

# 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

## Confession/Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.35am or by appointment

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## Parish Pastoral Council Contacts:

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## 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

	16th March Saturday Second Sunday of Lent	17th March Sunday Second Sunday of Lent	23rd March Saturday Third Sunday of Lent	24th March Sunday Third Sunday of Lent
Commentator	Betty Andrews	Parish-School Family Mass	Evelyn Leech	Sine Foulger
1st Reader	Janet Liddington	Parish-School Family Mass	Mercy Edward	Sebastian Tonga' uiha
2nd Reader	Collin Edward	Parish-School Family Mass	Eugene Miranda	Debra Newbury
Offertory	Edward family	Parish-School Family Mass	Liddington family	Tibbitts family
Collectors	George Tooman Theresa Bennett	Parish-School Family Mass	Janet Liddington John Bennett	Margaret Burke Valerian Luis
Communion Ministers	Bernard Liddington George Tooman Sabrina Freitas	Andy Tibbitts Charmaine O'lima Volunteer needed	Theresa Bennett Jacinta Chow Janet Liddington	Andy Tibbitts Heather Kelly Lorna Stowers
Servers	Josh Bennett Joshua Fernandez	Parish-School Family Mass	Volunteer Needed Collin Edward	Juyuan Chen Thomas Mallavarapu
Musicians	Chow family	Parish-School Family Mass	Lara Miranda	Tongan Community
Data Projector	Chow family	Parish-School Family Mass	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community
Children's Lit		No Children's liturgy		As arranged
Counters		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts
Cleaning	Tongan Community		Vietnamese Community	
Flowers	No flowers		No flowers	
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.

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.

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

16/17 March 2019

*In the Gospel we have the beautiful and mysterious story of Jesus' transfiguration. Whatever the nature of the vision, it was seen only by the same three disciples who witnessed his agony in Gethsemane. This tells us that there is a connection between Mount Tabor and Mount Calvary.*

*On Mount Tabor, the sky was bright, and Jesus was praying. As he prayed, his face shone and his clothes became dazzling white. On one side of him stood Moses – the great lawgiver. On the other side stood Elijah- the greatest of the prophets. A luminous cloud overshadowed them, symbolizing the presence of God.*

*Out of the cloud, the voice of the Father was heard uttering the lovely words: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him."*

*Peter wanted to stay in the mountain. He wanted to build a safe haven there, away from all the trouble and danger they had left down before. But the purpose of this experience was not to encourage escape. It was meant to comfort and strengthen Jesus and the apostles so that they would be able to go back and face the trouble and danger they left behind.*

*There would come another day and another hill, Calvary. This time, the sky would be dark. The face of Jesus would be covered with sweat and blood. His clothes would not dazzle; they would be taken from him. For companions he would have two criminals. There would be no voice from heaven, only the voice of scoffers and mockers. The apostles would want no part of it. The only thing in common would be that Jesus would once again be praying. From this it is clear that what sustained Jesus in bright and dark moments alike was his special relationship with the Father. That relationship was the ground beneath his feet all life long.*

*How does this connect with us? Even though we may never have been to the Holy Land, all of us are familiar with both Mount Tabor and Mount Calvary.*

*Mount Tabor is the hill of joy and exaltation. We too can have moments of transfiguration – rare moments of light and joy. At these moments, we 'hear' a voice whispering to us in our heart: 'You are my beloved son', or 'You are my beloved daughter.' And, like the apostles, we are reassured and strengthened.*

*But we are probably more familiar with Mount Calvary-the hill of sorrow and pain. All of us have moments when life is dark and difficult. At these moments, it may seem that God has abandoned us, and we are on our own. In those moments we must do what Jesus did on Calvary, that is turn to God in prayer and commit our cause to him.*

*The road to suffering is narrow and difficult. But it is not the same since Jesus travelled it. A bright light illuminates it. And even though it leads to Calvary, it doesn't end there. It ends at Easter. Those who link their sufferings with those of Christ will share Christ's Easter glory, and become a source of blessings for others.*

### This Sunday's Readings:

**Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

**Psalms 26:1, 7-9, 13-14**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

**Luke 9:28-36**

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning*

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Psalms 102:1-4,6-8,11

1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Luke 13:1-9

### COME ENJOY THE NEW ZEALAND PREMIERE OF THE DOCUMENTARY FILM "THE HIDDEN REBELLION"

at The Parish Hall of the Immaculate Conception, Ellerslie 7pm SATURDAY 30th March 2019

*The Hidden Rebellion uncovers the other side of the French Revolution: its persecution of the faith and the glorious stand of a Catholic people in France: the Vendéens.*

*Historians from four nations show how atheistic persecution started then and spread around the world, how this was followed by the resistance or the going underground of Christians in many countries. Free admission but Koha (donations) are accepted. Running time approximately 75 minutes. PG13*

*Do join us and invite your family and friends. Refreshments available. God bless.*

**NZ CATHOLIC** - \$4. The Mar. 10 – 23 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Radical Reforms and Catholic Schools. Abuse summit tough but needed says Cardinal Dew. Healthcare Mass in Christchurch. Two Catholics react to Jordan Peterson.

