



Gospel Matthew

14.22-23

“Lord, command me to come to you on the water.”

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

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August 2023

During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. “It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” This story reveals to us certain spiritual insights and the way we may react to the will of God in our lives. The Apostles were on a boat in the middle of the lake at night. The darkness can be seen as the darkness we face in life as we go through various challenges and difficulties. The boat has been traditionally seen as a symbol of the Church and the lake as a symbol of the world. So the context of this story reveals that the message is one for all of us, living in the world, remaining in the Church, encountering the “darkness” of life. God’s will always calls us to selfless giving and sacrificial love. At times, this can be hard to accept. But when we remain in faith, our Lord will gently say to us, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” His will is nothing we should be afraid of. We should seek to embrace it with full confidence and trust. This may be challenging at first, but with faith and trust in Him, His will leads us to a life of the utmost fulfilment.

Keep your eyes fixed on God and know that He will never ask of you anything that is too difficult to accomplish. His grace is always sufficient, and His will is always worthy of full acceptance and trust.

Lord, may Your will be done in my life in all things. I pray that I may always welcome You into the darkest challenges of my life and that I will keep my eyes fixed upon You and Your perfect plan. May I never give in to fear but allow You to dispel that fear with Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You!



Parishioner Registration

If you are a parishioner at MPH or St Ignatius, please go to our website (below) or use the QR code to the left to register

www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz

If you have already registered thank you. Once we have processed your registration you will receive an email confirming your registration. If you have not received this email or if you are experiencing other issues, please let us know. We thank you for your patience as we learn how to use our new software and system.

SCHOOL MASSES

During *School Term* there will be **School Masses on Wednesday at 9am at St Ignatius.**
All Welcome!

NZ Catholic Newspaper

for sale in **MPH Parish** foyer **\$4**

RECONCILIATION

Available by appointment only

CARD GROUP

Every Wed 1pm to 4pm @ St Ig Parish Centre
Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon.
For more info call **Bob** on **575 7622.**

Prayer & Rosary MPH Group

Join us for Prayer & Rosary on Friday afternoons at **Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Centre at 3.30pm**
All welcome!

Access to MPH Car Park Area

Outside Mother of Perpetual Help there is work being undertaken by Vector. We have issues with Vector contractors and therefore had to put up a temporary barrier to restrict access to the car park area. The car park is open to parishioners, you simply have to unhook one end of the rope barrier and place it back once you have parked your car or on your way out.
Thank you for cooperation as we navigate this disruption

St Ignatius Catholic School Enrolments

We are in the process of confirming enrolments for 2024. Should you wish to enroll 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



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Solemnity: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 Aug 2023 | Liturgical Year

Aotearoa New Zealand's National Patronal Feast is on Tuesday 15 August.

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We celebrate the Assumption of Mary Mother of God because this illustrates for us the truth about Christ's promise of eternal life and the resurrection of the faithful. The solemnity of the Assumption calls us to appreciate more deeply the dignity of the human body and its intimate link to our spirituality.

The gospel for this day highlights Mary's faith which enabled her to recognise the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

SOLEMN MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY At MPH Parish on Tuesday at 7pm

Upcoming Events – August

<p>Saturday & Sunday 19 & 20 August</p>	<p>"Joy of the Gospel" Life in the Spirit Seminar!</p> <p>Join us for a transformative two-day event designed to rekindle your faith and explore the good news of the gospel. Aug 19 & 20 at 9:30 am to 4:30pm (both days) at St Joseph's Church Hall, Takapuna Seminar Highlights: Praise & worship, Proclams, Small group discussions Fellowship, Registration fee: \$20 Lunch and afternoon cuppa provided. To reserve your spot register at bit.ly/joyofgospel For further inquiries, please contact us: Phone: 027 226 2319 OR 021 0234 6853</p>
<p>Wednesday 23 August</p>	<p>CWL Orakei – Eastern Suburbs</p> <p>Invites you to our Winter Celebration at St. Joseph's Church Orakei. Mass at 10.30am and then to the Church Hall for Morning Tea and a celebratory lunch, inspiring talks etc. All for \$20. A Raffle with 4 prizes for \$5. To book, call Tina Raines, 5212499/021 940 950. Email: tinaraines@orcon.net.nz</p> <p>Payment by online banking to ASB Bank Account No. 12-3073-0079278-00 using your surname as a reference. Or cash on the day.</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

1st Friday of each month
at St Ignatius at 8:30am

Exposition

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



MPH SUNDAY MASS TIME

A gentle reminder that Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help is currently only on
Sundays at 10.30am.

The Parish Council is working with Fr Austin & Bishop Steve on what needs to happen from this month and beyond.

MPH PARISH ROSTER - Next Week Roster

Sunday 20 August, 10.30am

Greeter: Mary Thornton

Readers: St Ignatius School Teachers or Parents

Euch. Minister: Heather Hart

PowerPoint: Samoan Choir

Musician: Samoan Choir

POTF: Br Frank Blewman

Grace Joel: Delreen Rayen

Altar Linen: David Manickum

Church Cleaners: David Manickum & Delreen Rayen

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)**

Maggy on 021 562 449

Baptism & Sacramental Programme

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

Gina.

**sacraments@
easternbayscatholic.org.nz**

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Parish Priest: Fr John Dunn

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Wed to Fri 9am – 11am

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Parish Administrator: Fr Austin Fernandes

Office Hours Mon & Wed 1:30 – 5:30pm

Thurs to Fri 9am – 12pm

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