



*Gospel Matthew*  
20. 1-16

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2023

Mother  
of  
Perpetual  
Help  
&  
St  
Ignatius  
Parishes

The Sunday Gospel reveals the fifth time in one day that the owner of the vineyard went out and hired more workers. Each time he found people idle and hired them on the spot, sending them to the vineyard. Those who were hired late in the day, at five o'clock, were paid the same wage as those who worked all day long.

One lesson we can take from this parable is that God is exceptionally generous, and it is never too late to turn to Him in our need. Too often, when it comes to our life of faith, we sit around "idle all day." In other words, we can easily go through the motions of having a faith life but fail to actually embrace the daily work of building up our relationship with our Lord. It's much easier to have an idle faith life than one which is active and transforming.

We should hear, in this passage, an invitation from Jesus to get to work, so to speak. One challenge that many face is that they have spent years living an idle faith and do not know how to change that.

Reflect, today, upon the level of commitment with which you are living your faith. If you are hard at work, be grateful and remain committed without hesitation. If you are idle, today is the day our Lord invites you to make a change.

*Lord, help me to increase my commitment to living my life of faith. Allow me to hear Your gentle invitation to enter into Your Vineyard of grace. I thank You for Your generosity and seek to receive this freely given gift of Your mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.*



# Mother of Perpetual Help

## Next Week's Roster

**Sunday 10.30am Mass**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Greeter:** Richard Pain
- Readers:** Thelma & Loy Correa
- Euch. Minister:** Delreen Rayen
- PowerPoint:** Filipino Choir
- Musician:** Filipino Choir
- POTF:** Br Frank Blewman
- Grace Joel:** Gerard Murphy
- Altar Linen:** Heather Hart
- Church Cleaners:** Ranche Johnson & Maria Kneebone

**NZ Catholic**  
The National Catholic Newspaper  
Issue 24 - Oct 1, 2023 - \$4

Bishops urge politicians to focus on real issues 3

Care and consolation at Mass for Loss of a Child 4

**Professed Carmelite**  
Sr Maria Argen of Jesus reaches final vows - p5

**\$4**

The latest issue in your church Sunday Sept. 24

NZ Catholic Newspaper for sale in the Parish Foyer  
**\$ 4**

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



## Prayer & Rosary

Join us for Prayer & Rosary on Friday afternoons at the Parish Centre at 3.30pm



## Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul

We extend a warm invitation to MPH & St. Ignatius parishioners to join us on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September for 10.30am Mass** at MPH where we will celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. After Mass there will be a celebratory light lunch in the foyer, all are welcome. There will also be a fundraising raffle so please bring cash to purchase your raffle tickets.

## Next Week Readings: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28 - Philippians 2:1-11 - Gospel Matthew 21:28-32



# St Ignatius

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

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During the weekdays there will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy communion at 8.30am

**A friendly reminder that Fr John will be away for a few weeks from the end of September to mid-October. 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 while Fr John is away.**

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## Register for our Safeguarding Training

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

For more info contact Matt Prasad on [manager@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:manager@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)



Parish Rosters

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## Rosters Update

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 feature of school holidays - we are grateful to those ministers who so willingly step in to fill the gaps.

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## CARD GROUP

Every Wednesday

1pm to 4pm @ 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](mailto:glen.bob01@gmail.com) to be added to the prayer chain

## WEDNESDAY MASSES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

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



## 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](mailto:amorgan@stignatius.school.nz)

## St Ignatius Baptism Course

If you would like your baby to be Baptised, please email Gina: [sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz) to register for our next Baptism Course. Sessions will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm-9pm, Parish Centre.

## Teen Liturgy & Scene (Years 9-13) Saturday 23 September

Starts with Mass at 5.15pm & finish at 7pm at St Ignatius. Bring \$5 for pizza.

## Next Week's Ministers

### Saturday Vigil 5.15pm Mass September 30<sup>th</sup>

**Greeter:** Kate Lynex & Carol Smith

**Altar Server:** Colin Davis

**Commentator:** Josephine Ellis

**Data Projector:** Claire Ryan

**Readers:** Michelle Yates & Kathleen Slater

**Euch. Minister:** Glennis O'Connor

**Collectors:** Bob O'Connor & Josephine Ellis

### Sunday 9am Mass October 1<sup>st</sup>

**Greater:** Ania Snowdon & Iwona Hosking

**Altar Serves: Need Volunteers**

**Commentator:** Jolan Search

**Data Projector:** Richard Paris

**Readers:** Craig Fraser & Sarah Burt

**Euch. Ministers:** Melinda Gibbon & Val Dallimore

**Collectors:** Sue-Lyn & Joshua Norrie

**Counters:** Cecilia Kim & Bob O'Connor

**Linen:** Mary Hearn

**Morning Tea: Need Volunteers**

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## Passionist Family Group

If you are new to the St Ignatius community and would like to meet others in the Parish. Passionist Family Groups are a great way to get to know people, make new friends and build a network in the community. Groups meet regularly for social get-togethers, with something for everyone

