

# 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:**

Saturday 8.45am  
 Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 Saturday 9.20am

**Divine Mercy** prayer: Friday 8.30am

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.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

**PLACES OF HONOUR**

*Once the mayor of a town invited all people of the town to a banquet. Among those who showed up was a man of great distinction by the name of Daniel. Daniel was a great scholar and a wise man. Yet he was very humble and shied away from honours. When he arrived the mayor naturally invited him to sit at the top table. Daniel thanked him but said he would prefer to sit among the poor at the table nearest the door. And that he did. When other distinguished guests arrived, the mayor invited them to sit wherever they liked. Normally, they chose to sit at the top of the table. The banquet hall filled up, and eventually the only place left was one at the bottom table. Then at the last minute this distinguished man arrived. The mayor had no option but to take him to the vacant seat. 'But this is the bottom table,' the man protested. 'No, this is the top table,' the mayor replied. 'I don't understand,' the man said. 'Wherever Daniel sits is the top table,' the mayor answered. The moral of the story; it's not the place that honours the guest; it's the guest that honours the place. We don't know in what place Jesus sat during that meal in the Pharisee's house, but wherever it was, that was the place of honour.*

**This Sunday's Readings:**

**Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29**  
*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*  
**Psalm 67:4-7,10-11**  
*God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.*  
**Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24**  
*You have come to Mt. Zion and to the city of the living God.*  
**Luke 14:1,7-14**  
*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted*

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

**Wisdom 9:13-18**  
*Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?*  
**Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14,17**  
*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*  
**Philemon 9:10, 12-17**  
*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*  
**Luke 14:25-33**  
*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

08 September – Mother Mary's birthday  
 14 September – Anointing mass  
 - AED training at 11am.  
 29 September – Junior Youth & Children's Mass

	31 <sup>st</sup> August Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 <sup>st</sup> September Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 <sup>th</sup> September Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 <sup>th</sup> September Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commentator	Theresa Bennett	Filipino Community	Irene Lagocki	Russel D'lima
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Sabrina Freitas	Filipino Community	Mercy Edward	Andy Tibbitts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Janet Liddington	Filipino Community	Collin Edward	Charmaine D'lima
Offertory	Edward family	Filipino Community	Domilies family	Stowers family
Collectors	John Bennett Janet Liddington	Margaret Burke Lotofusi Tuisaemo	Theresa Bennett George Tooman	Valerian Luis Lotofusi Tuisaemo
Communion Ministers	George Tooman Bernard Liddington John Bennett	Leonila Teodoro Russel D'lima Charmaine D'lima	Theresa Bennett Jacinta Chow Sabrina Freitas	Albert Wolfgramm Mary Pudota Lorna Stowers
Servers	Josh Bennett Chris Yuen	Aaron and Rachelann D'lima	James and Matthew Hill	Zhen Ng Killian Casey
Musicians	No musician	Tupo Tunupopo	Emmanuel Group	Hannah & Martin
Data Projector	--	Lynda Tunupopo	Brendan Liddington	Ng family
Children's Lit		As arranged		As arranged
Counters		Andy Tibbitts Margaret Burke		Andy Tibbitts Margaret Burke
Cleaning	St. Mary's School parents' volunteers		Vietnamese Community	
Flowers	Filipino Choir		Vietnamese Community	
Church Linen				

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. George or to the parish office after filling them up.*

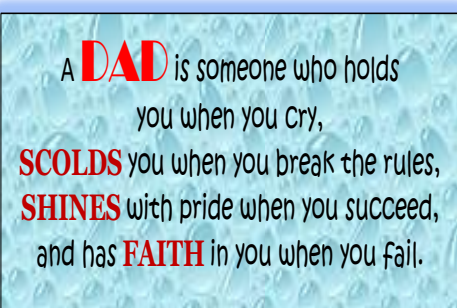
**Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic Faith – Sacramental programme**

Our Parish will be commencing in October our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCI) Sacramental programme, for adults, families and teenagers would like to know about the Roman Catholic faith and becoming a Catholic. The RCI Sacramental programme is also for children aged 7 years and over who have a Catholic parent, parents or guardian who have not been baptised. Please email Theresa Stowers – [theresa\\_stowers@hotmail.com](mailto:theresa_stowers@hotmail.com), if you want to find out about the 'Rite of Christian Initiation' Sacramental programme for families, adults, teenagers and children.

