FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA MAY 13

Our Lady of Fatima is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. They were Lucia Santos, Blessed Jacinta Marto and Blessed Francisco Marto.



Our Lady appeared to the children seven times and performed a miracle making the sun dance in the sky, which thousands of people witnessed.

She told the children to say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of war. This is why Our Lady of Fatima is also called Our Lady of the Rosary.

She also requested us to pray the following prayer at the end of each mystery or decade of the Rosary:

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen."



Later, Our Lady entrusted the children with three secrets. The first was a vision of Hell, and the second was a prophecy of the end of World War I and the beginning of World War II, and the need for Russia to convert to Christianity. The third secret was a vision of the persecution of Christians and, in particular, the attack on a *"Bishop dressed in white"*.

The prophecy is interpreted as a vision of the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in Saint

Peter's Square in 1981, which took place on the Feast day of Fatima, 13th May.

In 1930, the Catholic Church declared the children's visions "worthy of belief" and today Fatima is one of the most important Marian shrines in the world, with approximately six million pilgrims visiting the shrine each year.



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6th Sunday of Easter

We approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones.

We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers.

We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being.

May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. Amen





newsletter

RCIA/RCIC Enquiry Session Sunday 28th May at 8:15am at St Ignatius Parish Centre

Thinking about becoming Catholic or been baptized but never received Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist? Come along to our enquiry session on Sunday 28th May Please email Gina at <u>sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz</u> for more information or to register your interest.

Sunday 21 May, 10.30am Greeter: Samantha & Greg Arnold* Altar Servers: Volunteers Required Commentator: Volunteer Required PowerPoint: Volunteer Required Readers: Janet Mikkelson & Samantha & Greg Arnold* Euch. Ministers: Matthew Mortell & Val Dallimore Collectors: Emily Maire Volunteer Required Counters: Mike Flanagan & Volunteer Required Morning Tea: Tonia Mortell Linen: Sarah Nightingale

Next Week's Roster

Saturday 20 May, 5.15pm Greeter: Volunteer Required Altar Servers: Volunteers Required Commentator: Fiona Mahony PowerPoint: Volunteer Required Readers: Volunteers Required Euch. Ministers: Volunteers Required Collectors: Volunteers Required Counters: Volunteers Required Morning Tea: Volunteers Required Linen: Volunteer Required

New Parishioner - Registration Form

We are launching our **New Parishioner Registration and database.** We require all parishioners from **Mother of Perpetual help and St Ignatius** to go <u>www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz</u> and complete the registration form even if you have previously completed a registration form before. Please fill out the form as completely as possible as this will help us to communicate with you better on matters affecting our Parishes, help coordinate events and programmes, more effectively, dramatically reduce our administrative burden and help us to come together as a community more often.

Mother of Perpetual Help



Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal We extend our sincere

thanks to MPH & St. Ignatius parishioners for their tremendous support of the Flooding & Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal. Your generosity raised a total of \$3,500.00 and this has been transferred to the St. Vincent de Paul National Office in Wellington.

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life

is a beautiful series that delves into the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We start by looking deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and finish by delving into the Apostles Creed. This series opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss and fulfilment in Christ. Dates: **Sat 27 & Sun 28 May** From: **8am - 6pm at Mission Bay** For more information and to register please visit: <u>theologyofthebody.nz</u>

MPH PARISH

OFFICE HOURS Mon 1.30pm - 5pm Wed 1pm - 5pm Thurs & Friday 9am -12pm



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Sunday 21 May, 10.30am Greeter: Angela Shields Readers: James & David Bergin Euch. Minister: Simon Tevaga PowerPoint: Samoa Community Musician: Samoa Community POTF: Heather Manickum Grace Joel: Heather & Gerard Hart Church Cleaners: Teresita & Danilo Gatbonton Altar Linen: Ingrid Coakley

> Mass Times Sunday Masses: St Ignatius @ 9am MPH Parish @ 10.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.15pm at St Ignatius NO Saturday Vigil Mass for the month of May at MPH Parish until further notice.

Weekday Masses:

ALL weekdays Masses are at St Ignatius at 8.30am

Exposition: Every Thursday Following Mass at St Ignatius, Adoration will be at MPH Parish.