

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei



St Ignatius
St Heliers



Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ 9 AUGUST 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:22–33), the disciples find themselves tossed about by wind and waves in the darkness. As fear overwhelms them, Jesus comes walking across the water and speaks the words that continue to strengthen Christians in every age:

"Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

How often the storms of life leave us feeling much like the disciples—uncertain about the future, burdened by family concerns, health, work, or the challenges facing our world.

Yet the Gospel reminds us that Christ does not always calm the storm immediately; rather, He comes to us in the midst of it.

Like Peter, we are invited to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. When our gaze remains on Him, faith overcomes fear. When we begin to focus only on the wind and waves, we can lose heart. Even then, the Lord reaches out His hand and lifts us up.

This week we warmly welcome home Fr Ryan following his visit to his family in the Philippines. We hope his time with loved ones has been a source of joy and renewal, and we are delighted to have him back among us in the Eastern Bays.

Last Saturday, a wonderful group of young people from our parishes joined over 2000 others, from across the diocese, at the WYD 26 Celebration at the Victory Centre, in Freeman's Bay. It was a joyful day of prayer, worship, friendship, and inspiration as they celebrated their faith together and reflected on what it means to be a contemporary witness to faith. Thanks to seminarian Bob for his leadership. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to deepen their love for Christ and His Church.

May the Lord who says, "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid," strengthen each of us this week and fill our hearts with His peace, and strengthened by the Eucharist we celebrate, may we trust that Christ will bless, multiply, and use all that we place before him to nourish others. Nothing offered in love is ever wasted, and nothing can separate us from the love that God has for each one of us.

AMDG Bernard



Today's Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

Fleeing for his life, the prophet Elijah takes refuge in a cave where he encounters God.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

St Pauls tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

When they are caught in high winds and rough seas, Jesus comes to the apostles; he calms their fears, and brings them peace.



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.

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 & Fri 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

The Assumption of Mary, Aotearoa New Zealand's Patronal Feast Day

The New Zealand Bishops have "Sundayised" the celebration of The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Sunday 16 August.



Sunday Mass Time Change

St Joseph's - Please note that **from**

16 August the Mass at St Joseph's, Orakei will be at the earlier time of 9 am.

Baptism Course October

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



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.

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.** To

register for the Open Day please email office@stignatius.school.nz

St Ignatius Card Group - Every Wednesday afternoon 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 and simply enjoy time together. All welcome. Newcomers please seek out Stella.

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

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

For more info email

youthmin@cda.org.nz

**Concert at St Michael's Remuera -
From Aotearoa to London - Cát Cảnh**

A fundraising event for Auckland Soprano Anh Thu Nguyen at St Michael's Church, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, 7 pm Friday, 14th August. Anh sang at the Cathedral for many years and currently sings at St Michael's. With music ranging from the opera world to musical theatre including works by Strauss, Puccini & Lowe, Anh will be joined by soprano Antonia Brightwell, Kiri te Kanawa Song Quest semi-finalist for 2026, Jack Doyle and David Kelly will be the orchestra behind the keys. Money raised will go towards Anh's studies at the prestigious Guildhall of Music & Drama in London. **Tickets are just \$40 each (a student concession of \$30 is available).** To purchase tickets and to learn more about Anh & her journey visit <https://events.humanitix.com/from-aotearoa-to-london-cat-canh>. Door sales will be available.

**Annual Pilgrimage to
Sacred Josephite Sites**

Saturday 22 August beginning at Mary MacKillop Centre at 10am and finishing at 3.30pm. This is a very popular event so by 15 August to ensure a place. Phone Sr Jill McLoughlin +64210710277 or email MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au

**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>



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

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 welcome). Parking is available. Come along, 10am, 19th August.

G.I.F.T. - Special Needs Ministry
"Saints and Angels DINNERDISCO
Saturday 29th August, 6pm to 9pm
at the Pompallier Centre.
Everyone is most welcome!



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

9.30am and 5pm 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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