

# PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

11 APRIL 2021

Celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday is a wonderful occasion for us to experience the superabundant mercy of God which is for all His people, especially for those cut off from His love through sin.

Jesus, because of His great love and mercy, became man and through His suffering, death and resurrection conquered sin and death for us and made us sharers in His victory.

Pope St. John Paul II, wrote a powerful encyclical on Divine Mercy entitled "Rich in Mercy" and has spoken on many occasions on this theme. He himself celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday in 1995, the year he gave official approval for the celebration of it in Poland. Later on, he named the Second Sunday of Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday at the canonization of Sr. Maria Faustina on 30 April 2000. John Paul II described Mercy Sunday thus: "In a special way, it is the Sunday of thanksgiving for all the goodness that God has shown us in the whole of Easter Mystery." The Holy Father not only spoke in his speeches and writings about the need to live mercy, but also has shown it in his own life when he forgave the man who tried to kill him, Mehmet Ali Agca. The Pope met him in his prison cell and held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the Pope's body. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. This is an example of God's divine mercy, the same divine mercy whose message St. Faustina witnessed, and we are called to experience and to help others also to experience.

The Lord revealed to St. Faustina about His mercy, especially the ocean of mercy which is available on this day for all, and particularly for poor sinners. She said, "On one occasion, I heard these words: 'my daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishments.'" (Diary of Maria Faustina, 699).

As we receive this mercy of Jesus, we, as disciples of Him, have also to show the same to others. We shall show the world the mercy of God through our own lives. For this we need to understand the depth and the height and the width of His mercy and accept it, and become God's beloved, enjoying His love and peace. Then we are able to show this mercy of God to our fellow human beings, especially those who have wronged us, by forgiving them from our hearts. May the celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy strengthen our faith in God's unfailing love and mercy and enable us to be proclaimers of this mercy and His forgiving love to everyone in the world by every means possible.

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.

### MASS TIMES

|                                   |         |
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| Saturday Vigil                    | 5.30pm  |
| Sunday                            | 9.00am  |
| Vietnamese (Sun)                  | 11.00am |
| Syro Malabar Com. (Sun)           | 2.00pm  |
|                                   | 5.00pm  |
| 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 9.25am

**Divine Mercy** prayer: Friday 8.30am

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#### Parish Office Hours:

**Tuesday – Wednesday 9:00am to 12:00 pm**  
**Thursday- Friday 8:00am to 12:00 pm**

#### Parish Pastoral Council Contacts:

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### ROSTER 2021

|                        | 10 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Saturday<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter | 11 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Sunday<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter | 17 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Saturday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April | 18 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Sunday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Commentator            | Mercy Edward                                                           | Sine Foulger                                                         | John Szczepansk                                                       | Andy Tibbitts                                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader | Theresa Bennett                                                        | Julia Leary                                                          | Betty Andrews                                                         | Leonard Casey                                                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader | Janet Liddington                                                       | Sebastian Tongauiha                                                  | Lara Miranda                                                          | Daryryl Batchem                                                     |
| Offertory              | No offertory                                                           | No offertory                                                         | No offertory                                                          | No offertory                                                        |
| Collectors             | Janet Liddington,<br>John Bennett                                      | Valerian Luis<br>Lotofusi Tuisaemo                                   | Theresa Bennett<br>Janet Liddington                                   | Lotofusi Tuisaemo<br>Valerian Luis                                  |
| Communion<br>Minister  | Jacinta Chow                                                           | Andy Tibbitts                                                        | John Bennett                                                          | Mary Pudota                                                         |
| Servers                | Harry, Matthew and<br>James Hill                                       | Kilian Casey<br>Zhen Ng                                              | Damien Budiono<br>Cyrus Jesudas                                       | Lalith Pudota<br>Andrew Kurukuntala                                 |
| Musicians              | D'lima family                                                          | Ng family                                                            | Chow family                                                           | Samoan Community                                                    |
| Data Projector         | D'lima family                                                          | Ng family                                                            | Chow family                                                           | Samoan Community                                                    |
| Children's Lit         |                                                                        | As arranged                                                          |                                                                       | As arranged                                                         |
| Counters               |                                                                        | Margaret and Andy                                                    |                                                                       | Margaret and Andy                                                   |
| Cleaning               | Vietnamese Community                                                   |                                                                      | Tongan Community                                                      |                                                                     |
| Flowers                | Vietnamese Community                                                   |                                                                      | Tongan Community                                                      |                                                                     |

### COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: \$ 3,100.60

Thank you for your kind generosity.

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

### PLEDGE GIVING ENVELOPES

for any queries, please email Margaret Burke at icpellerslie@gmail.com

### 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

11 April – Divine Mercy Sunday  
25 April – Anzac Day  
26 April – St. Mark, Evangelist  
30<sup>th</sup> May – Junior Youth and Children's Mass  
30<sup>th</sup> May – Confirmation and First Holy Communion at 1.00 pm

### This Sunday's Readings:

#### **Acts 4: 32-35**

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

#### **Psalm 117:2-4,15-18,22-24**

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

#### **1John 5:1-6**

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

#### **John 20:19-31**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

### Next Sunday's Readings:

#### **Acts 3:13-15**

*You killed the prince of life, God, however, raised him from the dead.*

#### **Psalm 4:2,4,7,9**

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

#### **1John 2:1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

#### **Luke 24:35-48**

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

**NZ CATHOLIC** –\$4. The April 4 - 17 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Samoan couple celebrate 60 years of married life. Bishop reflects on calling out evil. Pope says family ministry needs more than just repeating doctrine. Abortion facility safe area bill called an overreach.

