

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei

St Ignatius
St Heliers

Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 25th OCTOBER 2026 LOVE OF GOD, LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR

Kia ora koutou katoa...

A warm welcome to all visitors to our parishes this holiday weekend.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 22:34–40), Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

These commandments are inseparable. Our love for God must find expression in the way we treat one another and in the choices we make as members of society.

As we approach the **General Election**, it is worth remembering that the Church does not endorse any particular political party or candidate.

Catholics are free to exercise their conscience in deciding how they will vote.

At the same time, our faith calls us to take seriously the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We are encouraged to consider the dignity of every human person, the common good, the protection of life, care for the vulnerable, justice and peace, the dignity of work, the wellbeing of families, and our responsibility to care for creation.

Voting is an important civic responsibility.

We should inform ourselves about the policies and priorities of candidates, listen

respectfully to those with differing views, and prayerfully consider how our vote might contribute to a more just and compassionate society. Loving our neighbour is not simply a private virtue; it has implications for the kind of community and country we seek to build.

Reshaping our Future ~ Save the Date

The next meeting for the three parishes of the Eastern Bays Pastoral Area is scheduled for

November 22nd at 2.00pm.

It will include feedback from previous meetings, discussion on the present situation and discernment on where to from here...

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate **Labour Day**. It is an opportunity to give thanks for the contribution of workers to our communities and to remember the importance of fair wages, safe working conditions, and the dignity of all work.

We also remember those who are unemployed or struggling to make ends meet.

May the Gospel's simple but demanding commandment to love, guide our decisions, our conversations, and our care for one another in the days ahead.

Blessings, Bernard

Today's Readings

First Reading – Exodus 2:20-26

God tells the Israelites that there must be no discrimination against or exploitation of the weak members of their society.

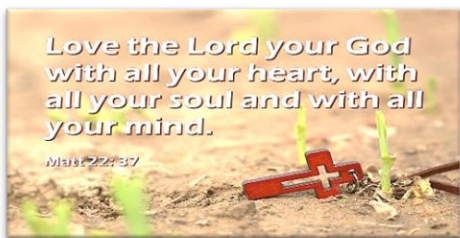
Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul encourages the Thessalonians by telling them that their exemplary lives have become known far and wide.

Gospel – Matthew 22: 34-40

Jesus tells us that the whole of religion can be summed up in two Commandments of love.



*Loving God,
help us to love You
with all our heart,
and to love our neighbours
as ourselves.*

*Open our eyes to those who
need our care,
and give us generous hearts
that put love into action.*

Amen.

Summer Work for a Seminarian

We have a seminarian who is looking for work over the summer.

Please contact the parish office

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz or
telephone 575 5227 if you can help.

With grateful thanks.

Scripture Study Group

Please come and join us on the
2nd Thursday of each month
at St Ignatius Parish Centre
from 7.30pm. All welcome.

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.

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

Come and join us.

THIS SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

at 4:30pm

at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Request for Household Furniture

Beds, fridge, couches needed for a family
moving into a new home.

Please contact Mary Gray at
marygraykiwi@gmail.com

Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, Monte Cecilia Housing
Trust is asking for your help to bring the
magic of Christmas to our families and
1,200 children we support.

Christmas is a time of giving, sharing and
bringing hope to those around us.

If you wish to donate non-perishable food
and new Christmas presents, these would
be hugely appreciated.

They can be dropped off at our office at 30
Windrush Close, Mangere during business
hours before Tues 8 December
or call our office 0800 6244848 or email
elaine@montececilia.org.nz

Candlelight Vigil for Life

Remembering pre-born children lost to
abortion and praying for those who have
died by euthanasia.

All Saints Day

Sunday 1st November at 7.30pm

Potter's Park,

cnr Dominion & Balmoral Roads.

Bring family and friends.

Candles provided.

The Vigil is a family-friendly event.

For more information email
simon@fli.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

2027 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Next year's Calendars are now available.

Cost \$15.00

Please see Shona at

St Ignatius office

Or Maureen at MOPH office



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<https://www.facebook.com/easternbayscatholic>
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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

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....

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 October...*

Br Roger Dowling, Br William Lawley, Sheila Fisher, Mary Evans, Timothy Snedden, 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 Baloghy, 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, Bryan Lynch 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 NO Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion at St Ignatius this week

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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Seminarian: Bob Fe'ao

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