

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



*Gospel Matthew*  
23.1-12

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2023

What's most interesting about this Sunday passage is not so much the harsh criticism of the hypocrisy and pride of the Pharisees. Rather, it's that Jesus tells His disciples to "do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you..." The truth is that not even the greatest saint can preach the Gospel fully by their actions. This is because the Gospel is perfect, and human beings are not. We will never be perfect instruments of the Son of God. But the good news is that Jesus wants to use us anyway. We are called to witness with our actions.

When we fail in our actions we are also called to preach with our words. This statement from Jesus should help us be more receptive to the Word of God as it is preached by His ministers. If Jesus wanted His disciples to listen even to the words of truth spoken by the hypocritical Pharisees, then He will certainly want us all to listen to His Word as it is preached by the ministers of His Church, regardless of their sanctity.

Reflect, today, upon this command from our Lord and allow it to also apply to you as a command to listen to the Gospel spoken by those in the Church. When it does not, be merciful and seek to hear our Lord speak through them anyway. Jesus has much to say through them if you will listen.

*Lord, may I always be open to the Gospel whenever it is preached. I thank You for the great example set by so many saintly people. I also pray that I will be merciful to those who preach Your Word and fail to live up to it in their actions. I thank You for the ministers of Your Church, especially, and pray for their fidelity to the proclamation of Your Word.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.*

Mother  
of  
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## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WORKSHOP



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** after Mass session at **St Ignatius** (Mass ends at 10am).

**We extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to join us on this Sunday after 9am Mass at St Ignatius Parish for our *Safeguarding Training & Awareness Building Workshop*. A light refreshment will be provided. *All Welcome!***

### 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS – November

**Thursday  
9<sup>th</sup> November**

The **Pompallier Diocesan Centre**, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm you are 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.

**Saturday  
18<sup>th</sup> November**

**RUTH MILLER SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2024. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz)  
**The closing date for applications is 18 November 2023**

**Wednesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> November**

You are invited to CWL's Christmas Event on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov starting with Mass at 10.30am at St. Joseph's Church, Orakei; then to the Hall for Morning Tea followed by a **talk by Father Patrick Brady -"Companions of Christ at Christmas,"** Christmas Carols, Christmas Fun, Good Food, Sweet Christmas Treats, Crackers, Hats and more. Cost: \$35 includes Raffle & Charity for **St. Vincent De Paul (Foodbank.)** For more details and confirmation, how to pay, ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/09-5212499 or email: [tinaraines2703@gmail.com](mailto:tinaraines2703@gmail.com).

**November 2023**

**Marriage & Family** - Are you are getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ ) or 18months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete and is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: [marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz](mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz) or call Gerry on **M:021 02247442**.

## MPH PARISH Next Week's Roster

**Sunday 10.30am Mass  
November 12**

**Greeter:** Gerard Hart  
**Readers:** Heather Hart & Ofeira Ioane  
**Euch. Minister:** Karen Rassie  
**PowerPoint:** Filipino Community  
**Musician:** Filipino Community  
**POTF:** Br Frank Blewman  
**Grace Joel:** Gerard Murphy  
**Altar Linen:** Ingrid Coakley  
**Church Cleaners:** David Manickum & Delreen Rayen

## ST IGNATIUS Next Week's Roster

**Saturday Vigil 5.15pm Mass  
November 11**

**Greeter:** Anna Lippard, James & Zoe Sorenson  
**Altar Server:** Colin Davis  
**Commentator:** Gill Barron  
**Data Projector:** Bevan Murphy  
**Readers:** Ann Hay & Shaun Connolly  
**Euch. Minister:** Claire Ryan  
**Collectors:** Matthew & Jane Dunningham

**Sunday 9am Mass  
November 12**

Tongan Mass – T.B.C.

### 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

### NZ Catholic Newspaper

For sale at  
**MPH Parish**  
foyer \$12



## St Ignatius School Parish Mass

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November the St Ignatius Catholic School Years 3 & 4 children will be joining the 9am Mass at St Ignatius Parish. We look forward to having them and their families with us.

## KARLA BIDS US A FAREWELL

It is with a heavy heart that we learned of Karla's decision to step down from her role.

Karla and her family will be embarking on a new adventure, moving across the Tasman to Perth, Australia, at the end of this month. Her husband has been presented with an exciting job opportunity, which has led them to make this significant change in their lives. Karla has played a vital role in both Mother Perpetual Help and St Ignatius, offering essential administrative support and a warm, friendly presence to our parishioners. We extend our heartfelt blessings to Karla and her family as they embark on this new journey. We will be hosting a special Mass in her honour on a Sunday before her departure. Stay tuned for more details in next week's Newsletter.

As we bid farewell to Karla, we acknowledge that there will be a vacancy to fill. In the coming weeks, we will be publishing a comprehensive Job Vacancy advertisement. In the meantime, if you or someone you know may be interested in this role, please reach out to Matthew, our Parish Operations Manager, for a discussion about the position. The role involves working closely with the Operations Manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of our Parishes, facilitating communication between Fr. John, Fr. Austin, lay leaders, and various Committees. This also includes assisting with Mass preparations and ensuring that important information is effectively communicated to our parishioners, among other responsibilities.



## DONATE A CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER

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

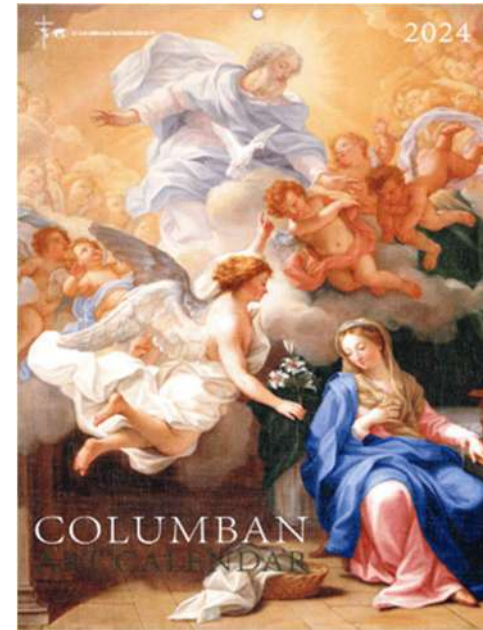
The Christmas season is fast approaching, and we have begun planning for our annual Christmas Hamper project. Your generosity will help provide 300+ hampers to Te Waipuna/Sisters of Mercy, Glenbrae Primary School and many other local families in need. Every dollar donated is spent on food, there are 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 – Please donate wrapping paper!

We have 300 hamper boxes to wrap, and we will use almost 200m of Christmas wrapping paper. Please consider buying a few rolls of Christmas wrapping paper and popping them in the box at the back of St Ignatius church ASAP! Thanks!

### 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.



### COLUMBAN CALENDAR

2024

on sell at MPH Parish foyer

\$12.00

### Mother of Perpetual Help Parish - Preference Form

If you are wanting a Preference of Enrolment Certificate signed for your child/children, please leave at Glendowie Office and Deacon Mark can sign for you. Thank you.

### Next Week Readings: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6.12-16 – 1Thess 4.13-18

Gospel Matthew 25.1-13

### WEDNESDAY MASSES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

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>

**Card Group**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**1pm to 4pm**

**St Ignatius Parish Centre**

Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon.  
For more info call Bob on (09) 575 7622

**St Ignatius**  
**Wine & Cheese**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
after Vigil Mass at the  
Parish Centre.

The hosts are Josephine Ellis,  
Amanda Howley-Rouse  
And Julia Coles.