

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE



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MASS TIMES

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 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.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 APRIL 2021

The disciples were dumbfounded at the appearance of Jesus in their midst, and "their joy was so great they could not believe it". He took a very simple step to convince them he was not a ghost, asking them for something to eat and then eating it in front of them (which presumably a ghost would not do).

The normality of eating gave the disciples time to think and to let joy begin to overwhelm their other feelings. If this happened nowadays Jesus might have said "Could I have a cup of coffee please?" as a way of breaking through the terror, fright, disbelief and joy which were surging in the hearts and minds of the disciples.

In our lives the common cup of coffee or tea can often be a time to think, to assess, to regroup, to regain control, to re-establish a relationship, to deepen a friendship, to listen, or to offer advice. It can be the space in which we begin to process very good or very bad news, attend to hurt feelings, overcome feelings of revenge or anger, quietly celebrate an achievement. It can also be a moment of reflection or prayer.

The first words Jesus spoke to the disciples were very ordinary. Only when they were settled did he speak to them about bigger things, showing them how he had fulfilled the scriptures and

beginning to open their minds to their future as witnesses. Sometimes in our relationship with God and with others we need a "settling" action – for the disciples, the fish; for us, the coffee – before we proceed to bigger or more difficult things or we react to a situation. It is worth the time because it allows space for the Spirit.



This Sunday's Readings:

Acts 3:13-15

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

Psalms 4;2,4,7,9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

1 John 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.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

ROSTER 2021

	17 th April Saturday 3 rd Sunday of April	18 th April Sunday 3 rd Sunday of April	24 th April Saturday 4 th Sunday of April	25 th April Sunday 4 th Sunday of April
Commentator	John Szczepansk	Andy Tibbitts	Sabrina Freitas	Margaret Burke
1 st Reader	Betty Andrews	Leonard Casey	Eugene Miranda	Mary Pudota
2 nd Reader	Lara Miranda	Daryryl Batchem	Deepak Jesusdas	Sine Foulger
Offertory	No offertory	No offertory	No offertory	No offertory
Collectors	Theresa Bennett Janet Liddington	Lotofusi Tuisaemo Valerian Luis	Lourdes Domilies John Bennett	Margaret Burke Lotofusi Tuisaemo
Communion Minister	John Bennett	Mary Pudota	Bernard Liddington	Leonila Teodoro
Servers	Volunteer Cyrus Jesusdas	Lalith Pudota Andrew Kurukuntala	Christian Domilies Joshua Fernandez	Juyuan Chen Zara McMenigall
Musicians	Chow family	Martin Ng	Lara Miranda	Tongan Community
Data Projector	Chow family	volunteer	Volunteer	Tongan Community
Children's Lit		No children's liturgy		No children's liturgy
Counters		Margaret and Andy		Margaret and Andy
Cleaning	Tongan Community		Vietnamese Community	
Flowers	Tongan Community		Vietnamese Community	

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: \$ 1,197.10

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, 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:

25 April – Anzac Day
26 April – St. Mark, Evangelist
28 April – St. Peter Chanel
16 May – The Ascension of the Lord
23 May – Pentecost Day
30th May – Junior Youth and Children's Mass
30th May – Confirmation and First Holy Communion at 1.00 pm

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

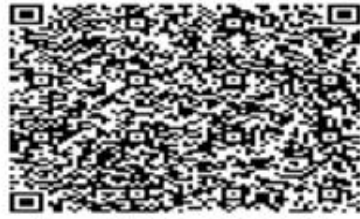
Prayer to the Holy Family (To be recited in the families during the Year of the Family)
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of 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

NZ CATHOLIC –\$4. NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The April 18 – May 1 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Plea for more prayers for vocations. Theological college to move to new Auckland campus. 500 years of Catholic faith in Philippines celebrated in Auckland and Wellington. Pope condolences on death of Prince Philip.

