

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Ōrākei



St Ignatius
St Heliers



Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

A warm welcome to visitors to our parishes this weekend.

Today's Gospel reminds us of the power of a changing heart. Like the child who first says "no" but later responds to his father's invitation, we too are called to conversion. May our hearts remain open to God, so that our faith is expressed not merely in words, but in loving action.

St Joseph's School, Ōrākei

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the decision that St Joseph's School, Ōrākei will close at the end of 2026, following the cancellation of its Integration Agreement.

At this difficult time, our prayerful care and support are especially with Principal Sue, her dedicated and faith-filled staff, Board of Trustees Chair Dianne and members, and, most especially, the students and families who are part of the school community today. We recognise the uncertainty, sadness and many emotions this decision brings.

May each person know that they are not alone, and that the wider parish and community are holding them close in prayer and standing alongside them with compassion and practical support.

We also remember with gratitude the many people who have contributed to the

life of St Joseph's School throughout its 68-year history. From the Brigidine Sisters who began their ministry here in 1958, through generations of principals, teachers, staff, Josephite sisters, boards, parents and students, so many have helped shape the school and its distinctive Catholic character.

St Joseph's has played a tremendous part in the faith history of the Eastern Bays. Its classrooms, playgrounds, liturgies, celebrations and friendships have been places where faith has been nurtured and shared. For many, the school is woven deeply into their personal and family stories, and the memories created there will remain part of its enduring legacy.

As we accompany the school through its final months, may we make space for grief, listen with kindness, and surround students, families and staff with prayer, encouragement and practical support.

May we give thanks for all that St Joseph's School has been and continues to mean to our community, while walking gently and faithfully with one another through this time of change.

May we journey together in
"Strength and Gentleness".

Blessings, Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading – Ezekial 18:25-28

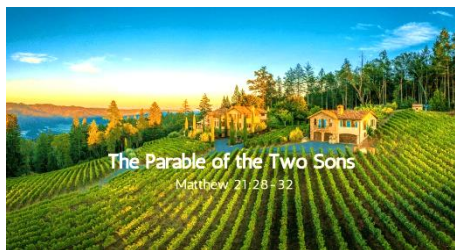
Each of us is responsible for his or her own conduct, and will be judged accordingly.

Second Reading – Philippians 2:1-5

Self-seeking and rivalry have no place in the Christian community. We must imitate the humility of Christ.

Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32

Actions speak louder than words.



Baptism Preparation Sessions for Children Aged 7-15 years

There will be four Preparation Sessions starting Sunday 18th October 2026.

If you would like your child to be baptised and they are aged 7-15 years, please email Gina at

sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

One Catholic parent must accompany children

Eastern Bays Pastoral Area 2026 Quiz Night

Help raise funds for our Catholic youth

17 October at 6:30 pm at St Ignatius Parish Centre. Tickets are \$20.00 each.

Raffles – we welcome donations for prizes. Please bring to the St Ignatius Parish Office.

Tickets are on sale now at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/eastern-bays-catholic-quiz-night>



Christmas Hampers Project 2026

Now is the time for our Parishes to commence our project of Christmas Food Hampers for local families in need. This project helps us share our gifts and teaches our children the value of helping others. We'd love your help to make this a special Christmas for families in our community.

Please mark your calendars –

**The Hamper packing day will be
Sunday 29 November after
9.00am Mass at St Ignatius**

We are now welcoming donations. Each hamper costs around \$120, and donations can be made to:

Account Name: St Ignatius St Heliers Bay

Account Number: 02-0108-0707227-003

Reference: Xmas Hampers Donation

If you're **available to be a driver on the day** or wish to find out about other volunteering opportunities in the leadup please contact

Naomi – naomijo@gmail.com

We also need **Christmas wrapping paper** to wrap each of the hampers. If you have leftover rolls from previous years or would be able to donate a roll or two, it would be greatly appreciated.

Gift wrap can be left at the back of the church and will be collected after Mass over the coming weeks.

