



**Eastern Bays  
Catholic**

**29 & 30 July 2023**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

## **Mother of Perpetual Help & St Ignatius Parishes**

### **Gospel Matthew 13:44-52**

*“Anyone who finds a treasure in a field, sells all and buys that field.”*

*The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. Also, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.*

The Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a net that gathers all people at the end of the age and separates them, the good from the bad. In the end, for those who enter the glories of Heaven, there will be unending joy. And this fact must be understood so as to draw us into those riches of grace. Anticipation of such a gift should motivate us to diligently seek out the many graces our Lord wishes to bestow upon us. But sometimes we need a bit more of a nudge. We can easily become complacent in our life of faith and our search for God’s will. For that reason, Jesus includes the third parable, outlining the consequences some will endure at the end of time. Though it might not be a happy thought, it is a holy thought because it reveals God’s definitive justice and judgment at the end of time.

Reflect, today, upon the glory, beauty, and splendour of God. Allow this prayerful meditation to inspire you to make obtaining the Kingdom of Heaven your sole mission in life.

*My just Judge, You see all things and know all things. You know my heart through and through. Please cleanse me of every sin and all complacency in life. Fill me with a holy zeal for Your Kingdom. May the joy of the discovery of You fully motivate me to remain diligent in my journey to Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.*



## Weekday Masses –

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Fr John will be away on holiday for the next two weeks from Mon 24 July until Fri 4 Aug inclusive. During this time the 8.30am weekday Mass at St Ignatius will be replaced with a **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion**. Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will continue as normal. The Anointing of the Sick Mass on Friday Aug 4 is also cancelled.

### Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer support for any reason at all email **Glennis** on [glen.bob01@gmail.com](mailto:glen.bob01@gmail.com) to be added to the prayer chain

### Wine Tasting Evening

On Friday 18/08, John & Rosie Crawfords' family group will be hosting a wine tasting evening in the Parish Centre from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a variety of NZ & international wines as well as craft beers to sample, (courtesy of Constellation Wines), along with some delicious canapes.

The cost is \$30 per head and RSVP to [mike.hearn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mike.hearn@xtra.co.nz) no later than 12/08. Please make payment to (02-0200-0278269-000).

All welcome.

### Missing Umbrella

If you borrowed a white golf umbrella from the St Ignatius Church foyer, could you please return it to the Church foyer.

### Prayer & Rosary MPH Group

Join us for Prayer & Rosary on Friday afternoons at

**Mother of Perpetual  
Help Parish Centre at  
3.30pm**

All welcome!

### Morning Tea at MPH Parish

We will be having Morning Tea after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 30th July.

This is an opportunity to thank & farewell Fr Daniel who has celebrated Sunday Mass at MPH during June & July. Everyone is most welcome!

### St Ignatius Catholic School Enrolments

We are in the process of confirming enrolments for 2024. Should you wish to enrol your child for 2024 please complete the enrolment application and send it to us by 31 August. Placements will be confirmed and communicated in early September. For more information contact our office on

**09-5757081 or go to [www.stignatius.school.nz](http://www.stignatius.school.nz)**



**ST IGNATIUS  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

## Upcoming Events - Next Month – August

<p><b>Tuesday 1 &amp; 8 Aug Saturday 12 Aug</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Healing of the Family Tree WITH Fr Rory and ACCPGN</b>          Preparation on zoom 7.30-9pm on Tuesdays 1 &amp; 8 August, followed by          Mass on Saturday 12 August at Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby at 10am.          Registration compulsory at:  <a href="https://forms.gle/WHQTdt3mvf2egRuUA">https://forms.gle/WHQTdt3mvf2egRuUA</a>  <a href="https://catholiccharismatic.org.nz/">https://catholiccharismatic.org.nz/</a></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 1 Aug</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>CARING MASS</b></p> <p>Please join Bishop Steve and          the Foundation team for the          Caring Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> August          at 11.30am.          Mass will be celebrated at          Christ the King Church, 260          Richardson Rd, Owairaka.          All are warmly welcome!</p>	
<p><b>Sunday 6 Aug</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Ministry of the Word Training</b>          At St Ignatius after 9am Mass. For all registered and interested          volunteers.</p>	
<p><b>Sunday 6 Aug</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>World Youth Day Auckland</b></p> <p>Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders) are invited to          join us at Sancta Maria College at 2pm, for this unforgettable celebration          of our Catholic Faith. Free dinner included. Go to <b>facebook.com/AKCYM</b>          to register.</p>	
<p><b>Saturday 26 August</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Young Adults Ball</b>  <b>7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham</b></p> <p>Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults          Ball 2023! The theme for this year is 'Starry Night'. Here's your chance to          put on your best formal attire for an unforgettable evening at McHughs          of Cheltenham. Get ready to dance the night away with our live band, The          Velvet Tones. Cocktail-style canapes will be served throughout the night          and your favourite drinks will be available at the bar (with one free drink          included in your ticket!). Remember this magical evening by stopping by          the photo wall where we will have a photographer ready to take some          amazing shots of you and your group!          Tickets \$110 (Sales close midnight 17th August). *This is an 18+ event.          Go to facebook.com/AKCYM for tickets.</p>	

## Mass Times

### Weekday Mass

St Ignatius at 8:30am

### Saturday Vigil Mass

St Ignatius at 5:15pm

### Sunday Masses

St Ignatius at 9:00am  
MPH at 10:30am

### Anointing Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month  
at St Ignatius at 8:30am



## MPH August Mass Time

An announcement will be made early next week regarding who will be our next Priest. Mass will continue to be celebrated at our current 10:30 am Mass time.

### Exposition

Following 8.30am Mass  
at St Ignatius, Adoration  
will be at MPH with  
Benediction at 6.45pm

### Parishioner Registration

If you are a  
parishioner at MPH or  
St Ignatius, please go to  
our website to  
register



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## Safeguarding

The safeguarding of  
children and adults is an  
integral part of the life  
and ministry of the  
Church and flows from  
the gospel.

For concerns or  
complaints involving  
someone within the  
Catholic Church call

**0800 114 622**

## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care and  
assistance are available  
for you and your family in  
times of need.

You can contact either,

**Deacon Mark on  
021-482-555 (MPH)**

**St Ignatius Office**

## Baptism & Sacramental Programme

If you children are in year 4 or  
you are interested in joining the  
catholic Church, please contact

**Gina.**

**sacraments@  
easternbayscatholic.org.nz**

### St Ignatius Parish

12 Kotiri Street, St Heliers

P: 09-575-5227

Parish Priest: Fr John Dunn

**Office** Mon & Tues 9am – 2pm

**Hours** Wed to Fri 9am – 11am

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

### Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

510 Riddell Road, Glendowie

P: 09-575-9296

Parish Administrator: Fr Austin Fernandes

**Office** Mon & Wed 1:30 – 5:30pm

**Hours** Thurs to Fri 9am – 12pm

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