

# EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's  
Orakei

St Ignatius  
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help  
Glendowie

## TRINITY SUNDAY ~ 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026

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

On this **Trinity Sunday**, we celebrate the mystery at the heart of our faith: one God in three persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Trinity is not simply a doctrine to be explained, but a relationship of perfect love into which we are invited. God is communion, unity and self-giving love.

### **John 3:16**

**'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life'**

This mystery also speaks to our own context as a pastoral area. We might see ourselves as a "trinity of parishes," each with its own history and gifts, yet called to walk together as one in mission. Like the Trinity itself, unity does not erase difference. Rather, our diversity becomes a source of strength when we remain connected in faith,

service and prayer. Together we continue the work of "Reshaping Our Future" and seek new ways to witness to Christ in our corner of the city.

This week Pope Leo XIV issued his first encyclical, **Magnifica Humanitas**, (magnificent humanity) reflecting on the dignity of the human person in an age shaped by artificial intelligence. Pope Leo reminds us that every human being possesses a God-given dignity that machines can never replace. He calls governments, educators, businesses and the Church to ensure that technology serves the common good and strengthens justice, compassion and solidarity.

The Pope warns against the misuse of Artificial Intelligence in warfare, surveillance and misinformation, while also recognising its positive potential when guided by moral responsibility. At its heart, *Magnifica Humanitas* calls us to live with hope, solidarity and communion, reminding us that humanity reaches its fullest greatness in love, truth and mercy.

***Blessings, Bernard***

## Today's Readings

### First Reading

Exodus 34: 4-6;8-9

God reveals himself to Moses on Mount Sinai as a God who is faithful to his promises and rich in tenderness and compassion.

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul encourages the Corinthians to live in peace and love. The reading contains a trinitarian blessing which is used as a greeting at Mass.

### Gospel

John 3: 16-19

God has shown his love for us by sending his Son to save us all. All who believe in him will be saved.

*Holy Trinity,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
You are a God of perfect love  
and unity.*

*Draw us closer to You  
and teach us to live in love,  
peace, and communion with  
one another.*

*May our lives reflect Your  
goodness and bring Your light to  
the world. Amen.*

## 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 as we 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.

*Please see Poster in Church Foyer*

## Celebration of Fr Ryan's Ordination

Our Parish communities will be celebrating Father Ryan's Ordination on Sunday 7th June after 10.30am Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. Please bring a plate to share.

### Scripture Study Group

A new scripture study group, lead 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 Joseph's Tax Receipts 2025/2026

Tax Receipts for donations to St Joseph's Parish will be available in the Church Foyer from this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026. Thank you for your patience.

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

If you hold keys to MOPH, St Joseph's or St Ignatius, please email Shona at [office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

Thank you to those who have responded.

### Exploring the Catholic Faith...

If you are interested in becoming Catholic we will be holding an

Introductory Session on this topic -

**Date:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 7:15pm - 8:15pm

**Venue:** St Ignatius Parish Centre, 12 Kotiri Street, St Heliers.

Bring along all your questions!

Please RSVP by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 to

[sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

### Taize Prayer Evening

Friday 12 June – 7.00pm-8.00pm

Mary MacKillop Chapel

56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.

Light refreshments will be served

### A Day with Thomas Merton

Saturday 6 June – 10.00am – 1.00pm

Meeting Room Mary MacKillop Centre

Facilitator: Lyndall Brown RSJ

Koha \$35 waged / \$25 unwaged.

Tea and Coffee provide

## **Wings.Nga Parirua, the Catholic Faith Formation Programme**

Today we welcome Dianna Fouhy who presents the Wings programme. This Faith Formation programme is a rich opportunity to nurture your Faith. It is ideal for those who have just completed OCIA and for 'cradle Catholics'.

The **hospitality at the heart of Wings** gives space and time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels, and the Catholic Church's response to this teaching in the light of the Resurrection; to walk by faith in loving communion with Jesus in prayer. Please come and join us...

**The programme will be held on Thursday evenings as follows:**

**4 June; 9 July; 6 August;**

**3 September; 1 October; 5 November**  
**MPH Parish Centre – 7.00 -8.30pm.**

For more information please contact:  
Dianna Fouhy, [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### **YOUTH HAPPENINGS...**

#### **Pastoral Area Youth Group**

Several people have expressed an interest in a youth group (13 years upwards) in our pastoral area.

If you would like to be a part of this initiative please contact Bob at [seminarian@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:seminarian@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

#### **World Youth Day Auckland 2026**

10:00am-8:30pm Saturday **1st August**  
Join over 1,800 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2026 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community and WITNESS.

**For more info and to register go to:** <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

#### **University Students Mass**

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

#### **Diocesan Youth Mass**

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info Email [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz)

## **Eastern Bays Pastoral Area Database**

As the next step in our collaboration of our parishes, we would like to register St Joseph's parishioners, and any MOPH parishioners who are not registered, on our Pastoral Area database.

To register please log in to our website at [www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz](http://www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz) and open the button 'Register as a Parishioner'.

This will enable you to complete your personal details and contact information.

All records are confidential and secure.

Alternatively, there are Parishioner Registration Forms in the church foyer.

**Please drop off completed forms to either MPH office or St Ignatius office or leave in the drop box at St Joseph's presbytery.**

Any queries please email Shona at [office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

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## **Monte Cecilia Housing Trust Annual Winter Woollies Appeal**

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust requests your support for our families in need through our annual Winter Woollies Appeal, especially new warm Clothing and Blankets.

You can help, please bring your donations to our main office: 30 Windrush Close, Mangere, Auckland Mon – Fri 9am-4pm

Financial contributions may be made Monte Cecilia's website. Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of the families we support

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### **Christian Care Network**

#### **Eastern Bays Communities**

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

Donations of 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](mailto:priestlyfam@xtra.co.nz)

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### **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](mailto:office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

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## Anniversaries

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

We remember those who have died recently, and all our departed loved ones ...*Eleanor Jackson, Garth O'Carroll, David Taufa Tupou, Phillip Bartlett, Hugh Caldin, Peter Mahoney, George Tooman, Desiree Sheahan, Ian Storer, Graeme Meek, Jason Oxenham, Clive Wilkins, Angela Rowe, Norah Cotterall, Catherine Nasey, Anthony Churchill, Stuart Clark, Moira Springford, Dorothy Finch, Leonard Willoughby, 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  
**NO 9.00am Liturgy of the Word THIS WEEK**  
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)

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