

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Ōrākei



St Ignatius
St Heliers



Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 11th OCTOBER 2026

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui...

A special welcome to visitors and visitors
and newcomers to our parishes
this weekend.

**‘Come to the feast of heaven and earth,
come to the table of plenty!’**

There is something wonderfully generous
about the invitation in this Sunday's
Gospel. Jesus speaks of a king who
prepares a great wedding banquet for his
son. Those who were first invited refuse
to come, so the invitation is extended
ever more widely:

“Go to the crossroads and invite
everyone you can find to come
to the wedding.”

The image of a banquet is a powerful one
for the Christian life. God's invitation is
not exclusive. His desire is that all people
should know his love, experience his
mercy and find a place at his table. The
Church is called to be a community that
welcomes, invites and reaches out –
especially to those who may feel that
they have little place or little voice.

This is particularly relevant as we
continue to reflect on the future of our
three Eastern Bays parishes. We are not
simply trying to preserve what we have

inherited. We are seeking to become
communities that are increasingly open,
welcoming and missionary – places
where people can encounter Christ and
discover the joy of belonging.

The Gospel also speaks to us as a nation.
New Zealand is preparing for the General
Election on **Saturday 7 November**. As
citizens and as people of faith, we have
an important responsibility to participate
thoughtfully in our democracy. Our
Catholic faith does not prescribe a
particular political party or candidate.
Rather, it challenges us to consider the
common good, the dignity of every
person, the needs of the vulnerable,
justice, peace, care for creation and the
wellbeing of our communities. Let us pray
for wisdom for those seeking election and
for all of us as we make our choices.

And a special invitation this Sunday
evening to our young people: **Youth Mass
at 5.00pm at St Joseph's, Ōrākei**, with
the NET team presenting. Come along,
bring a friend and join us for a joyful
celebration of faith. And, of course, there
will be pizza and holy hijinks after Mass!
May we hear afresh God's invitation to his
banquet – and be ready to extend that
invitation to others.

Blessings, Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 25:6-10

The image of a banquet describes the blessings God wishes to bestow, not only on Israel, but on all nations.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul thanks the Philippians for their support but says that his real strength comes from the Lord.

Gospel – Matthew 22: 1-14

Isaiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus: through him all God's people are invited to the banquet feast of the Kingdom.



Baptism Preparation Sessions for Children Aged 7-15 years

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

To register your child 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

The Christmas Hamper 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.

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

2027 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2027 Calendars are now available.

Cost \$15.00

Please see Shona at

St Ignatius office

Or Maureen at MOPH office

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

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

Monday 19th October at 7.30pm
at St Ignatius. Please email Gina at
sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Scripture Study Group

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

YOUTH HAPPENINGS...

Youth Mass

Eastern Bays Parishes

5.00pm Sunday, 11 October

St Joseph's Orakei

***Come along! Pizza and holy hijinks
after Mass***

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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

Come and join us.

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

Support Life Sunday 2026: Living Peace

Today, Sunday 11 October, Catholics across
Aotearoa will celebrate **Support Life Sunday**.
This year's theme, Living Peace, invites us to
reflect on how we can promote a culture of
life through prayer, compassion, and action.

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*Generous God,  
Thank You for inviting us  
into Your love.  
Open our hearts to receive  
Your grace,  
and help us to respond  
with gratitude.  
May our lives reflect  
the joy of being welcomed  
into Your kingdom.  
Amen.*

**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](mailto:office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

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**St Ignatius Card Group**

Wednesday afternoons at the St Ignatius  
Parish centre. All welcome.

Contact is Stella on 021 02408199

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**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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2026**

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**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....

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**Manager – Ministries to Young People |  
Catholic Diocese of Auckland**

Are you a Catholic leader with a heart for  
young people? We're looking for someone  
who answers "Yes!" to serve as our full-time  
Manager – Ministries to Young People. You'll  
lead a multidisciplinary team, oversee major  
diocesan initiatives, and shape of youth and  
young adult ministry in New Zealand's largest  
Diocese. To learn more, please visit

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-  
vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

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**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](mailto:priestlyfam@xtra.co.nz)



## ANNIVERSARIES

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

Br Roger Dowling, Br William Lawley, Sheila Fisher, Mary Evans, Royce Moodable, Mike Davis, Jim Bolger, Ross Williams, Paul Toland, Kevin O'Brien, Benoit Marcenac, Jakov Matulovic, Pat White, Mike Randall, Stan Carroll, Martin McLean, Merko Granic,

Robert Kilpatrick, Eileen Algie, Philip Klaassen, Margaret Klaassen, John Connor, Florence Smith, Molly Lynskey, Stephen Batterton, Ron MacDonald, Beryl Thom, Marjorie Smith, Mollie Corbett, Eta Baloghly, Elena Fava, Mary Peachey, Queenie Corban, Claude Simpson, Christie Philipiah, Ross Lomas, Gerard Wills, Tess Kelly, Miriam Young, Josephine Phipps, Mavis McCormick, Kate Botica, Maureen Gatt, Esmay Ulenberg, Andrew Rothery, Sister Rose Marsh RGS, Jean-Louis Christian, Graham Wardrope, Audrey Gudgeon, Nicholas Oei, Geoffrey Tempest, Mary Williams, Jack Murphy, Nancy Burgess, Miriam Holland, Wallace Gordon, Raymond Dobbs, James Ryan, Eileen Hewitt, Patricia McKinlay, Raimondo Bellanca, Tumewu Oei, Mary Rawlinson, Elvira Borich, Natalie Culpán, Fr John Airey CSsR, Shirley Schollum, Charles Mamo, Alan O'Brien, and Fay Payne....*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](mailto:sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

#### ST JOSEPH'S

16 Brenton Place, Orakei

#### ST IGNATIUS

12 Kotiri Street, St Heliers

#### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

510 Riddell Road, Glendowie

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Parish Priest: Monsignor Bernard Kiely

Website: [www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz](http://www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

Assistant Priest: Father Ryan Sy

Seminarian: Bob Fe'ao

#### PARISH SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Orakei

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