Sr. Bernadette – one of our long time active parishioner who has done a lot of contribution to our parish programmes and activities is moving to Tauranga. We wish her all the best and thank her for her dedicated service to our parish. All the best Sr. Bernadette. We certainly will miss you. God bless.

FOODBANK – 24/25 April Please bring a non-perishable item for our foodbank basket. Thank you very much.

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66 Main Highway, Ellerslie, Auckland

ANZAC DAY 25 April

Next Sunday is ANZAC DAY. If you served in the Military, please wear your medals or maybe the medals of a close loved one who served our country, "We will remember them".

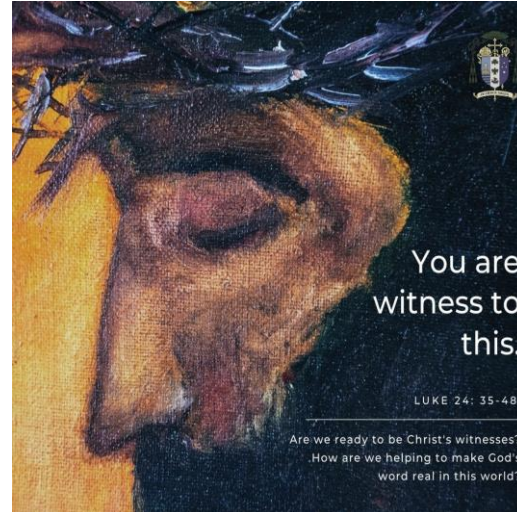


Bishops' Forums Bishops Pat and Michael invite you to join them at one of the 2021 Bishop Forums 5 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Joseph Takapuna, Church Hall | 8 May, 11.00 am St Therese, Morewa | 9 May, 11.30am St Francis Xavier Whangarei, Church Hall| 11 May, 7.30-9.30 pm Christ the King Owairaka, Church | 27 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Anne's Manurewa, Church Hall.

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism is hosting a public lecture on Ecumenism, celebrating 25th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II letter on "Ut Unum Sint (That They May All Be One)" by Dr Sarah Hart, theologian and lecturer at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College | Topic: Revisiting Ut Unum Sint after 25 years – a biblical perspective | Tuesday 27th April 2021 @7:00 PM | St Therese Catholic Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere | Light refreshments provided.

Sisters of Mercy Centenary Celebration
- Sunday 2 May 2021, at 104 The Drive, Epsom. For catering purposes, please register your interest to attend. on Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/>

Are we ready to be Christ's witnesses? How are we helping to make God's word real in this world?



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 or contact the school office on (09) 579-8937.

Life in the Spirit Seminar – Sat 8th May and Sun 9th May 2021 at the Christ the King parish hall. "For John Baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" – Acts 1:5

Please pray for those who are sick especially *George Tooman, Eric Gimblett, Joan Luis, Liz Townshend, Alma Mar, Br. Peter Henderson, Lynda Tunupopo, Jennifer Fewtrell, Gary Chen, Allan Turnock, Stanislav 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: *Bernie Allen, Rodolfo Laurente, Katherine Margaret Molcom, Frank Green, John Murphy, Ellen Longstaff, Eugene Lardner, Joseph Fogatia Antonia, Fred Mansor, Agnes Donaldson, Catherine Mooney, Marie Elliott, Bill Cheeseman, John Gavin, Mary Crookes, Catherine Wester, John Shearman, Mary Kenney, Ralph Johnson, Jessie Steven, Carl Temm, Father Terry Dibble, 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.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

The life of a person is measured not by the years but of the foot prints that he/she leaves in other people's lives, thoughts and hearts.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday
Fr. George
(April 20)
May God's love and peace be with you always. Thank you for everything you do to our parish.



Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to join us in an online study reflection looking at Climate Change. This online study is over two weeks beginning Tuesday 27 April 2021, starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm. This study will explore how climate change and degradation of the Earth impacts all our lives (as seen through the works of Mercy) and looks at choices and actions that can help us in this new reality. Please enrol by 20th April 2021 by emailing paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com. On enrolment, you will be sent the zoom link and reading for the first meeting."