

# 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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## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 23/24 February 2019

*We are familiar with the great commandment: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' It is found in the Old Testament (Lev 19:18) where it is restricted to fellow-Israelites. But Jesus broadened it to include Gentiles as well as Jews, and enemies as well as friends.*

*Love within one's own group or fellowship is merely a natural and universal human trait. It does not distinguish the Christian from the non-Christian. What makes the disciples of Christ different from other people is their ability to follow Jesus' standard. Jesus says to us, 'Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.' Love your enemies! We find it hard enough to love our friends, so how can we be expected to love our enemies?*

*Jesus is telling us to love, not to hate. We should not have hatred in our hearts for anyone, not even our enemies. When we hate, we expend more energy than in any other emotion. We must not dissipate our strength in hating but save it for better things.*

*It is not only for the sake of the enemy that Jesus says to us, 'Love your enemies', but for our own sake too. Hatred is a very destructive thing. Hatred may not destroy its object, but it will surely destroy the one who hates. 'Ten enemies cannot hurt a person as much as he hurts himself' (Proverb).*

*Jesus never said that we would have no enemies – there is no lack of realism here. But he offers us a new way of dealing with our enemies, a different way of responding that has the potential to break the endless cycle of retaliation.*

*The way Jesus proposes is not a soft way. It is a hard way, but is a better way. The injunction 'Love your enemy' is a radical rejection of violence. Jesus challenges us to respond to darkness with light. Revenge and retaliation only add darkness to darkness. Revenge may satisfy a person's rage but it leaves the heart empty. The escalation of evil can be stopped only by one who absorbs it, without passing it on.*

*Our hearts were made to love, not to hate. Love is more beautiful than hate. Hate poisons and hardens the heart. Love, on the other hand, purifies and softens the heart. At all costs, then, we must keep love in our heart. The image of God is at its best and brightest in us when we love.*

*The power of love is greater than the power of evil. Love, releases extraordinary energies in us. And love is never lost. If not reciprocated, it will flow back and soften and purify the heart.*

*If we pray for our enemies, peace will come to us. And when we love our enemies, we can be certain that divine grace dwells in us.*

	23rd February Saturday 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	24th February Sunday 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2nd March Saturday 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3rd March Sunday 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commentator	George Tooman	Heather Kelly	Innee Logocki	Filipino Community
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Collin Edward	Leonila Teodoro	George Tooman	Filipino Community
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	John Bennett	Darryl Batchem	Theresa Bennett	Filipino Community
Offertory	Liddington family	Tibbitts family	Bennett family	Filipino Community
Collectors	Janet Liddington John Bennett	Margaret Burke Valerian Luis	Theresa Bennett Peter Mendis	Lotofusi Tuisaemo Valerian Luis
Communion Ministers	Theresa Bennett Jacinta Chow Janet Liddington	Russel O'lima Charmain O'lima Andy Tibbitts	John Bennett Bernard Liddington Sabrina Freitas	Leonila Teodoro Lorna Stowers Heather Kelly
Servers	Christian Domilies Josh Bennett	Juyuan Chen Aaron O'lima	Collin Edward Joshua Fernandez	Thomas Mallavarapu Thomas Turnock
Musicians	Lara Miranda	Tongan Community	Emmanuel Group	Tupo Tunupopo
Date Projector	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community	Brendan Liddington	Lynda Tunupopo
Children's Lit		As arranged		As arranged
Counters		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts
Cleaning	Vietnamese Community		Syro Malabar Mothers	
Flowers	Vietnamese Community		Filipino Choir	
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.*

**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.

### This Sunday's Readings:

**1Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,22-23**

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

**Psalms 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

**1Corinthians 15:45-49**

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

**Luke 6:27-38**

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

### Next Sunday's Readings:

**Sirach 27: 4-7**

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

**Psalms 91:2-3,13-16**

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

**1Corinthians 15:54-58**

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

**Luke 6:39-45**

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

**NZ CATHOLIC** - \$4. The Feb. 24 – Mar. 9 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Minister's Filipino-Catholic jibe 'hurtful'. Tomorrow's Schools demolition opposed. Does God will a diversity of religions? Family deal proposed for southern church.

**FOODBANK** - can collection 24 February  
During January 63 food parcels were given out. There is a big need following Christmas and the start of a school year. Food donations are always appreciated. Cereals, bread spreads, pasta and pasta sauces, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned fish and tinned meat..

