

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

Confession/Reconciliation:
Saturday 9.35am or by appointment

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2019

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. On that road, people were joining him. Now Jesus knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey. But it seems that some of these would-be followers regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah.

Jesus dispelled any romantic view they might have of discipleship. He told them in no uncertain terms that it wouldn't be easy. So, they could not complain later on, 'Oh, we never thought it was going to be like this.' He said that no one could come after without 'hating his father, mother, wife, children'. He didn't literally mean hating one's father and mother. The word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready, if needs be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between him and their close relatives.

Then, in two short parables, he pointed out that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any other sphere of life, one should not walk into it blindly. One should calculate the cost before committing to it and see if one has what it takes.

Finally, he said, 'No one can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' He doesn't mean that a disciple must be destitute. The life of the poor, with its hardship and suffering, is not set forth in the Gospel as an ideal for the Christian disciple. But neither is the desire for possessions and the accumulation of wealth.

Jesus had one great goal in life, namely, to carry out the task his Father had given him. That's what he lived for. And he was willing to pay whatever price was demanded in order to fulfill that task. And he expected nothing less from his disciples.

The goal Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile-the goal of an authentic way of life here and eternal life hereafter. There is no higher goal than that. That doesn't mean it is easy. No one can be a disciple without carrying the cross. But Jesus knows our frailty. He lavishes his grace on those who strive sincerely to follow him.

We can draw encouragement from the example of the apostles. The Gospels show that they struggled at every point to follow Jesus. Yet he did not write them off. By looking at them, we discover our own inadequacies. The Gospel offers hope to Christians who fail. Repentance and a second chance are always possible. Jesus is generous with his grace to those who strive to answer his call.

	7 th September Saturday 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 th September Sunday 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 th September Saturday 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 th September Sunday 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commentator	Irene Lagocki	Russel D'lima	George Tooman	Mary Pudota
1 st Reader	Mercy Edward	Andy Tibbitts	Deepak Jesudas	Julia Leary
2 nd Reader	Collin Edward	Charmaine D'lima	John Szczepanski	Margaret Burke
Offertory	Bennett family	Stowers family	Miranda family	Fran and Heather
Collectors	Theresa Bennett George Tooman	Valerian Luis Lotofusi Tuisaemo	Janet Liddington John Bennett	Margaret Burke Valerian Luis
Communion Ministers	Theresa Bennett Jacinta Chow Sabrina Freitas	Albert Wolfgramm Mary Pudota Lorna Stowers	Janet Liddington Bernard Liddington John Bennett	Leonila Teodoro Andy Tibbitts Heather Kelly
Servers	James and Matthew Hill	Zhen Ng Killian Casey	Colin Edward Joshua Fernandez	Thomas Mallavarapu Thomas Turnock
Musicians	Emmanuel Group	Hannah & Martin	No musician	Samoan Community
Data Projector	Brendan Liddington	Ng family	---	Samoan Community
Children's Lit		As arranged		As arranged
Counters		Andy Tibbitts Margaret Burke		Andy Tibbitts Margaret Burke
Cleaning	Vietnamese Community		Tongan Community	
Flowers	Vietnamese Community		Tongan Community	
Church Linen				

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. George or to 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:

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

Psalms 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

In evert 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.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus: 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalms 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

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, if you want to find out about the 'Rite of Christian Initiation' Sacramental programme for families, adults, teenagers and children

Holy Cross Seminary

invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at 5.00 pm on Monday, 16 September. Principal celebrant will be Bishop Denis Browne.

Winter Seminar: Wed, 11 September, 7.30-9.30pm 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

08 September – Mother Mary's birthday

14 September – Anointing mass at 9am
- AED training at 11am.

29 September – Junior Youth & Children's Mass

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



We are in the "Season of Creation", an ecumenical initiative 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. Copies of the pamphlet "23 green tips – small steps towards a sustainable life" from the Justice and Peace Commission are available now in the parish and also online at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>. Simple practical ways to make a difference.

Pilgrimage for Life In response to the proposed abortion law legislation, Family Life International, a Pro-Life organisation based has quickly organised a nation-wide Pilgrimage for Life. The pilgrimage started in Cape Reinga and Bluff moving from parish to parish, until they eventually meet on Wednesday, 18th September at St. Francis de Sales Island Bay Wellington, for a final 7 pm Mass. This is one day before submissions close. The pilgrimage began last Sunday. To find out more including how you can participate, see the <https://fli.org.nz/pilgrimage-for-life/>

Food Festival Collection \$2,701.50

Last Sunday's collection: \$1,221.40

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

Teach us that we may gain
Wisdom of Heart
- Psalm 90



How unsure are you of your plans?
Do you count the Costs before building a Tower?
What would you let go today?



WE OFTEN NEED GREAT WISDOM TO KNOW HOW TO ACT
- TRUST IN GOD WHO KNOWS MORE THAN WE DO -

NZ CATHOLIC - \$4. The Sept. 8 – 21 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Fr Matthew Gibson ordained in Hamilton. NZ co-hosts safeguarding conference in Rome. Bishops urge parishioners to stand for life. Visiting Deaf priest stresses need for sign language training.

Central Auckland Grief Support next meeting is planned on Saturday 21 September 2 pm in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 625-8378.

Choral Mass for the Exaltation of the Cross - Saturday 14 September at 7.30 pm. We celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross with a Choral Mass with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes, the Assistant Director of Music. Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks at Hobson Street (\$4) or Durham Lane (\$2). Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

Please pray for those who are sick especially Allan Turnock, Stanislav Szczepanski, Rowena Edgeworth, Ian Scott, Henrica Bruynel, Hazel Catabas, 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: *Graham Sun, Mark, Jean Mallette, Bede Mahoney, Leonard White, William August Wolfgramm, Sheila Holland, Katarina Panoff, Maurangi Pore, Mary Spick, Les Beveridge, Rita Moore, James Patterson, Ray Quirke, Ethel Clarke, Julia Mundy, Rita Cain, Anna Godinovich, O'Sullivan, Anthony Mellawa, Rose Matthews, Charles Barron, Laila OMeegan, Michael Domilies, William Smith, Eliza McSweeney, Joan Barr, Mick Murray, Gloria Yelavich, Helen Goldstone, George Briant, Agnes Heighton, Clarence Parkinson, Martin Dwyer, Mavis McDonald, Maud Strong, Ruka Brown, Milton Walters, Eliza Enriquez, Iona Fleming, Myra McGaan. 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/lovethemboth/>. 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.

Reflection Day "TAIZE" – Friday, 13th September 2019 – 7.00pm to 8.00pm. A meditative, candlelit service which will include singing of chants, listening to the Word of God, intercessory prayer and ample time for a quiet prayer in an atmosphere of silence and peace. Facilitator: Jill McLoughlin rsj ; Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland. Light supper served at conclusion. Registrations to: Auckland.MMKCentre@sosj.org.au