

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei



St Ignatius
St Heliers



Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 30 AUGUST 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks with remarkable honesty to his disciples about what lies ahead. He tells them that he must go to Jerusalem, where he will suffer and be killed, before being raised on the third day. Peter cannot accept this. He wants a Messiah of glory and victory, not one who will walk the way of the cross.

Jesus' response is challenging: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

The cross is not something we seek, nor does Christian discipleship mean that suffering is somehow good in itself.

Rather, Jesus reminds us that love sometimes asks us to make sacrifices, to put another's needs before our own, and to remain faithful when the path is difficult.

St Paul expresses this beautifully in the second reading: "Offer your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God." Our Christian vocation is lived not simply in church, but in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives—in our families, workplaces, relationships and service of others.

May we have the courage to follow Christ faithfully, trusting that the way

of the cross ultimately leads to the fullness of life.

As we approach the General Election, and candidates vie for support, it is important to remember that the Church does not endorse any particular political party or candidate. Catholics are free to exercise their conscience in deciding how they will vote.

At the same time, our faith calls us to take seriously the principles of Catholic Social Teaching when making this decision. We are encouraged to consider carefully the dignity of every human person, the common good, the protection of life, care for the vulnerable and those in need, justice, peace, the dignity of work, the wellbeing of families, and our responsibility to care for creation.

Voting is an important civic responsibility. We are encouraged to inform ourselves about the policies and priorities of the parties and candidates, to engage respectfully with those whose views may differ from our own, and to prayerfully consider how our vote can contribute to the common good of our society.

AMDG Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading – Jeremiaiah 20:7-9

Even though speaking God's message to the people has brought Jeremiaiah nothing but insults, he is unable to remain silent.

Second Reading – Romans 12:1-2

St Paul urges the Romans not to live like the people around them.

Gospel – Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus foretells his suffering and death, and tells his disciples that they must be prepared to suffer.



Eastern Bays Catholic Parishes Facebook Page

Have you seen our Facebook Page? Go to <https://www.facebook.com/easternbayscatholic>. Be sure to like it to keep up to date with the happenings at our parishes and beyond.

September Staffing

Mons Bernard will be away in September. Fr Ryan has returned and is renewed and refreshed after visiting family in the Philippines. Shona Cosgrove, our secretary who has been visiting family in the UK will be returning to work on the 2nd. Our thanks to Rebecca Knibb for stepping in during her absence. Gina, our beloved sacraments coordinator is away for much of September having seen this year's sacramental programme through to a beautiful celebration of first Holy Communion last Sunday. Thank you for your support and understanding as our small but energetic team takes much needed time to recharge!

Baptism Course October

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



Season of Creation 2026

Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to celebrate Season of Creation. From 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi), we are invited to renew our relationship with God as Creator. The theme this year **Living Water** drawn from Ezekiel 47:9-12.

Maclaurin Chaplaincy & Church communities of Auckland to an ecumenical celebration through prayer, reflection and light refreshments | Wednesday 23rd September, 7pm at the Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes Street, University of Auckland. To register visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/season-of-creation-2026-i-living-waters-caring-for-our-common-home>



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser



St Vincent de Paul
Winter/Spring fundraiser at
St Ignatius Masses this
weekend. Please bring cash to
purchase your raffle tickets.
Thank you for your support.

Scripture Study Group

The dates for the Thursday Scripture Group has changed to:

10 September then subsequent
2nd Thursday of each month

at St Ignatius Parish Centre from 7.30pm.
All welcome.

Eastern Bays Coffee-Morning Meet Up

Every third Wednesday of the month, at the Terraces Restaurant, 207 Ridell Road, Glendowie in the grounds of St. Andrews Village (all are welcome).
Parking is available. Come along,
10am, 16th September 2026

An Invitation to Parishioners

Come attend the weekly sessions with our OCIA group as they explore a number of topics presented by guest speakers.

Coming up:

2nd September, Kathleen Card from the Justice and Peace Commission discusses the **Social teachings of the Church**.

9th September Dianna Fouhy from Wings. Ngā Parirau, the Catholic faith formation coordinator will discuss **Prayer**.

Wednesdays at 7pm in St Ignatius Church.

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

31 August 2026.

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

St Mary's Old Girl's Association

High Tea and quiz to raise money for the scholarship funds, 2pm Sunday 20th

September at The Parnell Hotel & Conference Centre. Bookings \$60 each by Direct Credit St Mary's College Past Pupils Association Inc.

ASB 12-3044-0414268-00

Please use your name & year group as a payment reference.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS...

University Students Mass

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

Diocesan Youth Mass

Today/Sunday at 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. With Fr Ryan celebrating. Eastern Bays Youth are invited to meet Bob at 4.15 pm, outside the Cathedral so we can sit together.

St Ignatius Card Group

Wednesday afternoons at the St Ignatius Parish centre. 500 is the game of choice and it's a great opportunity to try something new and to make new friends. All welcome. Newcomers please seek out Stella.

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

St Ignatius Church NEW Roster: September to Early December

The new roster is now being prepared. Current volunteers and anyone interested in joining are invited to scan the QR code below to update their details or register as a new volunteer. New volunteers are warmly welcome! Use the QR code below or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ministry-volunteers-St-Ignatius>



Hope for the World International Conference on Life, Faith and Family

Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September us in Auckland to hear inspiring local and international speakers.

Find out more and to register visit:

<https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/>

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

Philip Davis, Marija Mercep, Neil Grant, Marie Sinton, Anne Cleaver, Richard Farry, Sr Lorraine Gaines rsj, Elizabeth Wright, Kate Saunders, Bill Roche, Gerard Hart, Mgrs Kevin Hackett, John Brown, Virginia Stewart, John Walls, Ron Patterson, Celia Gatt, Kathleen Mearns, Moira Gleeson, Jim Mortimer, Michael Brady, Mary Bergin Wright, Joan Dunne, Lorraine Wright, Kathlynn Fariessey, Nell Phipps, Ivan Kirton, Frank Clarke, Ray Kirkup, Arthur Mack, Norah McDonald, Desmond Hayes, Doreen Weston, Walter Springford, Clemencia Velasco, Leo Renneberg, Najla Bell, Stephen Batterton, Arthur Lynskey, Tony Marinovich, Christopher Hughes, Douglas Fletcher, Doreen Sydnier, Thomas Boderick, William Naden, Verona Henderson, Philip Batterton, George McIndoe, Olive Pope, Robert Phillips, Patricia Moir, Sheila Lowe, Sean Kelly, Michael Begley, Raewyn Foubister, Maurice Leydon, Diana Ozich, Denis Culpan, Christopher Hughes, Eileen Rennie, William Kearns, Audrey Higgins, Hubert Howe, Paul Krause, Doreen Sweeney, Ross Lanigan, Daphne Cavanagh, Ludwig Sepetavc, Patsy Olsson, Kathlyn Lornie, Aubrey Barrett, Mary Sullivan, Dorina Boric, Hendrik Van Swet, Eileen Brosnan, Anthony Lammert, Marcie Towers, John Turich, Louis Mihaljevich, Victor Davis
... 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

9:00am 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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