.
Amen.

**Sacred Heart College
Market Day This Sunday
After 9am Mass – St Ignatius**

SHC Senior Business Studies students have partnered with St Ignatius parish to run a Market Day. 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.

**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.

**Mother of Perpetual Help
Adoration Volunteers Needed**

Can you spare one hour of your time on Thursdays to be a part of this important Ministry. If so, please contact Delreen on 021 023 11320

St Ignatius Ministry Roster

The hour has sounded for joyful chants..*Alleluia*

Let us praise God with our life, with our voice, with our heart, and with our deeds. *St Augustine*

Helping in our ministries is a prayer for each and every one of us.

The new roster starts on 24th May

This is the QR code and URL Link for our up-and-coming roster.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/St_Ignatius_Roster_May-Aug



Theology of the Body
Book study/ course using Dr Edward
Sri's Men, Women and the
Mystery of Love

Based on St John Paul II's
Love and Responsibility

This course is for young adults (18 - 30 yrs)
single, dating, engaged and married.

Dates: Wed evenings starting 6th
May; Hillsborough, Auckland

For more information

visit theologyofthebody.nz

Register by Monday 4th May.

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 please visit our
website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz
under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

Applications close **24 April 2026.**

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

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.

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.

Come and join and meet new friends.

All welcome.

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

JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship –
North Shore

Topic: The Universal Call to Holiness

Presenter: Dr John Evangelista, Director Te
Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Venue: St Thomas More Church

Time: 7:00 pm – Fellowship. 7:30 pm – Praise
& Worship followed by our presentation. All
men welcome.

Enquiries: Tet-Woo 021-0380196 or
Dominic 021-1003694

Preparation for Confirmation

Please remember to pray God's blessing on
our children and families as they prepare for
the Sacrament of Confirmation.

University Students Mass

Every Tuesday during Term time at the
MacLaurin Chapel, Princes Street, City
at 12.10pm. All welcome.

URGENT APPEAL FOR LINEN AND
BLANKETS

St Vincent de Paul Meadowbank has received
an urgent appeal for **blankets and linen** to
help affected families from the flooded
Northland area. If you are able to help, please
leave at the St Ignatius or Mother of Perpetual
Help parish office by 10 May.

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

PASTORAL AREA OFFICE HOURS

Mother of Perpetual Help

Mon & Wed 1.30pm – 5.30pm

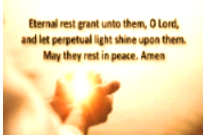
Thursday 8.30am – 12.30pm

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 May**

*We remember those who have died
recently, Ian Storer, Graeme Meek, Jason
Oxenham, Clive Wilkins
And all our departed loved ones...
Norah Cotterall, Catherine Nasey, Anthony
Churchill, Stuart Clark, Leonard
Willoughby, Moira Springford, Dorothy
Finch, Sister Doreen Stringer, Sister
Margaret McCarthy, Gerald Wall, Christina
Pastor, Calvin Tam, Peggy Burgess, Barbara
Fraser, Gerald Syder,
Ljubica Talijancich, Patrick Stanaway, Eileen
Corban, Michael McRae, Eleanor
Wall, Patrick Moran, Tom Cate, Maurice
Churchill, Sheila Skelton, Florence
Taylor, Elizabeth Burke, Jean McHugh,
Barbara Harris, Patricia O'Connor, Wendy
Corkill, Maureen Wills, 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,
and Jay Menzies*



**.... 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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