

St Ignatius Parish

Information for School Families

Parish Goal:

To involve more young people and their families in all aspects of our Parish life.

Mass Times:

8.30am Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

9.00am Thursday – School Mass
(parents are welcome and encouraged to attend)

5.30pm Saturday vigil

9.30am Sunday (includes Children’s Liturgy for 4 – 10 year olds)

How to Enrol in the Parish:

Enrolment forms for New Parishioners are found in the brochure stand in the foyer of the Church. Fill one in and post it in the New Parishioner box or return it to the Parish office.

Add your name and contact number to the New Parishioner book in the Church foyer. You will then receive a welcome call from a Parishioner who can answer any questions you may have about the Parish.

Feel free to introduce yourself to Fr John (Parish Priest), Maggy Hamilton (Pastoral Associate) or Ruth Lees (Parish Secretary). We’d love to meet you!

Passionist Family Groups

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. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer.

Sacramental Programme:

The Sacramental Programme, for children who attend Mass at St Ignatius, is Parish-based and starts at the beginning of Year 3 with an information session for Parents. An invitation to attend this session and enrol your child will be advertised in our weekly Parish newsletter and on the website.

Parents and family are the first educators in the faith of your children and we look forward to working with you to help you prepare your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

We will provide you with many opportunities to grow in your own faith and to nurture faith at home. Contact Gina Matijasevich (gina@autosys.co.nz) for more information.

St Ignatius Playgroup:

The St Ignatius Playgroup runs on Tuesday mornings, from 9am to 12pm in the Parish Centre. All parents and pre-schoolers are most welcome to attend. Stay for the morning, or pop in for a coffee anytime. For more information, contact Playgroup Coordinator, Amanda Howley-Rouse, ph 021 573 295.

Babysitting List:

A list of responsible Parish teenagers and adults who offer babysitting services in our local area is available on request from the Parish Office. Call ph 575 5227 or email stignatius_stheliers@xtra.co.nz.

Tween Scene:

This is a Parish Youth Group for your 'tween-aged' children in Years 6 – 8. Meeting regularly for fun get-togethers, this Group is a great way for tweens moving from Primary to Secondary School to stay connected with each other and with the Parish. Keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter for details of upcoming events, or email Melinda de Wit to be added to the mailing list: melindapdewit@gmail.com.

St Ignatius Social Club:

This is a group for the teenagers of the Parish in Years 9 – 13 at School. A great opportunity for young people to get-together and socialise on a monthly basis with events, entertainment, outings and general good times! Join the Facebook Group (facebook.com/groups/stignatiusocialclub) to find out what's on and when, or keep an eye on the Parish newsletter for details.

Youth Music Group:

A popular Group for musical young people who want to play and/or sing modern music with others their age. Meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the Parish Centre, this Group is open to all instruments and levels of talent, from beginner to advanced, for those who are in Year 6 to 13. If your young musicians or singers are bored with their traditional music lessons, they'll love being part of this fun, creative and social group!

Baptism:

Baptism courses are held regularly throughout the year for parents wanting to baptise their child. As the primary educators of faith for your child this course helps prepare you for your child's Baptism – the beginning of their sacramental life. You will join a group of parents for three evening sessions at the Parish and a shared Baptism ceremony. Contact Gina Matijasevich for more information (gina@autosys.co.nz).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (& Children):

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Have you been Baptised but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Married to a Catholic? Looking for God but not sure where to get started? Already a Catholic but longing for a deeper understanding? Find out more about our RCIA Programme. Contact Gina Matijasevich (gina@autosys.co.nz) for more information.

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