

EASTERN BAYS PASTORAL AREA



St Joseph's
Orakei



St Ignatius
St Heliers



Mother of Perpetual Help
Glendowie

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~ 4th OCTOBER 2026 FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

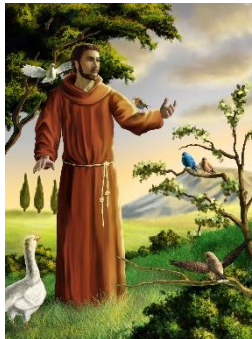
A warm welcome to visitors to our parishes this weekend.

This Sunday we celebrate the **Feast of St Francis of Assisi**, one of the most beloved saints in the history of the Church. This year has particular significance as we mark **800 years since his death in 1226**.

Francis lived with a remarkable simplicity. He heard the call of Christ to rebuild the Church and responded by embracing poverty, humility and a deep love for all God's creation. He called the sun, moon, earth, water and fire his brothers and sisters, recognising that everything has its origin in the generous love of the Creator.

Eight centuries later, the witness of St Francis remains remarkably relevant.

In a world often marked by conflict, consumerism and concern for the future of our planet, Francis reminds us that Christian discipleship is not simply about what we believe, but about how we live. His life invites us to rediscover gratitude, simplicity, compassion and care for our common home.



Pope Francis chose the name of the saint of Assisi as a reminder of this vision. In *Laudato Si'*, he drew deeply on Francis' spirituality, encouraging us to see creation not merely as something we possess or consume, but as a gift entrusted to our care.

As the three parishes of the Eastern Bays continue our journey together,

St Francis also offers us a valuable example. He reminds us that renewal begins with hearts that are open to God, attentive to one another and willing to see new possibilities.

His famous prayer begins with the words, **"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."**

May we make that prayer our own this Sunday. May St Francis teach us to live more simply, love more generously, care more faithfully for our common home, and become instruments of peace wherever God has placed us.

**St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.
Blessings, Bernard**

Today's Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7
Israel is compared to a well-cared for vineyard which fails to produce fruit.

Second Reading – Philippians 4:6-9
St Paul warns the converts at Philippi against anxiety, and advises them as to how they should live in order to enjoy the peace of God.

Gospel – Matthew 21:33-43
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Preparation Sessions starting Sunday
18th October 2026.

sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Eastern Bays Pastoral Area 2026 Quiz Night

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

Tickets are on sale now at:



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 –

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

Account Number: 02-0108-0707227-003

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

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

2027 Calendars are now available.

Please see Shona at

St Ignatius office

Or Maureen at MOPH office

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

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

sacraments@easternbaycatholic.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.

**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

Please register your interest by this Thursday

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.

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**

**Come and join us.**

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

**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](mailto:marygraykiwi@gmail.com)

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**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)

**With Sympathy**

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of MPH parishioner Mary Evans who passed away this week.

Mary's funeral will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at MPH at 11.00am.

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**New Parishioners looking for a home!**

We are a new family to the parish, with 5-year-old twins at St Ignatius, and we are looking for a rental property (2-3 bedroom) nearby. If you know of anything suitable, we would be so grateful to hear from you.

Please contact Anna

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M: 021 0277 3233

Or Simon

[sbutchard@gmail.com](mailto:sbutchard@gmail.com)

M: 029 0434 2253

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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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**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 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

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

Assistant Priest: Father Ryan Sy

Seminarian: Bob Fe'ao

#### PARISH SCHOOLS

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