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We warmly welcome participation in all areas of the Parish. If you are interested in joining a group or would simply like more information, please contact the Parish Office either by phone or email.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS – September & October

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| <p><b>17<sup>th</sup> September<br/>to<br/>9<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St Philip’s Church Celebrates 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b></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><b>Sunday<br/>24<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>                        | <p>Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod Assembly starting in Rome on 4<sup>th</sup> October, has invited all the faithful to participate in <b>PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD</b> from today Sunday 24 September with Prayers for Intercession. A Vatican News article about Cardinal Grech's letters to the bishops asking for everyone to join in the prayers is here: <a href="http://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-09/cardinal-mario-grech-invitation-episcopate-priests-prayer-synod.html">www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-09/cardinal-mario-grech-invitation-episcopate-priests-prayer-synod.html</a></p> |


☞ Daylight saving time > Date (2023) ☞


Sun, 24 Sept 2023 –  
Sun, 7 Apr 2024

New Zealand Time



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**  
*(There will be extra light in the evening)*

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| <p><b>Sunday<br/>1<sup>st</sup> October</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer for the Synod.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">All are welcome to a Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral at 5 pm to pray the Synod in Rome</p> |  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Without prayer,<br/>there will be no<br/>Synod</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;"><i>Pope Francis</i></p> |
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| <p><b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup><br/>&amp; Sunday 8<sup>th</sup><br/>October</b></p> | <p><b>The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival</b><br/>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 <a href="mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz">louisar@cda.org.nz</a>.</p> |   |
| <p><b>Monday<br/>9<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>                                   | <p><b>Letters to the Corinthians - who were they?</b><br/>with Kieran Fenn - From 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha.<br/><a href="https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/">https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/</a></p> <p><b>Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video.</b><br/>Bible Studies, Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations<br/><a href="https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/">https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/</a><br/>For more information: <a href="http://www.studyjoy.nz">www.studyjoy.nz</a></p>   |   |
| <p><b>Sunday<br/>14<sup>th</sup> October</b></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 &amp; Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for more information.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Thursday<br/>9<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>                                | <p><b>The Pompallier Diocesan Centre</b>, 30 New St, St Mary’s Bay is a service hub for the Diocese. From 4pm-7.30pm you’re invited to an <b>Open Home at the Centre</b>. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchases liturgical resources and more.</p>  |   |

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| <p><b>Mass Times</b></p>  | <p><b>Parishioner Registration</b><br/>         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.<br/> <a href="http://www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz">www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz</a></p> |  |
| <p><b>Weekday Mass</b><br/>         St Ignatius at 8:30am</p>   |  |   |
| <p><b>Sat Vigil Mass</b><br/>         St Ignatius at 5:15pm</p>   | <p><b>Safeguarding</b><br/>         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><b>Sunday Masses</b><br/>         St Ignatius at 9:00am<br/>         MPH at 10:30am</p>  |  |   |
| <p><b>Anointing Mass</b><br/>         1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at St Ignatius at 8:30am</p>  |  |   |
| <p><b>Exposition at MPH</b><br/>         Following 8.30am Mass at St Ignatius, Adoration will be at MPH with Benediction at 6.45pm</p>  | <p><b>Mother of Perpetual Help Baptism</b><br/>         If you wish to have your child baptized at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please contact Maureen at the office.<br/> <a href="mailto:admin@glendowiecatholic.org.nz">admin@glendowiecatholic.org.nz</a></p>    |   |
| <p><b>St Ignatius Tongan Mass</b><br/>         5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each Month @3pm</p>   | <p><b>Pastoral Care &amp; Assistance</b><br/>         Are available for you and your family in times of need. You can contact either,<br/> <b>Deacon Mark on 021-482-555 (MPH)</b><br/> <b>Office or Maggy 021 562 449 (St Ignatius)</b></p>                             |   |
| <p><b>St Ignatius Baptism &amp; Sacramental Programme</b><br/>         If you children are in year 4 or you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Gina - <a href="mailto:sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz">sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz</a></p>                             |  |   |
| <p><b>Email Address: <a href="mailto:office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz">office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz</a></b></p>   |  |   |
| <p><b>Mother of Perpetual Help Parish</b><br/>         510 Riddell Rd, Glendowie<br/>         Ph: 09 - 575 9296<br/>         Parish Admin: Fr Austin Fernandes<br/>         Deacon Mark Rivalland<br/> <b>Office Hours:</b><br/>         Mon &amp; Wed 1.30pm—5.30pm<br/>         Thurs &amp; Friday 9am—12pm</p> | <p><b>St Ignatius Parish</b><br/>         12 Kotiri Street, St Heliers<br/>         Phone: 09 - 575 5227<br/>         Parish Priest: Fr John Dunn<br/> <b>Office Hours:</b><br/>         Mon &amp; Tues 9am—2pm<br/>         Thurs &amp; Friday 9am—11pm</p>             |   |