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Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

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Parish Priest: Fr Austin Fernandes

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Office Hours:

Mon & Wed 1.30pm–5.30pm

Thurs & Friday 9am–12pm

St Ignatius Parish

12 Kotiri Street, St Heliers

Phone: 09 - 575 5227

Parish Priest: Fr John Dunn

Office Hours:

Mon & Tues 9am–2pm

Wed to Friday 9am–11am

MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses:

St Ignatius @ 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass

St Ignatius @ 5.15pm

Sunday Masses

St Ignatius @ 9am

MPH @ 10.30am

Monthly Youth Mass

4th Saturday of the
each Month - St Ignatius
@5.15pm

Exposition: Every Thursday

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

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Every FIRST Friday of each
month at St Ignatius @
8.30am Mass

NEW PARISHIONER' REGISTRATION

If you're a parishioner at MPH or
St Ignatius, please go to our
website or use the QR code to the
left to register on
www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz



Pastoral Care

Pastoral care & assistance is available for you
& your family in times of need. You can
contact either **Dcn Mark 021 482 555** (MPH)
or **Maggy 021 562 449**

Baptism & Sacramental Prog

If your children are in Year 4 or you are
Interested in joining the Catholic Church please
contact Gina on
sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding of children & adults is an
integral part of the life & Ministry of the
Church and flows from the Gospel.
For concerns or complaints involving someone
within the Catholic Church call: **0800 114 622**

Mother of Perpetual Help & St Ignatius Parishes



Gospel Matthew 14.22-23

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 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 fulfillment.

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!



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.

SCHOOL MASSES

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

PARISH HISTORY

The St. Ignatius Parish History has now been updated to 01/04/23. It can be purchased for \$35. Place your order with **Maggy** on **021 562 449**

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

NZ Catholic Newspaper for sale in **MPH Parish** foyer **\$4**

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

Prayer & Rosary MPH Group

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

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.**

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



Solemnity: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 Aug 2023 | Liturgical Year

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

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 Tuesday 15 August at 7pm

Upcoming Events - August

Saturday & Sunday 19 & 20 Aug

"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.

Wednesday 23 Aug

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.