

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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2/3 March 2019

The parables of Jesus recalled in this reading are so familiar that they have become proverbial: the blind leading the blind; the splinter in the brother's eye, a tree known by its fruits. Luke wants us to recognise that - as part of the teaching of Jesus - these parables are far more than the expression of homely truths. They certainly do express truths that are applicable to every human situation - continuing the wisdom tradition of old Israel, so wonderfully expressed in the reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus. But the Good News of the Kingdom brought by Jesus (expressed in the teaching to the disciples we have already reflected upon) brings a truth far greater than has ever been expressed before. It is the promise of a new kind of existence, to be found by identifying with the ways of the living God - after the example of the One who is the revelation of the Father.

Luke invites us to find this deeper meaning that these parables had for Jesus. In the light of Jesus' teaching concerning true happiness this deeper meaning is not difficult to grasp. The 'blindness' Jesus warns against, especially for those who are leaders and guides in the community of disciples, is the blindness of those who assume the role of leadership although they have not owned the Saviour as the Light of the world and committed themselves to the new order he has inaugurated with his Law of Love. Disciples who have not made this conversion will see living according to their old ways – placing selfish limits on their practical love for their neighbour - as no more than a tiny 'splinter' obscuring their vision. Such people do not recognise that presenting themselves as disciples of the Lord is kind of 'hypocrisy' – they make this clear by their readiness to point out the more obvious failings of their brothers and sisters. Genuine disciples will be known by their 'fruits': not in clever words or orations but in the witness of the quiet convictions that shape their lives – as, through the gift of Christ's Spirit, the disciple grows 'like his teacher'.

'The good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart'. Again, when related to the central message of the teaching of Jesus, these words are more than wise advice about the conduct of our lives. Jesus is speaking of the hearts of disciples - transformed by their acceptance of the ways of God after the example of Jesus, and putting no selfish limits to the love, or practical good will, they have towards their fellow human beings. The 'examination of conscience' has long been part of the practice of a dedicated Christian life. Today's gospel helps us to find the life-giving measure against which, as the Lord's disciples, we should review our lives. Those who have found the joy of true discipleship will recognise that something of the 'victory' Paul speaks of can already be ours, even in this present life.

	2 nd March Saturday 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 rd March Sunday 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 th March Saturday 1 st Sunday of Lent	10 th March Sunday 1 st Sunday of Lent
Commentator	Irene Logocki	Filipino Community	John Bennett	Margaret Burke
1 st Reader	George Tooman	Filipino Community	Bernard Liddington	Tania Sharkey-Tongauha
2 nd Reader	Theresa Bennett	Filipino Community	Tilla Miranda	Julia Leary
Offertory	Bennett family	Filipino Community	Domilies family	Stowers family
Collectors	Theresa Bennett Peter Mendis	Lotofusi Tuisaemo Valerian Luis	Lourdes Domilies George Tooman	Margaret Burke Valerian Luis
Communion Ministers	John Bennett Bernard Liddington Sabrina Freitas	Leonila Teodoro Lorna Stowers Heather Kelly	Theresa Bennett Janet Liddington Jacinta Chow	Charmaine D'Lima Andy Tibbitts Russel D'lima
Servers	Collin Edward Joshua Fernandez	Thomas Mallavarapu Thomas Turnock	James Hill Matthew Hill	Zhen Ng Kilian Casey
Musicians	Emmanuel Group	Tupo Tunupopo	Lara Miranda	Hannah and Martin
Data Projector	Brendan Liddington	Lynda Tunupopo	Collin Edward	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, 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:

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.

Next Sunday's Readings:

1Kings 8:41-43

Psalms 116:1-2

Galatians: 1:1-2,6-10

Luke 7:1-10

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. God bless.

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.



TO ALL MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



As God adds life to your years, may He add years to your life

"Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - If you're willing to come against this please email: tonybrebner@hotmail.com for full information and 'Open Letter' to all MPs."

Last Sunday's collection: \$1,243.60

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)

Please come and walk peacefully for your voiceless and endangered members of the human family "**MARCH for LIFE**" because abortion and euthanasia are not good for New Zealanders. Sunday: 10 March 2019. A bus leaves at 10am for Hamilton and is back at 5pm. Koha only, bring your lunch. For more information please see marchforlife.org.nz Txt Mary Pepping 0272989112 for a place on the bus, with Parishioners from the East!!!

DRCNZ – Lenten Retreat IN AUCKLAND

8th March 2019 – 7.00pm to 9.00pm AT St Mary's Church, Kitenui Avenue, Mt Albert
9th March 2019 – 1.30pm to 7.00pm AT St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Avondale
10th March 2019 – 1.30pm to 9.00pm AT St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough. No registration fee. For more details: Arthy: 0223193621 Cynthia: 0210642157 Vincy Dias: 02108444654 Email: drcnz@hotmail.com | <http://www.drcnz.org>

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



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 Register your prayer commitment to fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife. If possible, please, also join the prayerful witness to life across the road from AMAC 283-289 Dominion Rd., Mt Eden on all or any of these Wednesdays March 6,13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10 (9am to 4pm). To sign up for an hour phone (09) 629 4361 or email life@fli.org.nz

Youth Interfaith Michael Hail, Scottish Community Worker, Tuesday 12 March 2019 7:30–9:00 PM Jubilee Building, 545 Parnell Road, Parnell – Hobson Room. Light refreshments following. Free of charge and all welcome. Free parking available where spaces are signed "JUBILEE VISITOR PARKING"

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: Cyril Marceline, Jorge Domilies, Sheila Henderson, Velma Liddington, Mary Jacobs, Erroll Bourke, Thomas Kennedy, Hugh Oakley-Browne, McAnully, Getty McAnully, Bert Keeper, Bro. John Prendergast, Louis Edward Cullen, Lawrence McDonald, William White, John Walsh, Ron Somers, Doreen Tooman, Mabel Curtis, Helen Sharpe, Mary Johnson, Eileen Leicester, Annie Anstis, Florence Cameron, Mary Neeve, Edna Tyson, Ellen Scott, Dr. Sheila Henderson, Bob Delany, Josephine Choat, Fred Handforth, Vince Walters. 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.

KEY DATES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- 03 – National Day of Prayer for Children
- 06 – Ash Wednesday
- 10 – First Sunday of Lent
- 16 – Anointing mass
- 17 - Parish-School Family mass
- 18 – St. Patrick Day
- 19 – St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 31 – Jnr Youth and Children's mass

OPEN DAY/EVENING:

SACRED HEART COLLEGE - Tuesday 5 March 2019. The Principal's welcoming address is held in the Auditorium at 1pm.

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE, 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby - Thursday 7th March 2019. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm.

BARADENE COLLEGE - Thursday 7 March, 2019 – 6.30 p.m.

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

Mt Carmel School, Meadowbank – Enrolling now for 2020 Excellent Resources . Professional, Experienced Staff . Quality Education Next School Tour – Wednesday 3rd April, 1.15pm Contact us to request an Enrolment Pack, [enrolments@ mtcarmel. school.nz](mailto:enrolments@mtcarmel.school.nz) |(09) 521 5161

Caring for our coastline - Onehunga Beach Clean-up 9am-12noon Saturday 9 March Taumanu Reserve Seacliff Rd Onehunga. You will need to register beforehand at <http://sustainablecoastlines.org/events/>