

# PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE



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## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
 Sunday 9.00am  
 Syro Malabar Com. (Sun) 5.00pm  
 Vietnamese (Sun) 11.00am  
 Monday 8.00am  
 (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)  
 Tuesday to Thursday 8.00am  
 Friday 9.00am  
 Saturday 9.00am  
 Public Holidays 9.00am

## SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday & Saturday 8.00 – 9.00am

### Rosary:

Tuesday 7.40am & Saturday 8.45am  
 Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 Saturday 9.20am

**Divine Mercy** prayer: Friday 8.30am

### Confession/Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.35am or by appointment

### St. Mary's Parish Hall Hire

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**Parish Secretary:** Lourdes V. Domilies

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### Parish Office Hours:

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### Parish Pastoral Council Contacts:

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	1 <sup>st</sup> December Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	2 <sup>nd</sup> December Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	8th December Saturday 2nd Sunday of Advent	9th December Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent
Commentator	Irene Lagocki	Filipino Community	Evelyn Leech	Leonila Teodoro
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Collin Edward	Filipino Community	Eugene Miranda	Julia Leary
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Mercy Edward	Filipino Community	Sabrina Freitas	Kirstie Wearmouth
Offertory	Lourdes Domilies	Filipino Community	Edward family	Vietnamese Community And PPC
Collectors	George Tooman Lourdes Domilies	Valerian Luis Margaret Burke	Janet Liddington Peter Mendis	Valerian Luis Lotofusi Tuisaemo
Communion Ministers	George Tooman Sabrina Freitas Jacinta Chow	Lorna Stowers Leonila Teodoro Heather Kelly	Janet Liddington Bernard Liddington George Tooman Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts Charmain D'lima Heather Kelly
Servers	Christian Domilies Joshua Fernandez	Thomas Mallavarapu Thomas Turnock	James Hill Matthew Hill	Zhen Ng Kilian Casey Aaron D'lima -
Musicians	Emmanuel group	Tupo Tunupopo	Pelagie Corera	Claudia, Hannah, Martin
Data Projector	Volunteer	Filipino Community	Lara Miranda	Ng family
Children's Lit		As arranged		As arranged
Counters		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts
Cleaning	Syro Malabar mothers		Vietnamese community	
Flowers	Filipino choir		Vietnamese Community	
Church Linen		Gae'e Family		

The Parish is served by Redemptorist Missionaries

[www.cssr.com](http://www.cssr.com), [www.cssr.org.au](http://www.cssr.org.au)

*We welcome any visitors and new parishioners to our parish. If you would like to register, forms are available at the entrance of the church in the foyer. You can hand them in to Fr. Joy or in the parish office after filling them up.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018

1/2 DECEMBER 2018

*This Sunday each year the Church invites us to embark on a journey- the journey of the Liturgical Year. When we start the Liturgical Year, we are setting out to follow in the footsteps of Christ.*

*In the course of the year, the whole of Christ's life and teaching will pass before us. We will re-visit all the mysteries of his life: from his expectation (that is what Advent is about), to his birth, his life, death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, and his sending of the Holy Spirit.*

*In the course of the year, we will relive his whole story. But we have heard the story many times. Hence, there is a danger that we may see it as old and stale. We must try and see it as new and present and alive. It's not like playing an old video. The celebration of each feast brings back the event in its original clarity and vitality, never allowing it to grow cold and lifeless, or fade into oblivion.*

*Besides, we are not spectators but actors in all of this. The mysteries of Christ's life are represented in such a way that we are drawn into them and become participants in them. That makes it more demanding, but also more enriching and exciting. God is not just a God of the past, but of the present and the future too. Each year, we ought to hear the Christ story better, understand it more deeply, and make it more our own. In hearing Christ's story, we ought to hear our own story too. Our story merges with his and is illuminated by it. His story enables us to live our story more fully and more joyfully.*

*Even though we've made the journey before, we must try to embark on it today as if for the very first time. This Sunday is a God-given opportunity to make a new beginning in our following of Christ.*

*Today the readings concentrate on the second coming of Christ and the end of the world. The reason for this is that before we commit ourselves to a journey, we need to know the goal of the journey. So, on this day, the liturgy directs our eyes towards the goal of our own journey and that of the world, namely, the second coming of Christ.*

*Jesus says we should await his coming with confidence: 'Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand'(gospel). He goes on to say, 'Stay awake, praying at all times. This means we are to await his coming with vigilance and prayer.*

*However, we should worry more about the end of our own individual world at death, which is certain, than about the end of the whole world, which is out of our hands.*

**This Sunday's Readings:**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

**Psalms 24:4-5,8-9,10,14**

*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

**1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

*When Christ comes may He strengthen your hearts in holiness*

**Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

Baruch 5:1-9

Psalms 125

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

**ELLERSLIE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019**

This parish based programme is for the preparation of children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. The course will commence on Sunday 10th February 2019 after the 9am mass in the parish hall. Children must be 9 years of age as at 31st January 2019. If you wish to enrol for the programme, please email icparishellerslie@gmail.com (attention to Lourdes Domilies) for enrolment form. Forms can also be downloaded from our website www.ellersliecatholic.org.nz. **Enrolment closes 31st January 2019. LATE ENROLMENT NOT ACCEPTED.**

