

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei



St Ignatius
St Heliers



Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

This Sunday we begin the annual **Season of Creation**, which runs from 1 September until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. It is a time when Christians throughout the world are invited to give thanks for the gift of creation and to reflect more deeply on our responsibility to care for our common home.

The readings this Sunday remind us that Christian discipleship is never simply a private matter. We have a responsibility towards one another — and towards the world God has entrusted to us.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel hears God say: **“I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel.”** The image of the sentry reminds us that we are called to see what is happening around us and, when necessary, to speak with courage and love.

St Paul gives us the heart of our responsibility in the second reading: **“Love your neighbour as yourself.”** He reminds us that **“Love can cause no harm to your neighbour.”** Our care for creation is ultimately an expression of this love. The way we use the earth affects our neighbours, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us: **“Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.”** Our response to the challenges facing our world is something we are called to undertake together.

This Sunday is also **Father's Day**, when we give thanks for fathers, grandfathers and all those men who have offered loving guidance, protection and encouragement to others. Fatherhood, at its best, reflects something of God's own generous love. It also carries the responsibility of nurturing and protecting the life entrusted to us. In this sense, the vocation of fatherhood resonates beautifully with our call to care for creation and for future generations.

As we celebrate Father's Day and begin the Season of Creation, may we give thanks for the gifts we have received and renew our commitment to be faithful stewards of God's creation.

May God bless all fathers, grand and great grandfathers, and may the Lord help us all to cherish family bonds and relationships.

AMDG Bernard



Today's Readings

First Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9

The appointed leaders bear the responsibility to point out to wrong-doers the error of their ways and to try to get them to reform.

Second Reading – Romans 13:8-10

If we truly loved our neighbours we would not harm them in any way.

Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

We hear about the duty a Christian to correct an erring brother or sister. But there is a proper way of doing it.



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 is away so Fr Ryan is holding the fort. Shona Cosgrove, has returned from a trip visiting family. Gina, our beloved sacraments coordinator is away for much of September having a well-deserved break.

Thank you for your support and understanding as our small but energetic team takes much needed time to recharge!

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.

Tickets are on sale now at:

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

or use the QR code below.



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 invite you to an ecumenical celebration through prayer, reflection and light refreshments, 7pm Wednesday 23rd September 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

Social Justice Week

6 – 12 September 2026

Social Justice Week is an ongoing commitment in the Catholic calendar to consider, reflect on, and act on a particular social justice theme through the lens of Catholic social teaching.

The overarching theme for Social Justice Week from 2026–2028 is:

You Belong | Nō Konei Anō Koe

For 2026 it is: **'You Belong to God | Nā Te Atua anō koe'** - we belong to God, made on purpose, fully known and fully loved. This is a three-year journey exploring what it means to truly belong — to God, to one another, and to creation.

Baptism Course October

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



St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser

St Vincent de Paul Winter/Spring fundraiser
at MPH Masses 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:

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

16th September Judge Claire Ryan will
discuss **the Scriptures**.

Wednesdays at 7pm in St Ignatius Church.

St Mary's Old Girl's Association

High Tea and quiz to raise money for the
scholarship funds, \$60. 2pm Sunday
20 September 2026. To register please
contact Pat 021 622 044 or (09) 846 0230

Vinnies Volunteer Day.

Saturday 12th September, 9 am – 12 pm,
Vinnies Hub, Onehunga. Join us to pack
much-needed food boxes for our sisters
& brothers in need this winter.

Please email Lisa for more information

L.filitonga@gmail.com

YOUTH HAPPENINGS...

An Evening with St Pier Giorgio

Frassati - Wednesday, 9th September
6:30pm-8:30pm at St Michael's, Remuera.
An evening exploring the life, faith, and
witness of St Pier Giorgio Frassati, one of
the Church's inspiring young saints.
With guest speaker Fr Dominic Murphy OP,
Prior Provincial for the Dominican Friars
of Australasia. Free but please register at
[https://events.humanitix.com/evening-
with-frassati](https://events.humanitix.com/evening-with-frassati)

University Students Mass

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

Diocesan Youth Mass

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

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.

For further information please phone
Stella on 021 02408199 .

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

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/>

Floods in Nepal - Caritas is already there with emergency aid, assessing needs and helping families who have lost shelter, food and basic household items. Nepal has very close ties to New Zealand with many Kiwis having experienced the generosity of its people. If you would like to help provide emergency shelter, food, household essentials and other lifesaving support you can make a donation by visiting https://www.caritas.org.nz/nepal?utm_source=edm

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

Kuno Flatz, June Cosgrove, 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, Iosefo 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)

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