

# PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE



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<b>MASS TIMES</b>		<b>Confession/Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 9.35am or by appointment
Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	<b>St. Mary's Parish Hall Hire</b> Ph. 579-5458
Sunday	9.00am	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Lourdes V. Domilies Ph. 579-5458
Syro Malabar Com. (Sun)	5.00pm	<b>Newsletter:</b> icparishellerslie@gmail.com
Vietnamese (Sun)	11.00am	<b>Parish Administrator:</b> Margaret Burke QSM Ph: 579-5458
Monday	8.00am	<b>Parish Office Hours:</b> Tuesday – Friday 9:00am to 1:30 pm
(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)		<b>Parish Pastoral Council Contacts:</b>
Tuesday to Thursday	8.00am	<b>PPC Chairperson:</b> Lynda Tunupopo Mob: 027 363 3334 E-mail: ppcellerslie@gmail.com
Friday	9.00am	<b>Interim PPC Secretary</b> – Blue Holmes-Kinsella Email bhk08@hotmail.com
Saturday	9.00am	
Public Holidays	9.00am	
<b>SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS</b>		
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Friday & Saturday 8.00 – 9.00am		
<b>Rosary:</b> Tuesday 7.40am & Saturday 8.45am Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.20am		
<b>Divine Mercy</b> prayer: Friday 8.30am		

	22 <sup>nd</sup> December Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	23 <sup>rd</sup> December Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	January	2019
Commentator	Janet Liddington	Andy Tibbitts		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	George Tooman	Mary Pudota		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Mercy Edward	Sine Foulger		
Offertory	Liddington Family	Tibbitts family		
Collectors	Peter Mendis Janet Liddington	Valerian Luis Lotofusi Tuisaemo	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>	NORMAL
Communion Ministers	Jacinta Chow Bernard Liddington Sabrina Freitas	Leonila Teodoro Charmain D'lima Heather Kelly	NEEDED FROM	ROSTER
Servers	James Hill Matthew Hill	Sydney Faiga	SECOND WEEK OF	RESUMES
Musicians	Emmanuel Group	Tongan Community		
Data Projector	Collin Edward	Tongan community	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Children's Lit		As arranged		
Counters		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts	2019	2019
Cleaning	Vietnamese community			
Flowers	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.*

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018

22/23 DECEMBER 2018

*Our Advent season draws to a close with a liturgy filled with promise and expectation. Luke's gospel text describes the first meeting of John the Baptist with the Lord he is to herald so selflessly – in a tableau rich in implications, as we shall see. The first reading from the prophet Micah sums up the immense hopes about to be realized with the coming of the New David. The messiah will be born in Bethlehem, the city of David; he will be a mighty leader, gathering God's scattered people and exercising a rule giving expression to God's 'power and majesty'; he will, in fact, be peace personified (cf. Eph 2:14).*

*The reading from the letter to the Hebrews describes how the Saviour's coming inaugurates a new and final order of things in the plan of God. The old covenant, with its animal sacrifices and burnt offerings, was only a foreshadowing. Many times the prophets, in the name of God, had rebuked the people for relying upon these external observances while their hearts were far from God and God's ways. Jesus himself was to run up against this same attitude. The letter to the Hebrews, we know, was written for people who looked back nostalgically to the rituals of old Israel, inviting them to leave these shadows behind and rejoice in the reality they pointed to. Today's passage takes us to the heart of the matter - the eternal designs of God shaping the mission of the eternal Son made man. True worship, as the psalm quoted reminds us (Ps 40), is giving one's life over to God in fidelity and obedience. The Saviour's becoming one of us, and giving himself –'once and for all' – into the hands of his Father, through his Paschal Mystery, has realized this pattern in a manner beyond all human expectations. By this self-offering, he has become the true worship of the whole of creation. More than that, he has united us to himself in his act of worship – God's 'will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body'.*

*But all of this is in the future, as Luke describes the dawn of salvation. Presenting the meeting of Mary and Elizabeth, he invites us to recognize how much is involved in the drama that is beginning. It realizes the designs of the eternal Father, whose 'promise made to Mary is fulfilled'; the Old Testament and its time of waiting is coming to an end, as its final and greatest spokesman recognizes the coming of the Son of God; it is through Mary – 'most blessed of all women' – that this dawn of salvation takes place; and it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that Mary has conceived, and Elizabeth with her child are able to enter into the joy that faith in this coming, or advent, brings to the world.*

**This Sunday's Readings:**

**Micah 5:1-4**

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

**Psalms 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

*I am coming to do your will.*

**Luke 1:39-44**

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord.*



**Next Sunday's Readings:**

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 97:1-6

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the Parish of Immaculate Conception Ellerslie 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**



Pope Francis

**NZ CATHOLIC** - \$4. The Dec. 23 – Jan. 26 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Papal medal awarded in recognition of decades in Maori mission. Wellington has new pro-cathedral. First Baptism at Otago Corrections Facility. Pope's year in review.

**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 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Food bank can collection--22/23 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: \$1,037.80  
Thank you for your kind generosity**

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

**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.

**To all DECEMBER Birthday celebrants**



**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2018 ROSTER**

	Christmas Eve Family Mass 5.30pm	Midnight Mass	Christmas Day Mass 9.00am	New Year's Day Mass 9.00am	Epiphany Saturday 5.30pm 5 Jan 2019	Epiphany Sunday 9.00am 6 Jan 2019
<b>Welcome and Intro</b>	Zhen Ng					
<b>Commentator</b>		Volunteer	Charmaine D'lima	Russel D'lima	Volunteer	Theresa Stowers
<b>1st Reader</b>	Neve	Mary Pudota	Margaret Burke	George Tooman	Volunteer	Julia Leary
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Cyrus	Albert Wolfgramm	Theresa Stowers	Charmaine D'lima	George Tooman	Russel D'lima
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Magna Jentha Harriet Ysabelle					
<b>Offertory</b>	John Family	Volunteers	Stowers Family	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Collectors</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	George Tooman Charmaine D'lima Russel D'lima	Heather Kelly Volunteer Volunteer	Lorna Stowers Leonila Teodoro Russel D'lima	Leonila Teodoro Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Leonila Teodoro Charmaine D'lima Lorna Stowers
<b>Servers</b>	Aaron & Rachelann	Faiga & Sydney	Faiga & Sydney	Rachelann & Aaron	Volunteer Volunteer	Aaron & Rachelann
<b>Musicians</b>	Martin Ng & Hannah Wynne	Tupo Tunupopo	Neti Foliaki	Volunteer	Emmanuel Group	Volunteer
<b>Data Projector</b>	Volunteer	Lynda Tunupopo	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

**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:** Pramila Fernandez, Margaret T. Ahuru, Petrus Sanders, Hannah Moore, Jack Bell, Ernie Whitley, John Hutchinson, John Pask, Clematis May Green, Rosa Christmann, Michael Cahalan, Annie Williams, Wally marzic, Fred Fitzer, Humphrey Lynch, Herbert Jeth, Maude Jones, Margaret Leah, Harry Hill, Bill McNamara, Minnie Shields, Winnie Bew, Delia Fix, Phyllis Spick, Andrew Lockhart, Maggie Elsie Brown, Mande Bacon, Bridget Coyne, Henry Berkhout, Raul del Castillo **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.**