



Eastern Bays
Catholic

Gospel Matthew
21. 28-32

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2023

Mother
of
Perpetual
Help
&
St
Ignatius
Parishes

In the Sunday Gospel, the words of Jesus are spoken to the chief priests and elders of the people. The words are also spoken so as to awaken the consciences of these religious leaders. These religious leaders were full of pride and self-righteousness. Their pride kept them from discovering the simple truths that tax collectors and prostitutes were discovering. For that reason, Jesus makes it clear that tax collectors and prostitutes were on the path to holiness whereas these religious leaders were not. In which category do you find yourself? Sometimes, those who are considered “religious” or “pious” struggle with a similar pride and judgmentalness as the chief priests and elders of Jesus’ time. This is a dangerous sin because it leads a person into much obstinacy. The most important lesson we can take from this passage is to seek the humility, openness and genuineness of the tax collectors and prostitutes. They were praised by our Lord because they could see and accept the honest truth. Reflect, today, upon how open you are to seeing the truth of God and, especially, to seeing your own fallen and sinful state. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God, admitting your faults and failures. Embracing this level of humility will open the doors of God’s mercy toward you.

Most humble Lord, help me to always humble myself before You. When pride and self-righteousness enter in, help me to hear Your strong words and to repent of my obstinate ways. I am a sinner, dear Lord. I beg for Your perfect mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

While Fr John is away the Saturday Vigil Masses and Sunday Masses at St Ignatius will be celebrated by either, Bruce McGill CSsR or Bishop Colin Campbell as per their availability.

During the weekdays there will be [Liturgy of the Word with Holy communion](#) at 8.30am at St Ignatius.

There will **NOT** be an Anointing of the Sick Mass in October.



St Vicent de Paul Society

Extends sincere thanks to those who attended our Feast Day celebration & lunch last Sunday, your support is appreciated. This Sunday will be the final opportunity to purchase tickets in the Raffle. \$5.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10.00. See us in the foyer after Mass.



MPH Baptismal Programme & Presentation of Children to be Baptised

During our 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 15th October** there will be the Presentation of Children to be Baptised and after Mass there will be a **Baptismal Preparation Session for Parents at 11.30am in the Parish Centre.**

The session will be led by our Baptismal Coordinator *Karen Rassie* and will be of about 1½ hours duration. The Parents Preparation Session is for first time or expectant parents and both Parents are required to attend.

For those Parents with second and subsequent children the Parents Preparation Session is not compulsory, but you are most welcome to attend. Please be advised this will be our final Presentation & Parents Session in 2023.

To register your attendance or for further information please contact Maureen at the Parish Office.



NZ Catholic Newspaper
for sale in the MPH Parish

Foyer
\$ 4

Card Group
Every Wednesday
1pm to 4pm @ St Ignatius
Parish Centre

Cards have started again for 2023.
Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon.
For more info call Bob on
(09) 575 7622.

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer support for any reason at all Email Glennis on glen.bob01@gmail.com to be added to the prayer chain

Safeguarding Training Workshop

- Sunday 29th October after Mass in person session at Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass ends at 11:30am)
- Sunday 5th November after Mass session at St Ignatius (Mass ends at 10am).

ROSTERS UPDATE



Parish Rosters

Thank you to all the new and existing ministers who have attended the recent training sessions. We are presenting a Draft 7-Week Roster this week, using many of our new ministers, to get feedback on necessary swaps before publishing the final version next week in both hard copy and electronic format. A second roster will take us up to Christmas, hopefully including ministers who will be trained in October. The Draft is available for viewing in hard copy at the back of the church and will be emailed to all ministers involved on Monday 25 September. To enable the finalising of this roster, Google Docs will be temporarily frozen. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered via Google Docs - many of these will

remain unchanged, while others may be adjusted to allow for the inclusion of new ministers. Please bear with us in this transition phase.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Unexpected absences from ministries are a future of School Holidays – we are grateful to those ministries who so willing to step in to fill the gaps.

If you would like to have your notice included in the Parish Newsletter, please send it via email by 10am on Wednesday.



St Ignatius Catholic School



Volunteers wanted!

St Ignatius School are needing some volunteers to support

our PPP (Pause, Prompt, Praise) additional reading programme. This programme is run twice a week for

Year 3-6 children and takes approximately 1 hour. We would love to have some parishioners involved so if you are interested in volunteering your time or you want to know more, please contact Alana

Morgan:

amorgan@stignatius.school.nz

St Ignatius Baptism Course

If you would like your baby to be

Baptised,

please email Gina:

sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

to register for our next Baptism Course.

Sessions will be held on

Thursday 12th, 19th & 26th October,
7:30pm-9pm, Parish Centre.

RECONCILIATION

Available by appointment only



WEDNESDAY MASSES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

October 4 th	8.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
October 11 th	8.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
October 18th School Mass	9.00am
October 25th School Mass	9.00am
November 1 st	8.30am
November 8 th	8.30am
November 15th School Mass	9.00am
November 22nd School Mass	9.00am
November 27 th to December 20 th	8.30am
Note: FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st whole School Mass	9.00

St Ignatius Wine & Cheese

Saturday 7th October after 5.15pm Mass @ Parish Centre.

