

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 Easter

18/19 MAY 2019

WHAT LOVE DOES

Writing about his experience in Auschwitz, Elie Wiesel said that the Germans told them that if they wanted to survive, they should forget relatives and friends, think only of themselves, and tend only to their own needs. That is what they kept telling them day and night.

But Wiesel says that what happened was the opposite. Those who lived only for themselves, had less chance of surviving, while those who lived for a parent, a brother, a friend, an ideal, had a better chance of getting out alive. In other words, it was through what they gave that they survived.

Selfishness confines us and keeps us shut in. It erects barriers between us and others. On the other hand, every deep and serious affection for others frees us from this captivity. Being friends, being brothers and sisters- that is what opens the prison. Love frees us from the prison of selfishness.

Love always demands the best of us and brings out the best in us. Being loved by others gives one a surprising courage and energy. So, also does loving others. They say: love and the energy will be given to you. Where there is great love, there are always miracles. 'Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit, and supplies passions to our lives. It is our connection to God and to one another' (Elizabeth-Ross).

A doctor who has been privileged to share the most profound moments of people's lives, says that people facing death don't think about what degrees they have earned, or what positions they have held, or how much wealth they have accumulated. At the end, what really matters is who you loved and who loved you.

Those who opt for love open themselves to the possibilities of a greater happiness than they have every known. Love is well being. Love makes us fruitful. To refuse to love is to begin to die. To begin to love is to begin to live. While faith makes all things possible, love makes all things easy. Love heals everyone – both those who receive it and those who give it.

It has been said that if you do a good deed, but have an ulterior motive, it would be better not to do it at all. The only exception is charity. Even though it is not as good as doing it with a pure motive, it is still a good deed, and benefits the other person, no matter what your motive.

	18th May Saturday 5th Sunday of Easter	19th May Sunday 5th Sunday of Easter	25th May Saturday 6th Sunday of Easter	26th May Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter
Commentator	Mercy Edward	Samoan Community	Collin Edward	Julia Leary
1 st Reader	Sabrina Freitas	Samoan Community	Eugene Miranda	Albert Wolfgramm
2 nd Reader	Janet Liddington	Samoan Community	Evelyn Leech	Margaret Burke
Offertory	Bennett family	Heather and Fran	Edward family	Tibbitts family
Collectors	Volunteer needed Janet Liddington	Valerian Luis Lotofusi Tuisaemo	Theresa Bennett John Bennett	Valerian Luis Lotofusi Tuisaemo
Communion Ministers	Bernard Liddington George Tooman Theresa Bennett	Andy Tibbitts Albert Wolfgramm Lorna Stowers	John Bennett Jacinta Chow Sabrina Freitas	Charmaine D'lima Russel D'lima Leonila Teodoro
Servers	Collin Edward Volunteer needed	Isabel MacMenigall Juyuan Chen	Joshua Fernandez Matthew Hill	Kilian Casey Aaron D'lima
Musicians	Chow family	Tupo Tunupopo	No musician	Tongan Community
Data Projector	Chow family	Samoan Community	Collin Edward	Tongan Community
Children's Lit		As arranged		As arranged
Counters		Andy Tibbitts		Andy Tibbitts
Cleaning	Tongan Community		Vietnamese Community	
Flowers	Tongan Community		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:

Apostles 14:21-27
They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.
Psalm 144:8-13
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
Apocalypse 21:1-5
He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.
John 13:31-35
I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

To all the Children receiving the Holy Sacrament on Sunday 19 May 2019

"As you Celebrate your First Holy Communion today
Remember that God's Love will always be there to Comfort You,
Guide You and Bless You"
Blessings from Fr Joy, Fr Thomas & The Parish

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

Pledge Giving Tax Certificate is available now at the church foyer. For queries, please email Margaret-icparishellersie@gmail.com.

FOODBANK 25/26 May - please bring a non perishable item for our foodbank basket. Thank you very much.