### KEY DATES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

16 – Anointing mass at 9am

17 - Parish-School Family mass

18 – St. Patrick Day

19 – St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

31 – Junior Youth and Children's mass

### STATION OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday in Lent at: 07:00pm**



**Musician needed** - We are needing a musician for Saturday Vigil mass. You will be rostered for the 2nd Saturday of every month. If you are keen to play at Saturday Vigil mass then contact Theresa Stowers – email: [theresa\\_stowers@hotmail.com](mailto:theresa_stowers@hotmail.com)

**Congratulations Natasha Bellamy** - Natasha in October 2018 began her faith journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation to become a Catholic today (Sunday 17 March) we celebrate Natasha joining a faith community and our parish family as she becomes a Catholic. In May she will join our parish children in receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

**Situations Vacant** - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Epsom is currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Secretary for 25 – 30 hours per week, Monday to Friday. They are seeking a talented person able to ensure the effective and efficient day to day running of our busy Parish office and to support the Parish Priest. This is a varied role and responsibilities include: Reception; Secretarial services; Office management; Accounts; Parish database management. For more details and to view the position description, please visit the Diocesan Website, [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), under Administration and Staff Vacancies.

**CARPARKING** – As you know, we do not have access to overflow carparking in the turf courts anymore. For the able bodied, we encourage parking on the surrounding streets or behind the presbytery in dry weather. Please leave the access beside the presbytery clear. Thank you.

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

*What was it like being in God's presence that was so apparent to the others? To what extent is the radiance of God visible in your life today?*

**First Junior Youth Mass Sunday 31 March, 9am** - At our Junior Youth Masses, our wonderful children take responsibility for all of the parts of the Mass. Our first Mass for 2019 will be on Sunday 31 March at 9am -please join us for practice at 8am followed by Mass at 9am. Most children who take part, start with the choir and grow from there. If your son or daughter is interested in taking part in the choir or other ministries, please respond to [chanel.finnigan@gmail.com](mailto:chanel.finnigan@gmail.com). We are looking forward to celebrating this Mass with all who can make it. Kind regards – Chanel.

**BARADENE COLLEGE ALUMNAE A.G.M.** The President, Melanie Watson and committee invite all Alumnae to the 2019 AGM BARADENE "The Parlour", Monday 8th April 2019, 6.30pm.

**Life Teen Aotearoa Training Convention** from 12-14 April at St Peter's College, Auckland. for just \$99 (including meals). Register at [lifeteen.nz/convention/](http://lifeteen.nz/convention/) by 30 March.

Come and join a 33-day do-it-yourself retreat starting on 26 March to learn how to trust God and to consecrate yourself with many others all over the world to the Divine Mercy on 28 April, the **Divine Mercy Sunday** at the celebration at Herne Bay Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. For details, please contact 02041026838.

**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:** Jose Rosales, Simone Taumohaapai Haungatai, Desmond Trevor Turnock, Anthony Prendeville, Isabella Courtney, Kathleen Dovey, Thelma Donaldson, Molly Fletcher, Veronica Webb, Anne Veronica Snelgar, Michael Collins, Terry Ritchie, Leonard Corless, Catherine Furey, Nimal Silva, Lance Fallon, Dorothy Walker, Albert Agnew, Andrew Casey, Alice O'Meagher, John Patrick Moore, William Smith, Lillian Mansor, Joe Malloy, Barisa Lovich, Matilda Carter, Sister Alexis, Hazel Murphy, Bill Maxwell, Edgar Hossack. **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.**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Whatever we do or suffer for a friend is pleasant, because love is the principal cause of pleasure - Summa Theologiae by St Thomas Aquinas*

**Foodbank Can Collection 23 March** - can everyone please bring a can or any non perishable item for Food Bank Basket please. Thank you very much

**St Paul's College, Catholic Boy's College, Ponsonby** - We need unused Brass or woodwind instruments lying in attics or garages for use by our young men. For details contact the College office Phone: (09) 376 1287. Email: [stpauls@stpaulscollege.co.nz](mailto:stpauls@stpaulscollege.co.nz). Payment in eternity. K. F. Fouhy – Headmaster

**Choral Mass for St Patrick & St Joseph** Monday 18 March 7.30 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndham Street. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble. Validated parking available at the Wilson Car Parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2). Ticket to validate in the Cathedral

**Lenten Taize Prayer** –7pm-8pm, 29 March, Mary Mackillop Chapel Mission Bay. Diocesan Youth Mass Sunday, 31 March starting with veneration of the Cross and reflective worship from 6.30pm-6.50pm followed by Mass at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

**Last Sunday's collection: \$1,383.10**

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)