The hosts for October are Steven and Jill Barron.

MPH PARISH Next Week's Roster

Sunday 10.30am Mass

October 8th

Greeter: Lietta Latu

Readers: Heather Manickum & Karl Schweder

Euch. Minister: David Manickum

PowerPoint: Filipino Choir

Musician: Filipino Choir

POTF: Lucy Niewiadomski

Grace Joel: Heather & Gerard Hart

Altar Linen: Ingrid Coakley

Church Cleaners: Rose & Anthony Balazo

ST IGNATIUS Next Week's Roster

Saturday Vigil 5.15pm Mass

October 7th

Greeter: Dorota Bade & Jenson Bade

Altar Server: Isobella Howley-Rouse & Paul Lynex

Commentator: Fiona Mahony

Data Projector: Bevan Murphy

Readers: Ann Hay & Joy Regan

Euch. Minister: Noelene Chetty

Collectors: Amanda & Hamish Howley-Rouse

Sunday 9am Mass

October 8th

Greeter: Andrew Tongia

Altar Serve: Anisi Pulotu

Commentator: Silia Pulotu

Data Projector: Kuilei Pulotu

Readers: Mikaela, Lily & Tualau Pulotu

Euch. Ministers: Afu Vakatapu & Sione Pulotu

Collectors: Tukia & Tevita Siale


Counters: Seini & Ana

Linen: Karen Rassie

Morning Tea: Need Volunteers

UPCOMING EVENTS – October

<p>17th September to 9th October</p>	<p>St Philip’s Church Celebrates 125th Anniversary</p> <p>A number of events have been planned from 17 Sep - 9 Oct to celebrate this milestone. For some of the events we are asking for an RSVP to assist with catering. We invite you to join us at one or more of these celebrations. More information is available on our website. Please RSVP, via our web site or to: office@stphilips.nz or at St Philip’s Church, 92 St Heliers Bay Rd. Ph 09 575 5288. Commemorative gifts will be available for purchase.</p>
<p>Wednesday 4th October</p>	<p>The Sisters of Mercy invited all those pondering religious life to ‘Prayer and Meal’ Evening. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris Skinner. At Hou Mana Wai – Mercy Well-springs 104 The Drive, Epsom Time: 6. 30pm. Contact 021 0360781</p>
<p>Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October</p>	<p>The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival</p> <p>It’s all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their “riches of nations” in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! Participate in the beautiful message of Isaiah 60 Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! See you there! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz.</p>
<p>Sunday 7th October</p>	<p>Remembering Fr Julian Tenison Woods Everyone is welcome to join in on an afternoon ritual to honour Fr Julian Tenison Woods the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. At Mary MacKillop Chapel Mission Bay on Saturday 7 October at 2.30pm.</p>

<p>Monday 9th October</p>	<p>Letters to the Corinthians - who were they? with Kieran Fenn - From 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha. https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/</p> <p>Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video. Bible Studies, Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/ For more information: www.studyjoy.nz</p>	
<p>Thursday 12th October</p>	<p>Taize Prayer Evening Please note change of evening for this month. Taizé Prayer will be Thursday 12 October at 7pm at Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay.</p>	
<p>Sunday 14th October</p>	<p>Make a conscious voting decision this general election by being informed in the light of faith through the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching. Please refer to the leaflet 'Your Vote Counts' issued by Bishop Lowe and the Justice & Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for more information.</p>	
<p>Thursday 9th November</p>	<p>The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay is a service hub for the Diocese. From 4pm-7.30pm you're invited to an Open Home at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchases liturgical resources and more.</p>	

Next Week Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7 - Philippians 4:6-9 - Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

<p>Mass Times</p>	<p>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</p>	
<p>Weekday Mass St Ignatius at 8:30am</p>		
<p>Sat Vigil Mass St Ignatius at 5:15pm</p>	<p>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</p>	
<p>Sunday Masses St Ignatius at 9:00am MPH at 10:30am</p>		
<p>Anointing Mass 1st Friday of each month at St Ignatius at 8:30am</p>		
<p>Exposition at MPH Following 8.30am Mass at St Ignatius, Adoration will be at MPH with Benediction at 6.45pm</p>	<p>Mother of Perpetual Help Baptism If you wish to have your child baptized at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please contact Maureen at the office. admin@glendowiecatholic.org.nz</p>	
<p>St Ignatius Tongan Mass 5th Sunday of each Month @3pm</p>	<p>Pastoral Care & Assistance Are available for you and your family in times of need. You can contact either, Deacon Mark on 021-482-555 (MPH) Office or Maggy 021 562 449 (St Ignatius)</p>	
<p>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</p>		
<p>Email Address: office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz</p>		
<p>Mother of Perpetual Help Parish 510 Riddell Rd, Glendowie Ph: 09 - 575 9296 Parish Admin: Fr Austin Fernandes Deacon Mark Rivalland Office Hours: Mon & Wed 1.30pm—5.30pm Thurs & Friday 9am—12pm</p>	<p>St Ignatius Parish 12 Kotiri Street, St Heliers Phone: 09 - 575 5227 Parish Priest: Fr John Dunn Office Hours: Mon & Tues 9am—2pm Thurs & Friday 9am—11pm</p>	