



Eastern Bays
Catholic

Mother of Perpetual Help & St Ignatius Parishes

Gospel Matthew
22. 1-14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2023

"Everything is ready; come to the Wedding Feast"

One of the most beautiful images of heaven in the Scriptures is the banquet and wedding celebration given by the King for his Son. We, in fact, have been invited to the most important banquet of all! The last book in the Bible ends with an invitation to the wedding Feast of the Lamb and his Bride, the Church: *The Spirit and the Bride say, Come!* (Rev. 22:17).

Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the Feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the King and who would never have considered getting such an invitation.

This is certainly an invitation of grace -- undeserved, unmerited favour and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. Grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility. God invites each of us to His banquet that we may share in His joy. Are you ready to Feast at the Lord's banquet table?

"Lord, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom."

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WORKSHOP

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SUNDAY
29TH OCTOBER
2023
11.30AM
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
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**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
GLENDOWIE**
510 RIDDELL ROAD
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REGISTER NOW

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Inimata o te Hahi Katorika

- **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).

In a few weeks' time Lisa-May (*former Plunket Nurse*) from the Diocese will be hosting a Session on Safeguarding after Mass at both St Ignatius and Mother of Perpetual Help Parishes. After a short break at the end of Mass, light refreshments will be provided in the Parish Centre before Lisa-May will run her interactive presentation. The session is about 40 min long is highly informative and as mentioned interactive. We encourage all parishioners to attend.

[What is Safeguarding?](#)

Safeguarding is promoting an environment which respects and acknowledges the dignity of each human being, and where people feel valued and safe. An important aspect of Safeguarding is responding to concerns of harm or abuse.

Why is Safeguarding important?

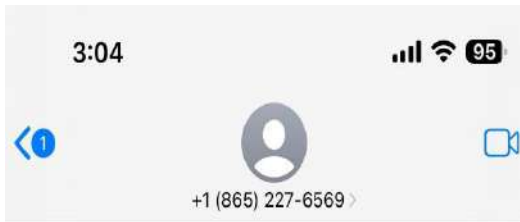
The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand has adopted the *"Guidelines for the prevention of and response to sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand"* (National Safeguarding Guidelines). Safeguarding is one of the ways in we as a Catholic Community are addressing this commitment to protecting everyone including the young and vulnerable in our community.



Who should attend

Those who work with vulnerable individuals such as the young or elderly are required to attend/complete Safeguarding training as part of their ministry. Additionally, any parishioner in a leadership role within the parish is required to attend/complete Safeguarding training, however we encourage all parishioners to attend so that we can collectively improve our knowledge and awareness.

<p>SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP</p> <p>St Ignatius 12 Kotiri Street St Heliers</p> <p>SUNDAY</p> <p>5TH NOVEMBER 2023 10.00AM</p>	
	<p>CONTACT MATT PRASAD FOR MORE DETAILS 09-575-5227 manager@easternbayscatholic.org.nz</p> <p>» » EVERYONE WELCOME</p>
<p> Catholic Diocese of Auckland Te Taumata o te Hahi Katoika</p>	



iMessage
Today 3:03 PM

Hello [redacted], this is Fr. John Dunn, I'm in a meeting right now, can't talk on phone but text me back when you get this message, your assistance is crucial and highly appreciated.

Blessings.

The sender is not in your contact list.

[Report Junk](#)

We have been notified by a couple of parishioners regarding a text message they received from someone pretending to be Fr John.

This message is a **(phishing) Scam** and has not been sent by either Fr John or anyone associated with the Parish.

We are unsure how this person or persons have obtained parishioners phone numbers as our Database and systems are secure and have not been breached. What concerns us that the text messages address parishioners by name which may trick people into thinking that

these messages are genuine. They are not!

Above is a copy of the message received to help you identify any suspicious texts that you may receive.

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.

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.

St Ignatius Social Justice Roopū

10 – 14 yo

From 3-5pm on Sunday, 29th October

At Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Fergusson Drive

To register please email Kerry Topp by 5pm on Sunday 22nd Oct.

kerry.topp@icloud.com

DONATE A CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER

Please consider donating \$100 or donating towards the cost of a hamper.

The Christmas season is fast approaching and we have begun planning for our annual Christmas Hamper project. Your generosity will help provide 300+ hampers to Te Waipuna/Sisters of Mercy, Glenbrae Primary School and many other local families in need. Every dollar donated is spent on food, there are no admin costs. Donations can be made to: St Heliers Glenbrae 02-0108-0707227-003 Code: Hampers. Reference: Your Name or Planned Giving Number. Tax receipts can be requested from andrea.wright.nz@gmail.com.

Christmas Grocery Hampers – Save the date – Sunday 3 December

Please join the fun and energy as we come together as a community to pack and distribute Christmas Grocery Hampers. Hampers will be packed after mass on Sunday 3 December. Please contact Andrea Wright (andrea.wright.nz@gmail.com) if you wish to volunteer for a specific team. Teams include - box collecting, wrapping paper cutting, box wrapping, delivery driving, and recycling.

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



For many months now, our Parish, Mother of Perpetual Help has been without a Parish Priest, and so we have been relying on our Bishop to supply a priest to celebrate Sunday Mass with us.

The uncertainty is an unsettling time for our Parish as we long for stability and continuity. Though we would prefer to be informed early as to which priest we can expect each Sunday, much advance notice is unlikely because it is difficult to find a priest who is available.

The members of the Parish Council and the Liturgy Committee are praying and trying to work out solutions, so we can share the information with you. This past Sunday, Fr. David Dowling celebrated Mass with us, and he will be coming on the next 3 Sundays. That is as much as we know.

Some parishioners have asked about Christmas Day Mass. The Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday and agreed to explore the feasibility of getting a priest to celebrate at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish on Christmas morning. At this time, we are uncertain if it will be possible. Meanwhile, as people of faith, we turn our gaze to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Our Lord Jesus and pray earnestly for our Parish.

MPH PARISH Next Week's Roster

Sunday 10.30am Mass

October 22nd

Greeter: Mary Osborne
Readers: Vanessa Thomas & Peter Palu
Euch. Minister: Willie Lavaka
PowerPoint: Tongan Choir
Musician: Tongan Choir
POTF: Janine & Patrick Schweder
Grace Joel: Delreen Rayen
Altar Linen: Angela Shields
Church Cleaners: Odelia & Steve D'Souza

ST IGNATIUS Next Week's Roster

Saturday Vigil 5.15pm Mass

October 21st

Greeter: Laureen Rowley & Anna Lippard
Altar Server: Paul Lynex
Commentator: William Rowley
Data Projector: Fiona Mahony
Readers: Margaret Ward & Michelle Yates
Euch. Minister: Mary Lynch
Collectors: Dorota & Jenson Bade

Sunday 9am Mass

October 22nd

Greater: Helen Partington & Anne-Marie Thompson
Altar Servers: **Need Volunteers**
Commentator: Jessica Zame
Data Projector: Kim Ballinger
Readers: Jim Gildea & Margaret Toland
Euch. Ministers: John Wilkinson & Frances Moon
Collectors: Logan Swann & Alex Kabysh
Counters: **Need Volunteers**
Linen: Caroline Henley
Morning Tea: **Need Volunteers**

<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>	