**St. Mary's New Principal** – The parish would like to congratulate and welcome Sue Kubala who has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as the new Principal of St Mary's. You can read more about Sue at <https://school.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d52979b94064870d68ce0d815&id=ff6eb57c5f&e=0cec327b52> Sue will be visiting the School in the coming weeks before she officially starts at the beginning of Term 4.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lynda Tunupopo and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and the Liturgy Committee in making our Parish Festival a success. THANK YOU to all community members for the great food and to all parishioners for your participation. God bless everyone. – Fr. George, Parish Priest

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE AMAZING DADS**



**NZ CATHOLIC** - \$4. The Aug. 25 – Sept. 7 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Revitalising parishes Monday to Saturday. Fr Martin Wu ordained in Auckland. Bishop Stuart O'Connell was approachable and encouraging. Soup for southern souls – and bodies.

**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).

**Father's Day Morning Tea** – Sunday, September 1 after the 9am mass. – Hosted by the Marian mothers

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



**Event: "Eucharistic Adoration for Life" –** Exposition starting with Divine Mercy Chaplet to pray for the overturning of the Abortion Legislation bill and for New Zealand. Date: 8 September (Sunday) – the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Time: 3pm onwards

**Winter Seminar :** Wednesday 11 September THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT led by Justin Taylor SM7.30-9.30pm in the St Michael's Parish Centre (beneath the church), 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera. Parking available. See more information on our website [www.remueracatholic.org.nz](http://www.remueracatholic.org.nz)

**Last Sunday's collection: \$1,283.50**  
Thank you for your kind generosity  
To donate by automatic payment: Ellerslie parish Account - 02-0100-0120958-020

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

*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*

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 6th September 7:00pm St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.

**The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph** is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. The Cathedral strives to serve all peoples and be a 'House of God, Icon of Christ, Place of Prayer and Oasis of Peace' in Auckland's busy city centre. Maintaining the Cathedral in pristine condition requires ongoing care, attention and considerable funding. Each year, close to \$100,000 needs to be found to keep up with the long-term maintenance of the church, over and above the day-to-day maintenance costs. Donations can be by direct credit can be made to St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05 with contact details emailed to [frances@stpatericks.org.nz](mailto:frances@stpatericks.org.nz) for a tax receipt.

**Please pray for those who are sick especially Allan Turnock, Stanislav Szczepanski, Rowena Edgeworth, Ian Scott, Henrica Bruynel, Hazel Catabas, Graham Sun 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:** *Veronica Catherine Theuerzeit, Marie Patricia (Patsy) Tonks, Sr. Marie Benoit Pham, Elizabeth Garvey, Gordon Cawdron, Cheryl Rainsford, Ken McRae, Rita Williams, Jacques Hoebergs, Gwendoline Ethel Shenavan, Noeline Bennett, Jullia Downie, Gera Lovrich, Violet Wetzell, Desmond Owen Robertson, Herbert Terry, Marjory Ambridge, Cyril Malton, Mother Theresa, Benedict Stephan Remiger, Jerry Fitzgerald, Agnes Kimplay, Yvonne Soulthon, Agness McMillan, Bishop Edward Guines, Mary Bethmer, Hilary Halpin, Evelyn Sait, Austin Bolton, Alice McBride, Jack Tooman.*

**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.**

**SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED NEW ABORTION BILL**

Recently the Government has introduced a new and very liberal abortion bill into Parliament which would provide abortion fully on demand up to 20 weeks of pregnancy and then much easier abortion right up to the time of birth. Submissions have been invited from concerned New Zealanders up to the closing date of Thursday 19 September. Please support our parish's drive to collect as many short submissions as possible with the help of easy-to-use resources during this week and next week's Saturday/Sunday masses. More background information on the proposed law can be obtained on Family First's campaign website, 'Love them Both': <https://www.chooselife.org.nz/lovetheboth/> If you have any questions or are able to help our team leading this at our church, please contact Martin Ng 021663812 or the church office. To assist with any difficulties during or after pregnancy, please be aware of the support offered at no cost by Pregnancy Counselling Services who can be contacted through their website, or by calling 0800 030 985 or by texting 021 289 8727.

Pope Francis encourages us to participate in the "**Season of Creation**" through prayer and action: Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation for Catholics, encouraging the Catholic community to pray for our common home. It is also the beginning of the "Season of Creation", an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. It runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi.