

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.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT 6/7 APRIL 2019

EUTHANASIA WOULD UNDERMINE WHANAU VALUES

Life and death are not individual events. There are very few people who are on the Earth by themselves. We exist as part of our families, our whānau and our communities. For many Māori, death is a process the whole whānau goes through together because the whānau is farewelling a part of itself.

It's a really important time in all of our lives when we are farewelling somebody we love and care for. It is the responsibility of all of us to be at one with one another.

The End of Life Choice Bill would invade this sacred space. The bill would allow a person to request a euthanasia death without talking to their family, and a person could be killed without the family knowing. In treating the dying person only as an individual and not as a whānau member, the bill misunderstands what it means to live and to die.

About three years ago my husband George had a heart attack and a stroke. He was in intensive care, and a doctor said to me that she would hope I wouldn't expect them to resuscitate him. And I thought, "Wow." So I said to her, "I don't think I would expect you to do anything for my husband. In fact, as soon as he is well enough, we will go home, and we will decide what treatment he will receive."

So we took George home, and right through that first year, we're being told he could go at any time. But, you know, he's still alive. We all care for him. A grandson gave his job up in Wellington and came to Whanganui to help me look after his grandfather.

How do we have a system that doesn't cover necessary medications? I wouldn't want anyone choosing a euthanasia death simply because they can't afford treatment.

I would say to MPs, the End of Life Choice Bill is not something you should be voting for. MPs are there to run the country, not to make such significant decisions about life and death. They're there to run our country and I can't see how euthanasia contributes to the overall well-being of whānau and communities.

Death is not a parliamentary matter, it is a family matter. We exist in families, and we should be cared for to the end in our families. But it should not pass a law that undercuts our families and whānau and makes death an option for those with limited resources and insufficient support.

• Dame Tariana Turia (Ngāti Apa, Ngā Rauru, Tūwharetoa) is a former Minister for Disability Issues, Associate Minister for Health, and Minister responsible for Whānau Ora.

	6 th April 5 th Sunday of Lent Saturday	7 th April 5 th Sunday of Lent Sunday	13 th April Palm Sunday Saturday	14 th April Palm Sunday Sunday
Commentator	Eugene Miranda	Filipino Community	John Szczepanski	Darryl Batchem
1 st Reader	Sabrina Freitas	Filipino Community	Bernard Liddington	Dean Wearmouth
2 nd Reader	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	Tilla Miranda	Kirstie Wearmouth
Offertory	Edward family	Filipino Community	Bennett family	Stowers family
Collectors	Theresa Bennett Janet Liddington	Margaret Burke Lotofusi Tuisaemo	George Tooman John Bennett	Margaret Burke Valerian Luis
Communion Ministers	John Bennett Jacinta Chow Janet Liddington	Charmaine D'lima Russel D'lima Heather Kelly	Theresa Bennett George Tooman Sabrina Freitas	Andy Tibbitts Leonila Teodoro Lorna Stowers
Servers	Josh Bennett Chris Yuen	Aaron D'lima Rachelann D'lima	James Hill Matthew Hill	Zhen Ng Kilian Casey
Musicians	Emmanuel group	Tupo Tunupopo	Lara Miranda	Hannah and Martin
Data	Brendan Liddington	Lynda Tunupopo	Collin Edward	Ng family
Projector				
Children's Lit		As arranged		As arranged
Counters		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts		Margaret Burke Andy Tibbitts
Cleaning	Volunteer needed		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.

This Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Psalms-125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL – PLEASE SIGN PETITION TODAY!

The Euthanasia bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its Second Reading and Vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting www.carealliance.org.nz or www.defendnz.co.nz

Some MPs are saying they will vote according to what their people tell them. We need every one of you who is of, or near, voting age to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill by signing a petition. There will be opportunities to do this at Masses in the parish the weekends of 6-7 April and 13-14 April.

NZ CATHOLIC - \$4. The Apr. 7– 20 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: New Apostolic Nuncio for NZ. Grief at sudden death of principal. Students speak out for planet earth. Pontifical Academy urges parents to vaccinate children.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Practice should be sustained by prayer, and prayer by practice - (Moralia by Pope St Gregory the Great)

DATES TO REMEMBER

14 April – Palm Sunday

18 April – Holy Thursday

19 April – Good Friday

20 April – Easter Saturday Vigil

21 April – Easter Sunday

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday: 7 pm- The Lord's Supper
9 pm- Syro-Malabar Comm
11pm-12 mn – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/ the Syro Malabar community

Good Friday: 9am – Syro Malabar Community
1:30 pm – Parish Station of the Cross
3 pm – The Passion of the Lord.

