

# EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's  
Orakei

St Ignatius  
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help  
Glendowie

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui...

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

**Creating space for God.....** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks about welcoming others and reminds us that even giving "a cup of cold water" to someone in need will not go unnoticed by God. It is a simple image, but a powerful one. The Christian life is often lived not through grand gestures, but through small acts of kindness, generosity, and hospitality.

The First Reading tells the story of the Shunammite woman who welcomed the prophet Elisha into her home. Her openness and generosity created space for God to work in her life. The Gospel echoes the same theme: when we welcome others, we welcome Christ himself.

As our three parishes continue to work and grow together and engage with each other these readings offer an important challenge. Building strong communities is about people.

The Gospel reminds us that no act of kindness is ever wasted. A welcoming smile, a word of encouragement, an invitation to Mass, a visit to someone who is lonely, or simply offering a listening ear can make a profound difference in another person's life.

May we be a people who welcome Christ in one another & who never underestimate the power of small acts done with great love.

**A special word of encouragement** to our young people. Last Sunday's **Youth Mass at St Joseph's** was a wonderful beginning.

Thank you to our seminarian Bob and everyone who attended, and supported, and who stayed for pizza and games afterwards. We hope this will become a regular opportunity for faith, friendship, and fellowship across our parish communities.

The Diocesan Youth Mass is being celebrated this Sunday at 4.30pm at the Cathedral.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of **Mother of Perpetual Help**. The Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is one of the most beloved images in the Catholic Church. It depicts Mary holding the Child Jesus, who looks toward the instruments of his future Passion carried by the angels. The icon reminds us that Mary accompanies Jesus on his journey to the Cross and continues to accompany all Christians in their struggles and joys. Her gentle yet solemn gaze invites us to 'create a space for God' and place our trust in her Son.

*Blessings Bernard.*

## Today's Readings

### First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16

A beautiful act of hospitality is rewarded by God.

### Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4.8-11

Through baptism we are united to the death and resurrection of Christ.

### Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

This stresses the sacrifices involved in being missionaries of Jesus, and also the greatness of even the smallest act of hospitality offered to those missionaries.



*Lord Jesus,  
You call us to follow You  
with open hearts and  
willing spirits.  
Give us the courage to let go  
of what keeps us from You  
and strengthen us to walk  
faithfully in Your ways  
each day.  
Amen.*

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

### Pride in your Spiritual Journey

Our warm congratulations to all those who celebrated their **First Reconciliation** last Thursday evening at St Ignatius Church



## The Feast of Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help 27th June

We will celebrate  
the Feast at

Sunday's 10.30am Mass.

Please bring a plate to share for  
morning tea after Mass

## Matariki Holiday – Friday 10 July

Please be advised that on this day  
Mass will be celebrated at

St Joseph's Orakei at 9.15am.

There will be NO Mass at St Ignatius.

## School Masses this week

We are celebrated two school Masses  
this week ~

**St Joseph's**

Wednesday at 9.15am

**St Ignatius**

Wednesday at 9.00am

All welcome.

## Scripture Study Group – this Thursday

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...**

### **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)

### **Clergy Jubilee Mass**

All parishioners are invited to join the priests for the Clergy Jubilee Mass on Tuesday 30 June at 11.00am at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka

### **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)

### **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.

### **Delargey Awards 2026**

Nominations are now open for the 2026

Delargey Awards, which recognise significant and outstanding ministry with young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens and young adults.

The awards are named for Cardinal Reginald Delargey, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland.

Nominations close on July 31. Find out more at: [bit.ly/Delargey2026](http://bit.ly/Delargey2026)

### **Retreat**

#### **St John of the Cross ~ Catholic Saint and Mystic.**

The Auckland Community for Christian Meditation is running a retreat at the St Francis Retreat Centre (the Friary) over the weekend of July 17 to 19. Led by Fr Frank Bird SM, the retreat will explore important themes around prayer, the experience of growing in union with God, and the journey of transformation drawn from St John's writings. To register go to [christianmeditationnz.org.nz/community-days-retreats](http://christianmeditationnz.org.nz/community-days-retreats)

### **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

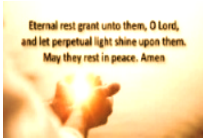
Thursday 8.30am – 12.30pm

#### **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)

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

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

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