**People needed for Ministries**

If you are currently a Commentator, Minister of the Word, Holy Communion Minister or Altar server please email icparishellerslie@gmail.com and theresa\_stowers@hotmail.com if you are available on these dates:

**24 December** - Christmas Eve Family mass at 5.30pm (Holy Communion Ministers (3) and two Altar servers)

**Midnight mass** (Commentator, Ministers of the Word (2), Holy Communion Ministers (3) and two Altar serves)

**Christmas day mass at 9am** (Commentator, Ministers of the Word (2), Holy Communion Ministers (3) and two Altar serves)

**New years day mass at 9am** (Commentator, Ministers of the Word (2), Holy Communion Ministers (3) and two Altar servers)

**Epiphany** - Saturday vigil mass 5th Jan (Commentator, Ministers of the Word (2), Holy Communion Ministers (3) and two Altar serves) and Sunday mass 6th Jan (Commentator, Ministers of the Word (2), Holy Communion Ministers (3) and two Altar servers)



PLEASE TAKE CARE AND DRIVE SAFELY IN OUR CHURCH CAR PARK AS CHILDREN ARE ABOUT! Thank You

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

08 December – Anointing mass at 9am

**09 December – Parish Feast Day**

Mass at 10am with the Vietnamese Comm

15 Dec -Christmas Working Bee 1-3 pm

19 Dec – Advent Reconciliation at 7 pm

**Blessing of Advent Wreath** - 1<sup>st</sup> Dec during the vigil mass at 5:30 pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9am. Please bring your advent wreath to be blessed.

**PARISH FEAST DAY – 9 DECEMBER-**

Please come and join us on this day for the celebration of our Parish Feast. Together with the Vietnamese Community, we start the celebration with a mass at 10am to be followed by agape in the hall. All are welcome.

**Christmas Eve Family mass at 5.30pm**

If your family are attending the Christmas Eve Family mass, we are looking for children to do the Welcome and Introduction, 1st and 2nd readers and 6 children for Prayers of the Faithful. If your children would like to participate please email: theresa\_stowers@hotmail.com.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the Parish of Immaculate Conception Eilerslie are God's people seeking God's purposes and fulfilling them through service, inspired by the Holy Spirit, assisted through the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**TAKATU KI TE MAU I TE RONGO PAI-CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND FIT FOR MISSION PASTORAL PLAN 2014-2019**



**16 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

Cairo/Mt Sinai/Bethlehem/Jerusalem/Sea of Galilee/Nazareth/Dead Sea/Petra/Mt Nebo

Date: 01-16 March 2019

Cost: NZD\$5,700/ All inclusive

Pilgrim Chaplain: Fr. Joy Thottamkara C.Ss.R – our Parish Priest

Please contact: holyland@sehiontours.com/ joycssr@gmail.com for more information and a flyer is also in our noticeboard and facebook page icparishellerslie.

**NZ ROSARY CRUSADE – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

- We are inviting all parishioners, friends and family to attend this rosary crusade in our parish at 3 pm Saturday 8th December to join the nationwide crusade for life and faith in the midst of the current hot issues with our country regarding Euthanasia and abortion. This is endorsed by Bishop Patrick Dunn and supported by Father Joy

**NZ CATHOLIC** - \$4. The Dec. 2-15 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: New priest ordained in Dunedin. Gender diversity issues guide for Catholic schools. World Day of the Poor activities in Wellington. Catholics in Palmerston North anti-weapons protest.

**Family Faith** The Diocese has a number of ideas and resources concerning advent for families at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/re/family-faith/learn-together/advent/>

**Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand** AGM will be held at 2F 22 Emily Place, Auckland Central, 5.30pm, Wednesday 12 December 2018. All welcome.

**Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary at the Cathedral** Saturday, 8 December at 8.30 am and a Choral Mass at 7.30 pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking will be available for both Masses.

**Food bank can collection – 22 December** - Can everyone please bring a can or any non perishable item for Food Bank Basket please. Thank you very much.

**2019 Columban Calendars are out now - \$12 ea.**

**Last Sunday's collection: \$1,071.40**  
**Thank you for your kind generosity**

Bank account number for people wishing to pay by automatic payment: **Eilerslie parish Account - 02-0100-0120958-020 (BNZ)**

**Please pray for those who are sick especially Allan Turnock, Rowena Edgeworth, Graham Sun, Karen Mai and all those recovering from surgery or needing our prayers.**

**We remember those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Josie Bayangan, Nerissa Darby, Finau Havea, Arlene Cosme, Brian Helean, Elsie Clarke, Des Cahalan, Marion Emmerton, Chris Armstrong, John Murphy, Eileen McIntyre, Marj Murray, Dick Brodie, Alice Colvin, Alexia Pou, Stephen Dobbs, Jade Mikael Madrisa, Ellen Burn, Fred Crocker, Lawrence Hall, Mary Miller, Mabel Hern, Olive Louise Dobbs, Monica Mary Barnaby, Mons. Huia Hyde, Tom Moore, Ian Mooney, Daniel Forbes, Imelds de Thierry, Eric Roberts, Ray Jillings, Sarah Fitzgerald, Teresa Lindberg, Annie Dilger, Robert Bantin, Kevin Cameron, Henry Byrnes, Anna Forsythe, John Tyson, mary Flynn, Brian Helgan, Thomas O'Leary, Peter Brennan. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments to the Prayers for the Sick or Anniversaries please e-mail or ring the parish.**