Thank you to the kind people who regularly donate food. Evelyn

**Last Sunday's collection: \$1,188.80**

Thank you for your kind generosity

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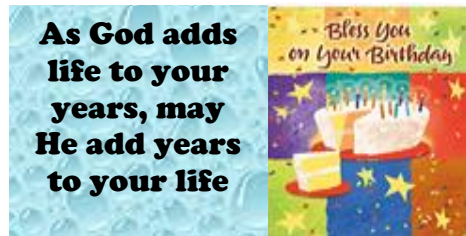
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PLEASE TAKE CARE AND  
DRIVE SAFELY  
IN OUR CHURCH CAR PARK  
AS CHILDREN ARE ABOUT!  
Thank You



### **TO ALL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS Especially to Fr. Thomas**



**PILGRIMAGE** - We wish Fr. Joy and other parishioners who make the pilgrimage to the Holy Land safe travel. They leave on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and return 17<sup>th</sup> March. God be with you in your journey.

**CONDOLENCE** – to the family left behind by Corera, Pelagie (Mary) who was called to rest on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Dearly beloved wife of Douglas. Much loved mother-in-law of Tilla and Eugene Miranda and Eileen and Marion Anandappa. Cherished grandmother of Anita and Lara, Megan and Jason. Pelagie is also one of our dedicated musician in the parish. The parish community would like to convey our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. We pray that God will heal your hearts from the grief and pain of her passing and may her soul rest in peace with the Lord.

Please pray for Sister **ALEI LELUA RNDM** who died suddenly in Samoa on 21 February 2019.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 1st March 7:00pm St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome

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

#### **The Stairway of Mercy**

Jesus tells us to...

1. Love your enemies
2. Bless those who curse you
3. Do good to those who are cruel to you
4. Pray to those who mistreat you

**God calls us to love everyone.**  
Why does God tell us to do this?



**Lenten Prayer for Life:** This Lent join us in prayer, fasting and reparation, especially for the 36 pre-born babies who lose their lives through abortion every day of the year in New Zealand. To find out more take a flyer or view the poster at the rear of the church. For all enquiries call 09 629 4361 or email [life@fli.org.nz](mailto:life@fli.org.nz) Register your prayer commitment to [fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife](http://fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife)

**David Parkes Fundraiser Concert** – a reminder that this fundraiser concert for WACOM 2020 takes place on Friday 1 March at 7.30 pm at the Malaeola Centre in Mangere. Refer noticeboard for details or phone Fr Rory Morrissey at Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish.

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**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:** Pelagie (Mary) Corera, Leo Turnock, Thomas Turnock, Margaret, Albert Bayer, M. Bullock, James Mooney, William Lovett, Monica Bain, Sr. Aileen Martin, Ernest Holloway, Bill Malone, Des Temm, Hugh O'Connor, Fred Peters, William Barron, Annie Smith, Fred McFall, Elsie Errey, Gwen Neville, Patrick Yahoo, Peggy Power, Isabelle Catherine Puccinelli, Annie(Nancy) Healey **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.**

### OPEN DAY/EVENING:

**St. PETER'S COLLEGE** Mountain Rd, Grafton – Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 9:30am or 1:00 pm in the College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Rd.) followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys. For Year 7 enrolments in 2020.

**SACRED HEART COLLEGE** - Tuesday 5 March 2019. The Principal's welcoming address is held in the Auditorium at 1pm. Tours of the College are being conducted at 11.45am and 1.30pm. Applications for Endeavour Scholarships opportunity for Catholic students of Maori or Pasifika descent for Year 7 and 9, 2020 now open. Applications close 29 March 2019.

**ST PAUL'S COLLEGE**, 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby - Thursday 7th March 2019. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm. Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour. Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9

**BARADENE COLLEGE** - Thursday 7 March, 2019 – 6.30 p.m. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. Enrolments for Year 7, 2020 are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 15 March, 2019. A limited number of place in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 15 March, 2019.

**MARCELLIN COLLEGE**, Saturday 9th March. Tours at 10.00am and 12.00am. 617 Mt Albert Road, Royal Oak, Auckland.

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**Joshua Fellowship North Shore meeting** – 27 February, 7:30 pm at St. Joseph Centre 1 Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna. Call Russel 022035678 for more information.