

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei

St Ignatius
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

26th JULY 2026

Kia katoa and greetings to you all.

As we gather this weekend, the Gospel reminds us of the incomparable value of

God's kingdom. Jesus speaks of a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price—images that invite us to ask what we treasure most in our own lives.

We all invest our time, energy and resources in the things we value. The Gospel gently challenges us to ensure that our faith, our relationships and our service of others remain at the centre of our lives.

This weekend is also an opportunity to give thanks for a remarkable milestone in our own parish community. The Passionist Family Groups at St Ignatius Parish celebrate 35 years of building friendships, strengthening family life and nurturing faith. Since their beginnings, these small groups have quietly demonstrated that the Church is much more than what happens during an hour at Sunday Mass. Through shared meals, mutual support, prayer and companionship, they have created communities where people feel welcomed, cared for and connected. We congratulate all those who have been part of this ministry over the years and thank them for their faithful witness.

The witness of the Family Groups reminds us that the Kingdom of God grows not only through extraordinary events but also through ordinary acts of kindness, hospitality and commitment. Every conversation, every shared meal, every helping hand offered in Christ's name becomes another glimpse of God's kingdom among us.

As we continue our journey together as the Eastern Bays parishes, may we never lose sight of the treasure we have been given in Christ. Let us encourage one another to invest generously in the things that truly last: faith, hope, love and the building of communities where everyone can find a place to belong. In light of this let encourage our young people as they prepare to celebrate World Youth Day. Seminarian Bob invites those interested, to gather with him this (Sunday) afternoon at 6pm at MPH Glendowie.

Please keep the children preparing for their first Holy Communion in your prayers as they gather this week in preparation to join us at the Lord's table.

May God bless us as we seek the 'pearl of great price'.

Blessings Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Told by God that he could have any gift he wanted, Solomon chose the gift of wisdom.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

Those who love God can turn everything to their spiritual advantage.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

What God offers us is so precious that it is worth everything we have.



CHANGE OF DATES **Scripture Study Group**

The dates for the Thursday Scripture Group have changed as follows:

27 August, 10 September

then subsequent

2nd Thursday of each month

at St Ignatius Parish Centre from 7.30pm.

All welcome.

Happy Birthday ... St Ignatius **Passionist Family Groups**

35th Anniversary celebrations this weekend begin with drinks and finger food in the Hall after the 5pm Mass on the 25th

July, and Sunday after the 9am Mass there will be morning tea followed by a 1½ hour presentation by Paul Traynor, NZ National Coordinator of Passionist Family Groups. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Catholic Caring Foundation

Thank you to those of you who have already given to the Foundation at last week's Caring Sunday Appeal. You can still support Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation annual appeal, helping those in poverty be seen, heard, and helped.

To make a donation you can visit

www.caringfoundation.org.nz,



scan the QR code, use a donation card or donate directly to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00

using your surname and initials as reference.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS...

Youth Group Next meeting

will be held **on 26 July at 6.00pm** at Mother of Perpetual Help. Seminarian Bob will be taking all those interested to

World Youth Day Auckland 2026

Saturday 1st August 10am-8:30pm

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 information 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

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

A reminder that Shona is away & Rebecca will be working in the St Ignatius Parish office. Our office hours are:

Mother of Perpetual Help

Mon & Wed 1.30pm – 5.30pm

St Ignatius

Mon, Wed & Thurs 9.30am – 12.30pm

Preference Enrolment forms are signed by appointment. Please email:

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Baptism Course October

15th, 22nd & 29th October from 7.30pm to 9pm. To register please email Gina sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

St Ignatius School Enrolment 2027

Children who turn 5 in 2027 and who will be starting as new entrants at St Ignatius Primary should have their enrolment applications in by

Friday 31 August 2026.

Enrolment applications can be found at <https://stignatius.school.nz/our-place/enrollment-application-forms/> or at the school office.

You are welcome to attend their

Open Day, 12th August at 11.30am.

Email office@stignatius.school.nz to register for this.

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 become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels.

The programme continues as follows:

**6 August; 3 September; 1 October;
and 5 November**

MPH Parish Centre from 7 -8.30pm.

For more information please contact:

Dianna Fouhy, diannaf@cda.org.nz

Grammarphonics Charity Concert

St Michael's warmly invites our neighbouring parishes to join them for a charity concert for the Auckland Grammar School Choir. Thursday 6 August, 6.30 pm, at St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice Rd, Remuera. **Book before 1 August to automatically go into the draw to win a \$200 hamper, with spot prizes also to be won on the night.** Hosted by acclaimed Opera singer, James Ioelu, the concert features outstanding Auckland Grammar student performers, alongside tenor Edward Laurenson and multi-award-winning New Zealand country and soul artist Tami Neilson. Performing breathtaking opera and uplifting choral music to contemporary country favourites. Tickets are just \$35, including a light supper during the interval. To book visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/grammarphonics>. Every ticket purchased helps support the future of the Auckland Grammar School Choir.

The Beginning Experience

"ALONE AGAIN?" - A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 21-23 August. The cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals and materials and follow up event is \$350. For further information phone Karena evenings on 021802-352 or visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

We remember... Maurice McCarthy, Paddy Duggan, Brian Webber, Maura Just, Fr Line Folaumoeloa, Delia MacAndrew, Michael Bancroft, Jose Martland, Richard Mores, Robbie Franicevich, Audrey Fogarty, Leo Hope, 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, Gloria 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 grant to them 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)

sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

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