Monte Cecilia

**We wish to thank all parishioners for
helping our families through your
generous donation of blankets.**

Your generosity is a wonderful reminder that small acts of kindness can bring great comfort and hope

**Thank you for helping us keep our
families warm and cared for. ❤️**

Baptism Course October

15th, 22nd & 29th October from 7.30pm to 9pm. To register please email Gina

sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

**Sacramental Programme
Final Information Session
for 2027 Sacramental Programme**

Tuesday 13th October at
St Ignatius Church at 7.30pm
Please email Gina at

sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

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**Thinking about becoming Catholic?  
Come along to our Information Session**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm  
at St Ignatius. Please email Gina at  
[sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

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**St Vincent de Paul Society**



We extend sincere thanks to everyone who  
kindly supported our Spring Raffle.  
Congratulations to the  
Raffle Winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Ayesha Virmani**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Susanna Sili**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Rose & Anthony Balazo**

The raffle raised \$600.00, your generosity is  
greatly appreciated.

All are welcome to join us for **Morning Tea**  
after the 10.30am Mass at MPH this  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate the  
**Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul.**

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**Scripture Study Group**

Now meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each  
month** at St Ignatius Parish Centre  
from 7.30pm. All welcome.

**YOUTH HAPPENINGS...**

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

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**Diocesan Youth Mass
Youth Mass this Sunday!
Come and join us.**

Fourth Sunday of the month at 4:30pm
at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Parish Office Hours

St Ignatius:

Tues, Thurs, and Fri 8.45am – 12.00pm

Mother of Perpetual Help

Mon and Wed 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Preference Enrolment forms by appointment

E: office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

**Word and Eucharist
Liturgical Ministry Lectures**

Basic theological foundations for Ministers of
the Word (AM) and Eucharist (PM) in
each of our parishes ~

Saturday 10 October at

Mother of Perpetual Help ~ 9am – 4pm

To register your interest please contact

Maureen at

adminsupport@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

or Shona at

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

We will complete a group registration
on your behalf.

Registration is mandatory for all participants.

Household Goods Wanted

Two single or king single beds and bedding, an
armchair and kitchen plates are needed. If
you can help please contact
Mary Gray on 021 2305405 or
marygraykiwi@gmail.com

St Ignatius Card Group

Wednesday afternoons at the St Ignatius
Parish centre. All welcome.
Contact is Stella on 021 02408199

**Eastern Bays Coffee-Morning
Meetup for Men and Women**

Every **third Wednesday** of the month,
at the Terraces Restaurant, 207 Riddell Road,
Glendowie, in the grounds of
St Andrew's Village (everyone is welcome).
Parking is available. Come along at
10am on 21st October 2026

Men's Coffee Group

An invitation to men to attend a coffee group
at "Honey Cafe" Roberta Ave
every Thursday after 9am Mass t MPH.
All welcome to come and join us for a
coffee and a chat....

**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



ANNIVERSARIES

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

Kuno Flatz, June Cosgrove, John Wilson,
Mike Randall, Pat White, Gabrielle Topp,
Hugh, Nance Jagusch, Jim Schaab, Pat
Whitehead, Tom Ryan, Mary Elliott,
Gregory Lomas, Heather Sanelli Ah Lam,
Ray Fox, Thelma Alexander, Kathleen
Costello, Kata Huljich, Frank Mahoney,
Helen Goldstone, Thelma McCallum,
Derek Skelton, Colleen Flatz, Fleur
Garrard, Ula Eadie, Geoffrey Lowe, Marion
James, Margaret Geoghegan, Ante
Dragicevich, Janet Palmer, Frederika
Hackshaw, Thomas Ryan, Maureen Ellis,
Amadee Savy, Winston Cronin, Stanley
Sweet, Pamela Sumich, Martin Purcell,
Franklin Correa, Michael Montague, John
Rosser, Victor Kurta, Jocelyn Williams,
Peter Bramwell, Josefo Kelekolio, Kathleen
McGrath, Raymond Keenan, Marie
Simmons, Thomas King, Joseph Hope,
Sean Kelly, Maria Henrys, Angus
MacDonald, John Connolly, Mary
Mercieca, Trish Krigolson

....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)

sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

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www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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Seminarian: Bob Fe'ao

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