

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

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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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2/3 February 2019

THE PRIMACY OF LOVE

There is an essential link between faith and love. This is illustrated in the following story. George Herbert was an English priest, who was also a poet and amateur musician. One day on his way to a music session with some of his friends he came upon a poor man whose horse had fallen under his load. Both man and horse were in distress and in urgent need of help.

Herbert took off his clerical robes and helped the man to unload the horse, get him on his feet, and then load him up again. Then he gave the man some money to refresh himself and his horse. That done, he set out again to keep his appointment with his friends.

Normally, he kept himself neat and trim. So, when he turned up with his hands dirty and his clothes soiled, his friends were very surprised. When he told them the cause of it, one of them expressed disapproval that he should have got himself involved in such a dirty job.

But he answered, 'The thought of what I have done will be like music to me at midnight. The omission of it would have caused discord in my conscience. For if I am bound to pray for all who are in distress, I am sure that I am bound so far as it is in my power to practice what I pray for.' Having delivered that little 'sermon' he said, 'And now, let's tune our instruments.'

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul gives us what is acknowledged to be one of the finest descriptions of love ever written. Love is a much-used word today. But what our culture calls love, in its sons and films, frequently is not love at all; it is the opposite to love. It is desire and control and possessiveness.

St. Paul was well aware of the mixed motives behind the good that people do. He understood how people could make great sacrifices, yet those sacrifices are worthless because they are done from motives of self-interest.

To be possessed with love is to be filled with a power which will not be denied; a power that will do anything, brave anything, suffer anything, and endure anything, for the sake of who or what it loves.

Love, kindness, and charity- these are the essential qualities. Love never fails. Other things fade and pass away, but love endures. If a person truly loves, he/she possesses all other virtues as well.

Faith, hope and love are the three great virtues. But the greatest of these is love. All things pass away, but the kind word and the kind deed, never pass away.

| | 2 nd February Saturday 4 th Sunday in ordinary Time | 3 rd February Sunday 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9 th February Saturday 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 th February Sunday 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
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| Commentator | Irene Logocki | Filipino community | Collin Edward | Debra Newbury |
| 1 st Reader | Bernard Liddington | Filipino community | Tilla Miranda | Leonard Casey |
| 2 nd Reader | Evelyn Leech | Filipino community | Sabrina Freitas | Heather Kelly |
| Offertory | Miranda family | Filipino community | Domilies family | Stowers family |
| Collectors | Janet Liddington John Bennett | Lotofusi Tuisaemo Valerian Luis | Lourdes Domilies George Tooman | Margaret Burke Valerian Luis |
| Communion Ministers | George Tooman Theresa Bennett Sabrina Freitas | Leonila Teodoro Andy Tibbitts Heather Kelly | John Bennett Janet Liddington Jacinta Chow | Charmaine D'Lima Andy Tibbitts Russel D'Lima |
| Servers | Josh Bennett Joshua Fernandez | Thomas Mallavarapu Thomas Turnock | James Hill Matthew Hill | Zhen Ng Kilian Casey |
| Musicians | Emmanuel group | Tupo Tunupopo | Pelagie Corera | Hannah, Claudia, Martin |
| Data Projector | Collin Edward | Lynda Tunupopo | Lara Miranda | Ng family |
| Children's Lit | | No children's liturgy | | 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, 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.

This Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

Psalms 70:1-6, 15, 17

I will sing of your salvation.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Here am! Send me.

Psalms 137:1-5,7-8

In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe

NZ CATHOLIC - \$4. *The Jan. 27 – Feb. 9 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishop to give catechesis at World Youth Day in Panama. Catholics in New Year Honours List. Marists leave Hamilton diocese. Sydney choir sings in South Island churches.*

Ellerslie Parish Sacramental Programme 2019 Enrolment Is Now CLOSE. The course will commence on Sunday 10th February 2019 after the 9am mass in the parish hall.

Proclaim the Word: Seminar for Readers and Cantors. February 16th, 10am – 3pm, Our Lady of the Assumption, Onehunga. To enroll, email tinac@cda.org.nz Bring your own lunch.

Last Sunday's collection: \$1,105.10

Thank you for your kind generosity

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



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



TO ALL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



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.

SEHION HOLY PILGRIM HIGHLIGHTS:

*16 Days pilgrimage (including travel dates)

*Round trip air-tickets

Accommodation in 4 and 5* hotels

*Israel, Egypt, Jordan-visa, taxes and entry fees

*Professional licensed local guides

*Breakfast, lunch and dinner

*Holy Eucharist celebrations

CDC Short Courses - The Catholic Discipleship College offers a radical way of life centred on the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist. This February we are opening wide the doors of CDC and inviting you to experience the beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith by participating in a short retreat course with Fr Dominique Faure.

To book your place, click here or to find out more, email cheryl@cdc.ac.nz

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

Each one of you has to be God's microphone. Each one of you has to be a messenger, a prophet. How am I a microphone of the Good News? What is the message I share by how I live?

St Valentine's Day Mass: Saturday 16 February, 5.30 pm, at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph – a celebration of marriage and family. All welcome: engaged, married, singles, families, children, everyone! (N.B. Wilson parking \$4.00; validate ticket at Cathedral.) For further information contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family team, phone +64-9-360 3025, or email Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz.

Men & Women Spiritual Retreat - "That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:21

Have you started 2019 on the right foot? Are you due a retreat? Are you keen to be renewed spiritually and seeking Christ in a new way?

Due to popular demand, CDC is excited to host this Spiritual Retreat for Men and Women with Fr Dominique Faure. \$40 Early Bird Rego (Register and pay by 15th February) \$50 On The Door | \$70 Couples. email cameron@cdc.ac.nz to find out more.

Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth. A day of retreat and reflection Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj 9am-4pm Saturday 23 February 2019 Mary McKillop Centre 30 Holgate Rd Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz ph 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

Please pray for those who are sick especially Allan Turnock, Rowena Edgeworth, , Karen Mai, Mario De Silva 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: Joan Ellen Weston, William J. Legge, Ann Upfold, Alice Mearns, Ellen Forde, Julia Coffey, Matthew Coffey, Ralf Richards, Audrey Murphy, Sapate Afeaki, Terry Holland, Cyril Kilgour, Joseph Pennell, Kilisitina T. Laumatia, Fr. Paul Kelly, John Patrick McGarth, Peter Bilish, Bro. Carl Sayegh, Sr. Miriam, William James, Lilly McCarthy, Fr. Canifield, Hannah McCrenor and family, James McCrenor, Doug Ellwood, Michael Lawrence, Richard Ferris, Joseph O'Neill, Molly McInerney, Margaret Burke, Vernocia Tyne, Mary Coughlan,

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER for the month of FEBRUARY

02 – The presentation of the Lord.

04 – normal mass times which is 8 am resumes.

06 – Waitangi Day mass at 9 am

11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

Chosen Faith Formation Sunday 17th February Mother of Perpetual Help, Glendowie 5-7 pm. 'Lord set our hearts on fire' – Chosen is an engaging, fun, and life changing experience. Chosen calls young people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and is designed to answer the Church's call for a New Evangelization, offering a new approach to youth catechesis and understanding the sacraments. For more information go to <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2d8n1tMmzg> or contact Maria: ria.ctk.wyd@gmail.com or 0272105050.

G.I.F.T (Growing in Faith Together) invites everyone to their picnic in Monte Cecilia park, 72A Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough. Sunday 3 February 12 noon – 3pm. BYO Lunch. An opportunity to meet the community, get to know the community and join in the fun.