

# EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's  
Orakei

St Ignatius  
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help  
Glendowie

## TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2026

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui...

A special welcome to all visitors.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples some three times

“Be not afraid.” These words are repeated throughout Scripture, some 364 times!

Fear can be debilitating. It can also prevent us from listening to the voice of God in our lives, and in our churches. Yet we are called to generously listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit, speaking to us, calling us to daily respond to God's call.

Jesus reminds us that we are chosen, loved, and cared for by God, and therefore can face the future with confidence and hope.

As our Eastern Bays parishes continue our journey together, these words are particularly timely. Change can sometimes bring uncertainty, but the Gospel invites us to trust that God is at work among us. We are not walking this path alone; Christ walks with us, guiding and strengthening us through every step.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who was able to attend last Sunday's “**Reshaping Our Future**” gathering at St Pius X, Glen Innes. Your presence, thoughtful and honest contributions, and willingness to engage in ‘conversations of

the Spirit' in terms of the place of faith in our lives and about how it shapes the future directions of our parish communities is vital. Central to our gatherings is discerning what the mission of the church is. The process of listening, discerning, and planning is fruitful when people are willing to share their hopes, concerns, anxieties and dreams.

Thank you for helping us take this important step together.

**This weekend** also marks an exciting new beginning for our parish communities with the launch of our **first Youth gathering at the 5.00pm Sunday Mass at St Joseph's, Orakei.**

Young people are not simply the future of the Church—they are an important part of what it means to be Church today. We warmly invite our young people, their families, and all parishioners to support this initiative through your presence and prayers. We hope this gathering will become a place where faith, friendship, and belonging can flourish.

Prayer and pizza is on the menu!

May the Lord continue to bless our Eastern Bays parishes as we seek to follow him with courage, faith, and hope.

Be not afraid! *Blessings, Bernard*

## Today's Readings

### First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

The knowledge that God was with him enabled Jeremiah to remain faithful to his difficult task as a prophet.

### Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

St Paul draws a contrast between Christ and Adam: sin came into the world through Adam; abundant grace came through Jesus Christ.

### Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Christ exhorts his disciples to open and fearless witness to the Gospel, assuring them of God's special care in all their trials.



*Loving God,  
You know each one of us  
and hold us in Your care.  
Help us to trust in Your love  
and not be afraid.  
May we live with courage,  
faith, and confidence in Your  
presence each day.  
Amen.*

## Pastoral Area Ministry Formation

June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm for those involved from our THREE parishes in the two ministries below.

**Ministers of the Word** (Readers) please meet at MPH, Glendowie

**Ministers of Eucharist** please meet at St Ignatius, St Heliers

## The Feast of Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help

Is on 27<sup>th</sup> June. We will celebrate the Feast at next Sunday's 10.30am Mass.

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after Mass

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## The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite II)

will be celebrated at St Ignatius at 7.00pm Thursday 25th June.

Five priests will be present.

All welcome.

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## Shine TV St Joseph's 9.30am 21 June

This Sunday's 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Orakei will be recorded for Shine TV. To be broadcast 2pm 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you to parishioners for their participation in this important outreach ministry to those unable to attend Mass in person especially those at home, isolated or in care.

With thanks



My sincere thanks to you all for your love and prayers during Bob's illness.

Your support enabled me to walk the difficult journey with Bob. Blessings to each and every one of you.

Glennis O'Connor

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## Information Session for our Sacramental Programme

There will be a Sacramental information session to be held as follows:

Date: Saturday 27th June

Time: 4pm-5pm

Venue: St Ignatius Parish Centre

Please RSVP to Gina at

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

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## Scripture Study Group

This Scripture group is lead by parishioner Claire Ryan, and meets every first Thursday of the month at St Ignatius Parish Centre from 7.30pm. All welcome.

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

The **hospitality at the heart of Wings Faith Formation Programme** gives space and time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels.

Please come and join us...

**The programme continues as follows:**

**9 July; 6 August; 3 September; 1 October; and 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**

**first Youth gathering at the 5.00pm  
tonight Sunday Mass  
at St Joseph's, Orakei.**

Followed by Prayer and Pizza.

Come along and help get our Youth Group off the ground and ready to engage in the Diocesan World Youth Day celebrations at Victory Convention Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

For more information 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**

If you are still to register on our Area database, please log in to our website at [www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz](http://www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz) and open the button

'Register as a Parishioner'.

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)

## **FURNITURE WANTED**

Request for single bed, chest of drawers and 3 kitchen table chairs please.

Text or phone Mary Gray at 0212305405 or email [marygraykiwi@gmail.com](mailto:marygraykiwi@gmail.com)

## **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.

## **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)

## **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)



## Anniversaries

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

We remember those who have died recently, especially Br Kevin Gibb CSsR, Sr Cecily Sheahy op, Sr Mary Molloy rsm, Sr Anne de Stackpool rscj, Bob O'Connor **and all our departed loved ones** ~  
Maureen Curtain, Augustine Low, Ron Vaz, Dorothy Ballinger, Gerard Cheyne, Ken Freer, Ned Martiacivich, Annette Linehan, Karen McAuley, David Gaynor, Ben and Stephen Pervan, Graeme McFadyen, Jan White, Arminda Agueda Miller Pagés, Fr Sean O'Connor SSC, Bradley Rowley, Vincent Hall, Peter Watson, Mary Simich, Adeline Wards, Frank Dunne, Catherine Burke, Patricia Shilton, Alison Tapper, Lanette Smith, Marie Savy, Stephen O'Donoghue, Daniel Sloan, Elizabeth Lavelle, Marie Quesnel, Metuisela Tauaika, Colleen Flynn, Brian Truscott, Vincent Hall, Jason Fletcher, Leslie McNamara, Bert Dally, Mary Gebbie, Martin Stapff, Dorothy Baker, Doris Lear, Bessie Wilson, Leo Moriarty, Frank Thorpy, Sister Margaret Curran, Sister Denise O'Connell, Edward Wilson, Richard Corbett, Pat Murphy, Geoffrey Morrison, Cossette Bamford, Florence Spencer, Margaret Mahoney, Jane Sutherland, John Brady, Christina West, Claire Varcoe, Cecilia Wood, John Foote, Julie Eskrigge

.... **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)

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