



*Gospel Matthew*

*16.13-20*

*“You are the Messiah,  
the Son of the living  
God.”*

**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 August 2023**

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

The Sunday’s Gospel comes immediately after Peter made his profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus, in turn, tells Peter that he is “rock” and on this rock He will build His Church. Jesus goes on to tell Peter that He will give him the “keys to the Kingdom.” Then He tells Peter and the other disciples to keep His identity a strict secret. One reason for this “Messianic Secret” is that Jesus does not want word of who He is to spread in a casual way. Rather, He wants people to come to discover His true identity through the powerful gift of faith. He wants them to encounter Him, prayerfully be open to all He says, and then to receive the gift of faith from the Father in Heaven. This approach to His true identity highlights the importance of coming to know Christ personally through faith. Eventually, after Jesus’ death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, the disciples are called to go forth and to preach openly about the identity of Jesus. But while Jesus was with them, His identity was communicated to people through their own personal encounter with Him. Though we are all called to proclaim Christ openly and continually in our day and age, His true identity still can only be understood and believed through a personal encounter. When we hear Him proclaimed, we must be open to His divine presence, coming to us and speaking to us in the core of our being. Have you allowed Jesus to reveal His divine presence to you? Seek to discover the “secret” of His true identity by listening to the Father speak to you in your heart. It is only there that you will come to have faith in the Son of God.

*Lord, I do believe that You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God! Help my lack of faith so that I may come to believe in You and love You with my whole being. Invite me, dear Lord, into the secret depths of Your heart, and allow me to rest there in faith with You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## 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!

## 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 Parish

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

**2 & 3 September**

### Saturday 2 Sep

**Greeter:** Verna Love  
**Altar Servers:** **Need Volunteers**  
**Commentator:** Fiona Mahony  
**PowerPoint:** Marguerite G.  
**Readers:** Michelle Yates & Inge Edwards  
**Eucharist:** Colin Davis & Cynthia Morris  
**Collectors:** Daniel Samy & Liz Pollard

### Sunday 3 Sep

**Greeter:** Sarah Nightingale  
**Altar Servers:** Ricky Paris  
**Commentator:** Helen P.  
**PowerPoint:** Richard Paris  
**Readers:** Mikaela & Lily Tongia  
**Eucharist:** Afu Vakatapu & John Wilkinson  
**Collectors:** Vakatapu Family & Felise Pailate  
**Counters:** Kimberley & Gareth Waters  
**Morning Tea:** Natalie Quirke & Sharon Saunders  
**Linen:** Sarah Nightingale

## MPH Parish

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

### **Sunday 3 September, 10.30am Mass**

**Greeter:** Gerard Hart  
**Readers:** Thelma & Loy Correa  
**Eucharist:** Heather Hart  
**PowerPoint:** Filipino Choir  
**Musician:** Filipino Choir  
**POTF:** Janine & Patrick Schweder  
**Grace Joel:** David Manickum & Maria Kneebone  
**Altar Linen:** Ingrid Coakley  
**Church Cleaners:** Harriet & John Howard

## Upcoming Events - Next Month – September

### Mass for a Loss of a Child

**Saturday  
2 September**

A Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. Spiritual and psychological healing is necessary after the loss of a child and the Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist help to facilitate healing and to fully know God's love and mercy. St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera on **Saturday 2nd September at 5pm**; Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm. For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell, St Michael's Parish, 027 641 5615

### Unlock the Power of the Holy Spirit

**Saturday  
9 September**

Explore the Charisms of the Holy Spirit and unlock their power for blessing others and building Church community. Speaker: Susilo Kentjana. Sept 9th, 9.30am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Ponsonby. BYO lunch. All welcome. No charge but \$10 koha appreciated. Registration compulsory at [bit.ly/unlock-power](https://catholiccharismatic.org.nz/) or on <https://catholiccharismatic.org.nz/>

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Monday  
11 September**

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. **Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding.** Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

### *Grow In Faith Together* is celebrating its Golden Jubilee

**Sunday  
17 September**

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](mailto:mylene@giftcentre.org.nz)

### Hamilton Gardens with CWL Orakei

**Tuesday  
26 September**

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

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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 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](http://www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz)



## MPH Baptisms

If you wish to have your child baptised at Mother of Perpetual Help please contact Maureen at the office further information.

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

## St Ignatius 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](mailto: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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