



Gospel Matthew

15.21-28

*“Woman, great is your
faith.”*

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

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August 2023

A Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, *“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.”* But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

As the story unfolds, Jesus replies to this woman’s desire for help by stating, *“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.”* This initially sounds rude. But of course, it wasn’t since Jesus was never rude. Jesus’ initial silence toward this woman and His seemingly rude words are actions through which Jesus is able to not only purify this woman’s faith, but also give her the opportunity to manifest her faith for all to see. In the end, Jesus cries out, *“O woman, great is your faith!”*

This is a story by which we come to understand that great faith comes as a result of purification and unwavering trust. This woman states to Jesus, *“Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.”* In other words, she begged for mercy despite her unworthiness. It’s essential to understand that at times God appears to be silent. This is an act of deep love on His part because it is actually an invitation to turn to Him on a very deep level. God’s silence allows us to move from a faith fed by accolades and emotion to a faith fostered by pure trust in His mercy. Make an act of trust and allow your faith to become more fully purified so that God can do great things in you and through you!

Lord, I acknowledge that I am unworthy of Your grace and mercy in my life in every way. But I also acknowledge that You are merciful beyond comprehension and that Your mercy is so great that You desire to pour it forth upon me, a poor and unworthy sinner. I beg for that mercy, dear Lord, and I place my complete trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You.

**St Ignatius
Parishioners**



**Sunday 20 Aug
at 10.15am**

**We need to renew our Liturgy and our Liturgy Committee!
I invite you to a meeting after Sunday Mass at 10.15am**

We need people with a passion for the full participation of all parishioners in our Worship.

We need a music group who will plan our music for Sundays and liaise with our musicians.

We need a roster of people who will prepare our prayers of the faithful.

We need people to look after practical things around the Church like preparation for Mass and putting things away afterwards.

We need to think about our children, our teenagers, our older parishioners, and their needs.

And much more!!! Many hands make light work! Just come and see!

Father John

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**



**St Ignatius Parish
TEEN LITURGY MASS**

For teens year 9-13
Saturday 26th

5.15 pm - 7 pm

Teen Liturgy, Mass & Teen
Scene Social Activities.

Bring \$5 for sausage sizzle
and refreshment.

Email:

kim.ballinger@outlook.com

**Mother of Perpetual
Help Parish**

would like to welcome
St Ignatius Catholic School
Years 0/1 and Year 2 to our
Sunday 10:30am Mass.

There will be a Sausage
Sizzle after Mass.
All are Welcome.



MPH AUGUST SUNDAY MASS

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
would like to welcome **Fr Joy
Thottamkara** and thank him for
celebrating this **Sunday 10.30am
Mass.**

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**

Upcoming Events – August

<p>Saturday & Sunday 19 & 20 August</p>	<p>"Joy of the Gospel" Life in the Spirit Seminar! 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, Proclaims, 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 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 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>

Upcoming Events - Next Month – September

<p>Sunday 17 September</p>	<p>Grow In Faith Together is celebrating its Golden Jubilee 2023 marks 50 years since Sr Jean Sinclair's dream to provide for the needs of those with intellectual disabilities to learn about the Sacraments was implemented. G.I.F.T (Grow In Faith Together) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Bishop Steve and the GIFT family invite you to join in celebrating this important milestone at 11 am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the parish hall. RSVP by 11 /09 to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz</p>
<p>Tuesday 26 September</p>	<p>Hamilton Gardens with CWL Orakei invites ladies and men to our outing which is in aid of charity. Meet the chartered bus driver at the RSA Orakei, 178 Kapa Road at 9am back to the RSA Orakei about 3.30pm. Lunch at the Hamilton Gardens Café. Lunch is included in our fee. Trip Advisor recommends you to visit this world class Hamilton Gardens at least once or twice in your life. For more information, please ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/5212499 or email tinaraines@gmail.com</p>

Mass Times

Weekday Mass

St Ignatius at 8:30am

Sat 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.

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



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 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 Hours Mon & Tues 9am – 2pm

Wed to Fri 9am – 11am

office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

510 Riddell Road, Glendowie - P: 09-575-9296

Parish Administrator: Fr Austin Fernandes

Deacon Mark Rivalland

Office Hours Mon & Wed 1:30 – 5:30pm

Thurs to Fri 9am – 12pm

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