

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE



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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (VOCATION SUNDAY)

25 APRIL 2021

This year the Fourth Sunday of Easter coincides with Anzac Day and Vocations Sunday. While this might on first thought seem to be an unhelpful clutter of important days perhaps the three work well together, each helping us to appreciate and celebrate the other.

Our annual celebration of Anzac Day is in the mind of the people our national sacred day, more so than the Christian feasts of Christmas and Easter which are marked primarily as secular holidays, and more sacred than Waitangi Day which emphasizes our cultural heritage and potential. Every year brings more people to Anzac Commemorations in which solemn unchanging ritual and dignified silence help us to give thanks for those who made ultimate sacrifices in the name of freedom, some as members of military institutions and many others as civilians.

Prince Philip served in the military and remained a patron and supporter of those who continue to work for freedom in these armed forces. It is significant that his full military funeral was celebrated in the broader context that is our Christian focus of these Easter weeks. Over the days since the Duke's death, media have emphasized his life as one lived in service of something greater, his setting aside his own preferences to take second place to his wife the queen. In our context we name this commitment to service of something greater Vocation.

Every reading, reflection and hymn of the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral service was focused not on his long and honourable military service, but "to commit into the hands of God the soul of his servant Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh... and that, with our brother Philip, at the last, we shall know the joys of life eternal."

This is the heart of our celebration of this Fourth Sunday of Easter. This focus reminds us of the meaning of Christian Vocation. While the common contemporary mentality might emphasize the right of each individual to do what they want whenever they choose, on Anzac Day we remember so many who made the decision to serve others rather than retreating into their own preferences.

Such choice is possible when we understand the heart of the Christian message which concludes today's gospel: "So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this."

Today we use the Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Easter emphasizing 'the brave shepherd who has gone before... leading us to a share in the joys of heaven.'

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

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
Sunday	9.00am
Vietnamese (Sun)	11.00am
Syro Malabar Com. (Sun)	2.00 pm
	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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ROSTER 2021

	24 th April Saturday 4 th Sunday of April	25 th April Sunday 4 th Sunday of April	1 st May Saturday 5 th Sunday of Easter	2 nd May Sunday 5 th Sunday of Easter
Commentator	Sabrina Freitas	Margaret Burke	Irene Lagocki	Filipino Community
1 st Reader	Eugene Miranda	Mary Pudota	Russel D'lima	Filipino Community
2 nd Reader	Deepak Jesudas	Sine Faulger	Charmaine D'lima	Filipino Community
Offertory	No offertory	No offertory	No offertory	No offertory
Collectors	Lourdes Domilies John Bennett	Margaret Burke Lotofusi Tuisaemo	Theresa Bennett Janet Liddington	Valerian Luis Lotofusi Tuisaemo
Communion Minister	Bernard Liddington	Leonila Teodoro	Theresa Bennett	Albert Wolfgramm
Servers	Christian Domilies Joshua Fernandez	Juyuan Chen Zara McMenigall	Rachelann and Aaron D'lima	Thomas Mallavarapu Lalith Pudota
Musicians	Lara Miranda	Tongan Community	Emmanuel Group	Tupo Tunupopo
Data Projector	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community	Brendan Liddington	Lynda Tunupopo
Children's Lit		No children's liturgy		No children's liturgy
Counters		Margaret and Andy		Margaret and Andy
Cleaning	Vietnamese Community		St. Mary's parents' volunteers	
Flowers	Vietnamese Community		Filipino choir	

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: \$ 1,383.00

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.

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Psalms 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

The stone rejected by the builders.

1John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 21:26-28, 30-32

1John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

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

NURSE WANTED: The Mission Sisters require a part-time Health Care Co-ordinator for their sisters in the Auckland area. This position is for 10 hours per week, supporting the health care needs of thirteen sisters. If you are interested, please contact Sister Margaret Monaghan for more information at 027 690 0188 or margaret.monaghan@rmdm.org.nz

St Mary's Board of Trustees is composed of the Principal, the Teacher's rep, 4 parent reps and 4 Proprietor's reps. Three of these Proprietor's reps are members of our parish: Fr George, Judy MacMengall and Bernie Liddington. The other, Si'ata Tagore is a member of St Bernadette's parish.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

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Immaculate Conception Parish
66 Main Highway, Ellerslie, Auckland

Morning Tea for our older parishioners

– Please join us for morning tea on Saturday 1st May in the parish hall after the 9 am mass. Tea, coffee and cake or biscuits will be provided. Bring a friend and make new ones as you mix and mingle. Please let us know if you or someone else needs transport to church on the day. The contact number is 027 725 7992.

ANZAC DAY 25 April

They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old, Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest we forget.



Ordination of Chani Thomas Park – You are all invited to the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Chani Thomas Park on 15th May 2021, 11:30 am, St. Patrick's Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers as he approaches this significant day.

Diocesan Job Vacancy |Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre. please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies to apply.

Do we experience God's love as a gift or something to be earned?



NZ CATHOLIC –\$4. 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Tuesday 25th May 2021 @7:30PM. You are all invited to attend and to participate in this years' Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will also be live streaming on SHINE TV and on the various Churches Social Media. Light refreshments will be provided.

This week's Kids Korner and Parent Ponderings.

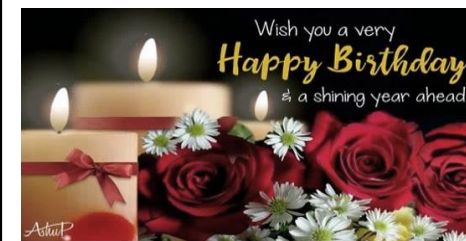
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Please pray for those who are sick especially *George Tooman, Eric Gimblett, Joan Luis, Alma Mar, Br. Peter Henderson, Lynda Tunupopo, Jennifer Fewtrell, Gary Chen, Allan Turnock, Stanislav Szczepanski, Rowena Edgeworth, Mark and all those recovering from surgery or needing our prayers.*

We remember those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Jovelyn Saqueban, John Zaremba, Noirin Murphy, Paul Deehan, Charles Pile, Eva Lynch, Nell Monaghan, Linda Harman, Catherine Hughes, Theresa Murphy, Bert Temm, Alice Long, Mary Hill, Ruby O'Grady, William Gould, Joyce Wellwood, Ron Jones, Fr. Lucion Armstrong, Fila Bercovich, Fr. Stephen Conboy, Tom O'Neill, Harry Spurr, Hilda Beckre, Catherine Wellwood*
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



Sisters of Mercy Centenary Celebration - Sunday 2 May 2021, at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

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 Tuesday 27th April 2021 @7:00 PM | St Therese Catholic Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere | Light refreshments provided.

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, Moerewa | 9 May, 11.30am St Francis Xavier Whangarei, Church Hall| 11 May, 7.30-9.30 pm Christ the King Owhiraka, Church | 27 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Anne's Manurewa, Church Hall.

Jubilee Bursary APPLICATIONS INVITED for Semester 2, 2021. For information and an application pack please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz. Ph:(09)360-3091 Applications close 10 June 2021.