

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei

St Ignatius
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5th JULY 2026

Kia Ora koutou katoa...

A warm welcome to visitors to our parishes this weekend

As we gather for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus offers words that are both comforting and challenging: **“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest”** (Matthew 11:28).

In a world that constantly urges us to do more, achieve more, and hurry from one thing to the next, the Lord gently invites us to pause and find our strength in him.

For many families, this weekend marks the beginning of the school holidays.

Let us be mindful of all involved in education including our principals, teachers, support staff and all who contribute so generously to the life of our schools. Their dedication helps nurture not only young minds but also young hearts in faith.

To our students and their families, we wish you a safe, restful, and joyful holiday break. May these weeks provide opportunities to spend time together and enjoy God's creation, and return refreshed for the new school term.

Matariki Celebrations

Ngāti Whātua Orakei hosts the National Hautapu Ceremony:

‘Gather at Dawn’ on Takaparawhau as we mark the Māori New Year through a sacred Hautapu ceremony - honouring a time of reflection, renewal, and connection with the rising of Matariki. Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki.

Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau.

Friday 10 July, 2026 from 5:30am at Takaparawhau, Bastion Point – Michael Joseph Savage Park.

This **Matariki** Friday we also have the opportunity to gather as one parish family to celebrate Mass at **9.15am at St Joseph's Church, Ōrākei.**

Matariki invites us to remember those who have gone before us, to give thanks for the blessings we have received, and to look forward with renewed hope. These themes resonate deeply with our Christian faith as we place our trust in God's loving providence and continue our journey together.

Blessings
Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

The messianic king is portrayed, not as a proud warrior, but as a humble and gentle champion of peace for all peoples

Second Reading

Romans 8:9.11-13

St Paul contrasts life 'in the spirit' with life 'in the flesh'.

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus reveals the Father to those who are 'little', and lightens the burdens of those who are humble.



*Lord Jesus,
You call us to go out in faith
and share Your peace with
the world.
Strengthen us to serve others
with joy and trust in Your
guidance each day. Amen.*

Scripture Study Group

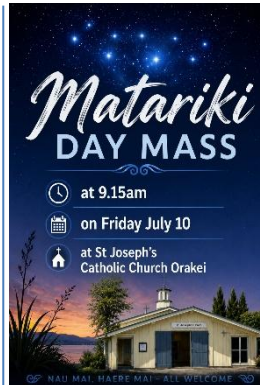
This Scripture group is lead by parishioner Claire Ryan, and meets every first Thursday of the month at St Ignatius Parish Centre from 7.30pm. All welcome.



Pastoral Area WINE AND CHEESE After 5.00pm Mass

Come and join in and make new friends and enjoy a drink together.

**This Saturday in the St Ignatius
Parish Centre.**



Matariki Holiday – Friday 10 July

Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Orakei at 9.15am.

There will be NO Mass at St Ignatius.

Planned Giving Envelopes - 2027

St Joseph's Planned Giving and Special Collection envelopes for are now ready for collection at the Church foyer.

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

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

We are wishing to finalise the number of parish keys in circulation...

If you hold keys to MOPH, St Joseph's or St Ignatius, please email Shona at office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Thank you to those who have responded.

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

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

Marriage & Family Life – Marriage Educators.

Couples married for 5 years, strong in their Catholic faith wanted to assist engaged couples in their preparation for marriage – 4 -6 hours per week.

For more information contact Gerry on 02102247442 or E: gerrys@cda.org.nz

Scripture and Retreats...

Scripture Study at St Michael's Parish

'GENESIS 1-11' by Dr Dan Stollenwerk. A series of talks on Genesis 1-11: Pre-History,

Mythology & the Scientific

Revolution. Please join us in the Parish Centre:

4x Wednesday mornings 15th, 22nd, 29th July & 5th August 10:30am – 11:45am.

No registration required.

St Michael's Parish,

6 Beatrice Road, Remuera

Prayer Retreat for Women

'Prayer and the Interior Life'

Friday 9th October 6pm to Sunday
11th October 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction.

Location: St Francis Retreat Centre Hillsborough. To register please go to www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

NEW Beginners Theology of the Body

Course – Saturday 29 August 8am -5pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. For information Email theologyofthebody.nz

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

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

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 whose anniversaries occur during the month of July

We remember those who have died recently, especially Audrey Fogarty, Leo Hope, Joan Molloy (June), Sr Elizabeth Browne-Russell rsjc, Kenneth Sy, Brian Hunt, Nancy Schaab, Frank Jagusch, Lijana Anketell, Phillipa Hall, Myra Hawkin, Jim Hooker, Nel Coleman, Heath Eagle, Helena Young, Elizabeth Sharland, Barbara Wilson, Michael Little, Eleanor Holliday, Ted Dunne, Zorka Franicevich, Ambrose O'Sullivan, Marie Wright, Tony Milat, Brendan Kelly, Percy Gatt, Colin Allsop, Rosie Primozich, Martinus van Beynen, Martin Roche, Judith Hampson, Ursula Curtain, Terence Brannigan, Marcella Garty, Stephen McKenzie, Frances Vernon, Maurice Andrew, Conrad Jnr Perera, Gorana Baricevich, Mary Churchill, Campbell Hunter, Michael Corbett, Margot Barnard, Maurice Nicholson, Marilyn McNamara, Eleanor Heares, Michael Murray, Peter Evans, Pauline Lear, Alva Alder, Keith Reid, Ronald Copas, Francis Dowd, Monica Tapper, Daniel Cavanagh, Douglas Grant, Barbara Worthington, Cushla Smith, Maria Landsbergen, Philip Finlay, Brian Copas, Marie McGuire, James Donald, Kathleen Pain, Betty Hutton, Ross Carley, Elizabeth Coyle, Brian Culpan, Peggy McLaren, Emily Trembath, Brian Hunt, Ulrica Patterson, Paul Fanning, Maria D'Sa, Noeline Fairlie, Pippo Gardi, Shirley Jury, Bob Mason, Elizabeth Leydon, Brother Marcel Hall fms, Raymond Gardner, David Cheyne, Patricia McKay, Devon Hearn, Rae Gravatt, Bernie Summich, Gary, Judith Clarke, Margaret Timms rsm, Ken Clarke, Hugh Green, Wendy Weir, Mary Matijasevich, Brett Robinson, Simon Gibson, Peter Cheyne, Marie Sweet, Margaret Davis.... **Eternal rest O Lord**

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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