**Mass for Divine Mercy** Sunday 11th April 7:00pm Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave. Mt Eden. Bring your images & artefacts to be blessed. All

**Celebration of the Divine Mercy devotion at St. Patrick's Pukekohe**, 133 Seddon St. Pukekohe, from 3pm - 4pm in the Church on Sunday 11th April.

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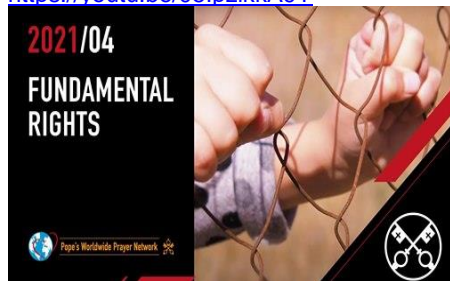


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### Pope's prayer intention for April: 'For fundamental human rights'

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of April 2021, and urges everyone to pray for those fighting to protect people's fundamental human rights in all parts of the world.

<https://youtu.be/05lpzikkA9Y>



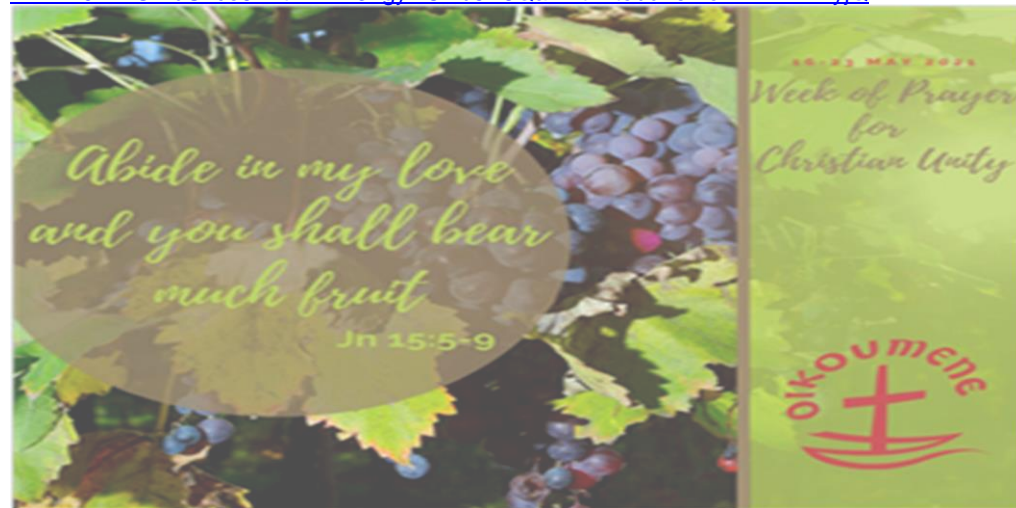
### Year of the family **19 March 26 June 2022**

Prayer to the Holy Family (To be recited in the families during the Year of the Family) Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen  
+ Pope Francis

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are now available online. The Week is celebrated in New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, so this year from 16 May to 23 May. You can get your resources from this link:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021-resources?fbclid=IwAR0mzIGmuUzce5KltEnXiP3LgyDCDb5B8Qamnt7LtoDbneMoFNzzMMEyJQ>



### Do you have a Passion/Interest that you could share with a small group of students from St Mary's Catholic School?

e.g. scrapbooking, cross-stitch, building, recycled creations, crochet, knitting etc etc the list is endless...  
Next term on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30-2.30pm for 5 weeks starting Wednesday 19 May until Wednesday 16 June; we are going to run 'Passion' projects for our Year 3-6 students. If you are free and keen to sign up for the five weeks on a Wednesday afternoon, please email [principal@stmary.school.nz](mailto:principal@stmary.school.nz) or contact the school office on (09) 579-8937

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



**Please pray for those who are sick especially** Margaret Burke, George Tooman, Eric Gimblett, Joan Luis, Liz Townshend, Alma Mar, Br. Peter Henderson, Lynda Tunupopo, Jennifer Fewtrell, Gary Chen, Allan Turnock, Stanislaw Szczepanski, Rowena Edgeworth, Mark 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:** Terrens Patrick McMullen, Chakkapan, Shirley Brown, Ana Valentin, Rayleigh Ethan Jabla, Richard O'Donnell, John Hitchen, Esther Tooman, Nicholas Sokalich, Charles Stoneham, Mona Hallam, Fr. Andrew Faith, John Bew, Cecil Lynch, Dave O'Carroll, Phillip Gould, Graham family, Catherine Morris, Gertrude Sullivan, Paul Dobbs, William Bain, Violet Highman, Dennis Holland, George Clarke, Hughie Duggan, Verle Page, Monica Jones, Wilfred Dowd, William Wellwood, Des Kennedy, Patrick Monaghan, Carolina Duggan, Tom Flynn, Jim Molley, Lionel White, Violet Mackie, Fr. Bill Ryan, Patrick Joseph Keir, Des Lee, Edward Prendergast, Hilda Jaggs, Patrick Williams, Shela Dew, Gwen Pask, Fr. Peter Battersby, Murray Moore, Lionel Silva, James Garneth **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.**