Last Sunday's collection: \$1,206.60

Thank you for your kind generosity

To donate by automatic payment: Ellerslie parish Account - 02-0100-0120958-020

DATES TO REMEMBER

19 May – Confirmation and First Holy Communion at 1 pm
03 June – Queen's bday mass at 9am
29 June – 1-3 pm Working Bee
06 July – Potluck dinner
25 August – Parish Food Festival
01 September – Parish AGM

Happy Birthday

to all **MAY**

Birthday

Celebrants



Protect vulnerable people: Say no to the

euthanasia Bill - If you haven't already signed your name to the petition rejecting David Seymour's Euthanasia Bill, we ask that you consider visiting this link and providing your details to oppose this <https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/protect-vulnerable-people-say-no-to-the-euthanasia-bill.html>. The euthanasia Bill is fundamentally flawed and dangerous. There are no effective safeguards that can adequately protect vulnerable people from coercion and wrongful deaths. If more than one person in your household would like to sign the petition this is allowed, but each person needs to use a different device (PC, Mac, tablet, phone, etc).

"Matt Fradd (a well-known international Catholic speaker) will be giving a talk titled '**Porn: 7 myths exposed**' at the Holy Family parish in Te Atatu on Wednesday the 29th of May at 7pm. He has a great message to share and anyone is welcome to come along, no donation necessary."

Catholic Caring Foundation - Please take home a copy of the Caring Foundation's autumn newsletter and find out how your gift is supporting families and communities in need throughout the diocese. Want to make a difference to our community? Then please consider gifting to the foundation. www.caringfoundation.org.nz.

Choral Mass in Celebration - 25 May at 6 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph – Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (the old Farmers car park \$4) and Durham Lane (\$2).

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



New Zealand Catholic Medical Association

- Inaugural Meeting Sat: 25 May 10am -3pm
St Michael's School Hall, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, Auckland - Cost \$25 per person.
Mass presider Bishop Patrick Dunn. An opportunity for doctors and others involved in healthcare to find pastoral care, support, encouragement and faith development.
Registration by 20 May.
info@newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz.

Week of prayer for Christian unity – a diocesan-wide ecumenical service, 5 pm Sunday, 16th June at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

We would like to extend our **CONDOLENCES** to the Misi family at the passing of Stephen Arthur on 8 May 2019. Much loved father of Samson, Leon, and Elena. Cherished son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend to all with a heart of gold. Will be truly missed by all who knew him. A celebration of Stephen's life will be held in our parish on Monday, 20th May at 10 am.

Please pray for those who are sick especially Allan Turnock, Stanislav Szczepanski, Rowena Edgeworth, Karen Mai, Mario De Silva, June Newbury, Paul Addison, Planner Cordero 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: *Conrado Protacio Duran, Stephen Misi, Robert Valentin, Ignacio Ulep, Albert Turnock, Captain G. Sherlock and crew, Merv Hannan, Ronnie Marquez, Patrick Geraghty, Henrietta Johnson, Vincent Hickey, Jean Schade, Eric Neeley, Helen Beasley, John Holland, Annie Parsons, Bernard McDonald, Rev. Fr. Joseph Duffy, Michael Angland, theo Hogan, Catherine Hogan, Fr. Edward Burke, Antonio Saguinsin, Moises Pimentel, Peggy Brown, Elsie Gavin, Neil McInness, Catherine Keane, Eysibio Saguinsin, Gaele Alaimoana, Walter Percy Hall, Gazaleolo Lauofo, James Irwin, Margaret Xavier, Marnie Inwood, Elaine Hegan, Wally Brown, Irene Mayall, William Sullivan, Lillian Keeper, Edmund Bernard McMullen, Catherine Cavanagh, Jim Hay. **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.***

NZ CATHOLIC - \$4. The May 19 – June 1 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Vatican Observatory director delights NZ audiences. NZ help for Aust church governance review. Chch churches gift \$150K+ to Muslim communities. Jean Vanier opened lives to meaning and joy.

Pope Francis' "Prayer for the Earth"

preparing for World Environment Day 2019: All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen
Let us celebrate nature: Take the time to marvel at her beauty. Visit a local park, beach or volcanic cone - try a new path or cycle way or just rejoice over nature for her beauty and for all she provides us with. Let us consider what we can do practically to live a sustainable lifestyle and in this way protect Earth: Please check out our "23 green tips" here:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>

Be empowered by the Holy Spirit. **Weekend Life in the Spirit Seminar.** All welcome. No cost. St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mairangi Bay. May 25th, 9am - 3.30pm and May 26th, 11am - 4pm. For more information <http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz/> or Deidre 02102251103