Saturday Vigil: 7 pm

Easter Sunday : 9 am

Easter Monday: 9 am

CAR PARKING – As we do not have access to overflow carparking in the turf courts anymore. we encourage the able bodied to park on the surrounding streets or behind the presbytery in dry weather. Please do so thoughtfully, as we do not want to ruin our beautiful lawn. Please leave the access beside the presbytery clear.

USHERS REQUIRED - Often the pews closer to the altar are half empty - are YOU willing and able to act as an usher during Mass? This is to encourage parishioners to fill the church, rather than standing in the porch. Please email blueholmekinsella@gmail.com if you can help.

HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND

EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL -We are needing people who are currently rostered as Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, Commentators who are available for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday to contact - Theresa Stowers email: theresa_stowers@hotmail.com. We are also needing Altar Servers and Laptop operators for Good Friday and Easter Saturday vigil. Please contact Theresa if you are available at the above email.

Jesus 4 Real Senior Camp, Paraparaumu

Tue 23rd - Sat 27th April, 2019 (for years 11 to 13). To find out more, please call Martin 021663812 or to register go to iesus4real.org.nz

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



THANK YOU to everyone who came and join us to the Movie Night especially to Flo and Neti Foliaki, Martin Ng and family, Anne and Leonard Casey, Teenz and Bryce, Judy and family, Tupo Tunupopo, the car parking ushers Andy Tibbitts and team and to Fr. Joy and Fr. Thomas for the support. Thank you Thomas and Mary of Dominos Pizza Mt Wellington for the awesome pizza and garlic bread. Thank you everyone for your support. – Lynda Tunupopo (PPC Chair)

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

The Catholic Caring foundation Grants- Is now accepting applications for grants 2019. For an application form and more information, please visit our website: www.carinofoundation.org.nz

Please pray for those who are sick especially Allan Turnock, Rowena Edgeworth, , Karen Mai, Mario De Silva, June Newbury 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: Leopino Foliaki, Victorino Teodoro, Anne Nazareth, Terrens Patrick McMullen, Margaret Tooman, Margaret O'Donnell, Thomas Donaghy, Walter Voordouw, Jane Aisher, Dennis Mc Kenna, Jack Forsman, Fr. Joe Shepherd, Leo Foliaki, Richard O'Donnell, John Hitchen, Esther Tooman, Nicholas Sokolich, Charles Stoneham, Mona Hallam, Fr. Andrew Faith, John Ben, Cecil Lynch, Dave O'Carroll, Philip Gould, Graham family, Catherine Morris, Gertrude Sullivan, Paul Dobbs, William Bain, Violet Highman, Dennis Holland, George Clarke, Hughie Duggan, Verle Page, Monica Jones **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.**

Station of
the Cross
Every Friday of Lent
At 7:00 pm



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 25-26

May at St Francis Retreat Centre, Mt Roskil
BOOK NOW! – Phone 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

Palm Sunday Candlelight Vigil for the

Unborn. Sunday 14 April @ 7pm. 283 Dominion Road, Mt Eden (meet on opposite Family Life International.

JOB VACANCY-The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart are looking for a part time qualified Archivist to work at the Mary MacKillop Centre Archive Office in Mission Bay. Please send a CV to Sr Jill McLoughlin jill.mcloughlin@sosj.org.au by April 12 if you are interested in applying for this position and a job description will be sent out to you.

Beginning Experience Weekend: In Auckland, Fri evening 14 June-Sunday afternoon 16 June 2019. A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of separation, divorce or widowhood. For further information contact Carol (021) 169 0222 or Bev (09) 298 9943 or www.beginningexperience.org.nz.

Stabat Mater Choral Reflections for Good

Friday – 19 April 7:30 pm Cathedral of St. Patrick and St. Joseph 43 Wyndham St. Auckland. Free entry. See noticeboard.

**Last Sunday's collection: \$1,097.10
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