

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei

St Ignatius
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 10th MAY 2026

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui...
A special welcome to the mothers in our midst this Mother's Day and warm welcome to visitors or newcomers to our parishes this weekend.

Today we celebrate **Mother's Day**, giving thanks for the women who have nurtured, guided, and loved us into life and faith. In many ways, motherhood reflects the quiet, steadfast presence of God's love—patient, enduring, and life-giving. We remember with gratitude those still with us, and we commend to God those who have gone before us.

On this the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, our hearts are drawn to the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John 14:15-21:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments".

These words are not simply a rule to live by, but an invitation into a living relationship with Christ. Love is the foundation, and from that love flows faithful action. Jesus promises that we are not left alone.... He sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who remains with us always.

This promise gently turns our gaze toward the approaching feast of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost. As parish communities, we are very much a people in waiting and preparation, like the first disciples, called to be open to the Spirit's guidance and renewal.

In our Eastern Bays parishes, the process of **"Reshaping Our Future"** continues to unfold. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14 and includes the gathering of the six parishes of the wider Tāmaki/Orakei area. Like the early Church, we trust that the Spirit is leading us. This is a time to invite the Holy Spirit to guide us.... a time of openness, of listening deeply and discernment in the Spirit.

May our prayer during these days of discernment include the plea **"Come Holy Spirit"**.

In doing so, may we become a living sign of hope, where God's Spirit renews the face of the earthand the church and its mission to the good people of our region.

Eastertide Blessings, Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospel.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

To love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives.

St Joseph's Orakei School and Parish Mass

Please come and join us on

Sunday 31 May 2026

Mass will be at 9.30am

followed by a shared lunch.

Drinks provided, please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome!

Scripture Study Group

A new scripture study group,

led by parishioner Claire Ryan, will

commence on Thursday 4 June

(and every first Thursday of the month) at St Ignatius Parish Centre from 7.30pm.

All welcome.

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 24 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



Vinnies Volunteer Day

Saturday 23 May 2026


9am – 12pm Vinnies Hub, Onehunga.

Join me to pack much needed food boxes for our sisters and brothers in need this

winter. Please email me for more

information at Lisa –

L.filitonga@gmail.com



If ye love me,
keep my commandments.
John 14:15

Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.

St Joseph's, Mother of Perpetual Help and St Ignatius Key Register

We are currently updating our Parish's Key Registers.

If you hold keys to MOPH, St Joseph's or St Ignatius,

please email Shona at

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Mother of Perpetual Help Adoration Volunteers Needed

Can you spare one hour of your time on Thursdays for this ministry?

Please call Delreen on 021 023 11320

EAST AUCKLAND AREA Reshaping our Future

On **Sunday 14 June, from 2-5pm** at St Pius X Church, 101 Castledine Cres, Glen Innes. You are invited to attend a series of conversations responding to Bishop Steve's invitation to Eastern Bays Parishes to embark on a journey of reflection and renewal called

Reshaping. Please register by scanning the QR code. A one-page information sheet will be provided to all before the meeting.



Pastoral Area Youth Group

A number of people have expressed an interest in getting a youth group (13 years upwards) off the ground for our pastoral area. There are a number of Diocesan initiatives in the pipeline including World Youth Day celebrations in September and the monthly Diocesan youth mass. If you would like to be a part of this initiative please contact Bob at

seminarian@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Diocesan Youth Mass

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm

February – November at

St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info

email 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. 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. Come and join and meet new friends. All welcome.

For more information, please contact Stella on 021 024 08199

Prayers of the Faithful on Pentecost Sunday

At the Pentecost Sunday Masses (Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May) we like to acknowledge the Word of the Spirit spreading out to all corners of the Earth as demonstrated by the presence in our parish of people of many cultures and languages.

As a witness to this, the Pentecost Prayers of the Faithful will be offered in many of these languages. The prayers will be provided for you to translate into your own language.

If you would like to have your language represented, either see the Liturgy Committee person after Mass, or contact josephine.ellis@gmail.com

Preparation for Confirmation

Please remember to pray God's blessing on our children and families as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 24 May at Sacred Heart College Chapel.

University Students Mass

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

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

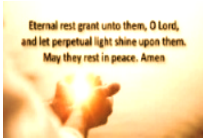
Thursday 8.30am – 12.30pm

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, Peter Mahoney, George Tooman, Desiree Sheahan, Ian Storer, Graeme Meek, Jason Oxenham, Clive Wilkins
And all our departed loved ones...
Angela Rowe, Norah Cotterall, Catherine Nasey, Anthony Churchill, Stuart Clark, Leonard illoughby, 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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