EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



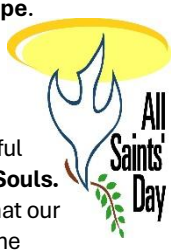
St Joseph's Orakei | St Ignatius St Heliers | Mother of Perpetual Help Glendowie

ALL SAINTS DAY~ 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

Kia ora koutou katoa…
A warm welcome to all visitors to our parishes weekend.

As we enter November, the Church invites us into a beautiful season of **remembrance, gratitude and hope**.

This Sunday we celebrate the **Feast of All Saints,** followed on Monday by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, commonly known as **All Souls.** These two celebrations remind us that our Christian faith reaches beyond the boundaries of this earthly life.



Saturday is Halloween which has its origins in this Christian tradition. The name comes from All Hallows' Eve, the evening before All Saints' Day. While Halloween for some is associated with costumes, pumpkins and 'scary' images, its historical connection for us is deeply Christian ….remembrance of the saints and our belief that death does not have the final word.

On All Saints Day, we honour the great saints whose names are familiar to us including our parish patrons Mary, the mother of Jesus, St Joseph and St Ignatius of Loyola. We also consider the countless ordinary men and women who lived lives of faith, love and generosity. They remind us that holiness is not reserved for a select few but is a calling for each of us.

All Souls' Day turns our hearts towards those we have loved and lost. Throughout November, our Catholic tradition encourages us to remember the faithful departed, to pray for them, and to give thanks for the ways their lives have touched our own.
One of the things I love about celebrating Mass at St Joseph's Orakei is the beautiful view one has, across the Purewa valley, to the cemetery. I have celebrated many funerals and burials there and prayed ancient and beautiful prayers that speak of hope:

'Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb,
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope
that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies'.

During November we remember our loved ones close to our hearts. Grief and gratitude often walk together. We miss those who have died, yet we treasure their memory and entrust them to God's loving mercy. Importantly, November reminds us that we belong to a communion of faith stretching across heaven and earth. In Christ, the bonds of love are not destroyed by death.

May this month be a time of prayerful remembrance, renewed hope, and deep gratitude for all those who have helped shape our lives. *Blessings, Bernard.*

Today's Readings

First Reading – Revelations 7:2-4.9-14
Here we have a vision of the victorious followers of Christ rejoicing in his presence in the heavenly Kingdom.

Second Reading
1 John 3:1-3
In his love for us, God has made us his children and destined us one day to see him as he is. We should live a life that is consistent with this great hope.

Gospel – Matthew 5: 1-12
Jesus talks about the qualities he wishes to see in his disciples, qualities that are exemplified in the lives of the saints.



Loving God, Thank You for the example of all the saints. Help us to grow in faith and love, to show mercy and kindness to others, and to bring Your peace into the world. May we follow You faithfully each day and one day share in the joy of Your kingdom. Amen.

All Souls Day Masses ~ 2nd November

On Monday our pastoral community will gather to remember and pray for those we have loved and lost.

9.00am St Ignatius
7.00pm Mother of Perpetual Help

A book/box of remembrance is in all Church Foyers for you to write the names of those you wish to remember.

Tongan Chaplaincy

50th Jubilee Mass ~ 15th November
at St Patrick's Cathedral at 1.00pm

Christmas Hamper Project 2026

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parish community for the incredible generosity and support you've shown our Christmas Hamper Project this year.

We're thrilled to share that we've surpassed our fundraising target, raising an amazing $43,500!

This means we can provide Christmas hampers to **350 families** in our community this festive season.

A big thank you, too, to everyone who donated gift wrap. We now have enough wrapping paper for all our hamper boxes so now it's time to get wrapping and prepare everything for packing day.

We'd love you to join us in the Parish Centre for one of our upcoming **wrapping sessions**:

- Saturday 7 November: Quiet wrapping session - 2:30pm–4:30pm
- Saturday 14 November: Youth wrapping session after 5.00pm Mass
- Sunday 15 November: Wrapping session open to everyone after 9am Mass

Whether you can stay for the whole session or just lend a hand for a little while, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to everyone who has volunteered to help with driving and other roles that make this project possible. We'll be in touch with you directly closer to packing day with further details.

We look forward to coming together on Sunday 29 November for our Christmas **Hamper packing day.**

Falling on the first Sunday of Advent, it's a wonderful opportunity to begin this season of hope and preparation by putting our faith into action, sharing our blessings and bringing a little extra love and joy to families in our wider community.

Reshaping our Future ~ Save the Date

The next meeting for the three parishes of the Eastern Bays Pastoral Area will be on Sunday

November 22nd - 2.00pm – 5.00pm

It will include feedback from previous meetings (to be emailed to parishioners), discussion on the present situation and discernment on where to from here...

The venue for this upcoming meeting will be St Ignatius Church and Parish Centre.

St Joseph's Parish – Ministry of the Word

We are seeking new readers to proclaim the Word at our Sunday 5.00pm Masses? If you are interested, please email ppcsjo@gmail.com

St Joseph's Mass of Thanksgiving ~ Sunday 29 November at 9.00am

We invite you to celebrate the last **St Joseph's School-Parish Mass** at Orakei, with lunch to follow.

Let us celebrate the graces and blessings that have been a part of St Joseph's School over the years.

We are seeking **Alumni** to participate in our School-Parish Mass.

We'd love to hear from you.

Please share photos of school life with us.

Please send to ppcsjo@gmail.com

Celebrating 100 Years: St Ignatius School Centenary 2027

In celebration of this remarkable milestone St Ignatius School are collecting historical photos and memorabilia. If you have any treasures to share please email/drop at the school office@stignatius.school.nz or the parish office ~ office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

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

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Come along to our Information Session

Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm at St Ignatius. Please email Gina at sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

YOUTH HAPPENINGS...

Diocesan Youth Mass

Come and join us.

Every Sunday at 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral

Scripture Study Group

2nd Thursday of each month at St Ignatius Parish Centre from 7.30pm. All welcome.

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. Parking is available. Come along at

10am on 18th November 2026

Men's Coffee Group

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

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 with the happenings at our parishes and beyond.

St Ignatius Card Group

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

Contact is 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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Mary Donegan, Anthony Gates, Reg Edwards, Gary Williams, Dona Elliott, Pat de Zote, Brother Michael Taylor fms, Abbey Russell, Donna Collins, Des Clarke, Alex Pinfold, Michael Davis, Royce Moodabe, Lotus Bentinck-Stokes, Anna Shalfoon, Yvonne Spode, Christopher Everitt, Rex Jennings, Margaret Winter, Annie Dempsey, Fr Humphrey O'Leary, William O'Connell, Noel Trembath, Yin Young, Walter Grbich, Patricia Wilson, Emily Mamo, Maurice Larsen, Joy McKenzie, Lydia Schweder, Peter Marshall, Rosemary Reeves, Carmel Connolly, Paul Mason, Carmel Henderson, Irene Davenport, William Fell, Graham Quinn, Ivy Digby, Barry Crowley, Aileen Angland, Hilda Waite, Leo Klaassen, Mary Millar, Elizabeth Downs, Juanita Corban, David Drum, Margaret McLean, Bill Williams, Darrell Comber, Valentina Warren, Ivan Downs, John Galvin, Dhiren Perera, Fay Hudner, Marie Dulihanty, Sakina De Marigny, Reginald McHugh, Cushla Wallace.

Eternal rest grant to them…



Eastern Bays Area Schedule

Monday

9.00am Mass at OL of Fatima Meadowbank

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

9.00am at St Ignatius

7.00pm at Mother of Perpetual Help

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

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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