

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) 2.00 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

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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

ROSTER 2021

	1 st May Saturday 5 th Sunday of Easter	2 nd May Sunday 5 th Sunday of Easter	8 th May Saturday 6 th Sunday of Easter	9 th May Sunday 6 th Sunday of Easter
Commentator	Irene Lagocki	Filipino Community	Janet Liddington	Albert Wolfgramm
1 st Reader	Russel D'lima	Filipino Community	Evelyn Leech	Leonila Teodoro
2 nd Reader	Charmaine D'lima	Filipino Community	Tilla Miranda	Andy Tibbitts
Offertory	Bennett family	Filipino Community	Edward Family	Stowers family
Collectors	Theresa Bennett Janet Liddington	Valerian Luis Lotofusi Tuisaemo	John Bennett Theresa Bennett	Margaret Burke Lotofusi Tuisaemo
Communion Minister	Theresa Bennett	Albert Wolfgramm	Jacinta Chow	Mary Pudota
Servers	Rachelann and Aaron D'lima	Thomas Mallavarapu Lalith Pudota	James Hill, Matthew Hill, Harry Hill	Kilian Casey Zhen Ng
Musicians	Emmanuel Group	Tupo Tunupopo	D'lima family	Ng family
Data Projector	Brendan Liddington	Lynda Tunupopo	D'lima family	Ng family
Children's Lit		No children's liturgy		As arranged
Counters		Margaret and Andy		Margaret and Andy
Cleaning	St. Mary's parents' volunteers		Vietnamese Community	
Flowers	Filipino chair		Vietnamese Community	

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: \$ 972.60

Thank you for your kind generosity.

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

PLEDGE GIVING ENVELOPES and END OF YEAR TAX RECEIPTS

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.

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.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

2 MAY 2021

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Jesus wrote no books. He left no buildings or monuments behind. He did something greater – he built a community. That was his monument.

'I am the vine and you are the branches.' This was the image he used to describe the community he had founded. It is a simple but profound illustration of unity, closeness, and interdependence.

The branches need the vine. That is obvious. Cut off from the vine and the branches wither and die. Just as the branches need the vine, so we need Christ. But the vine also needs the branches. It is the branches that produce the fruit. This means that Christ also needs us. We are his branches. He depends on us to produce fruit in the world. Vines need to be pruned every year if they are to bear fruit. If the courage to prune is lacking, only leaves will grow.

Jesus didn't ask us to be successful, only to be fruitful. In the Bible, the word success never appears. Instead, we have the word 'fruitful' and the phrase 'bearing fruit'. Success is a worldly term and comes from strength and control. Fruitfulness, on the other hand, often comes from weakness and vulnerability, and frequently goes unrecognized and unrewarded. A sick person may not be able to do anything but could still be a very fruitful member of the community.

However, the most important thing of all is love. This is what makes us fruitful. By this, all will know that we are living branches of the true Vine. By what exactly? By the bond that exists between us, and the care we show for one another.

Many today ask, 'Why should I go to church? Why can't I just worship God in my own way? Surely, religion is about my personal relationship with God? Yes, one can be a believer without the Church. And one can worship God in one's own way. But one will find that it is harder on one's own. Someone who joined the New York City Fire Department was asked what difference it made to his life and he replied: 'Yesterday, I had one brother; today, I have fifty.'

From the earliest times, following Jesus was never just a private, personal matter. Christians came together to profess their faith in Jesus Christ, to witness to his resurrection, and to live by his teachings. Belonging to a community together, and by a loving service of one another.

The profound reason for this is given to us by Christ himself, when he said, 'I am the vine, you are the branches.' The vine and its branches are one. We are Christ's witnesses. The witness of an individual is powerful. But the witness of a community is more powerful still. By this, all will know that we are living branches of the Vine – by the bond that exists between us and the care we show for one another.

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Psalms 21:26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

John 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

3 May – Saints Philip & James, apostles

9 May – Mother's Day

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

-The Most Holy Trinity

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Immaculate Conception Parish
42 Main Street, Ellerslie, Auckland

1. COME & SEE – SATURDAY, 8 MAY:

Thinking about Priesthood? Invitation to young men to join us for Mass and breakfast at St Patrick's Cathedral at 8.30 am. Free parking available. See Noticeboard for details and further dates this year.

2. PRAY FOR VOCATIONS – FRIDAY 7 MAY:

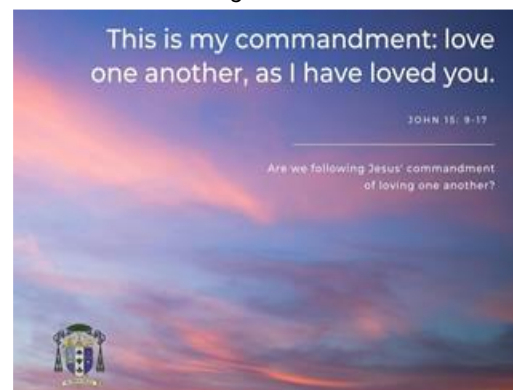
You are invited to join in praying for Vocations with Adoration and Benediction at St Benedict's Church, Newton, from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm. See Noticeboard for details.

BAPTISM COURSE- our next session is on Wednesday 5th of May, 7.00 pm till 8:30pm at 24 Peek St, Ellerslie. Bring a plate to share over a cuppa after. Feel free to bring kids. For RSVP and any questions, please call 0274717804. Regards- Len and Anne

Training and formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer.

This training is being offered by the Centre for Liturgy of the Auckland Diocese, in conjunction with the Catholic Theological College. It is to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word. It will take place over 5 Saturdays: May 22nd, June 5th, 12th 26th and July 3rd, 9.30 – 3.00pm each day (bring your lunch). The venue is the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby (except for June 12th). Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register email liturgy@cda.org.nz

Are we following Jesus' commandment of loving one another?



NZ CATHOLIC –\$4. NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The May 2-15 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Deacon ordained in Auckland. Catholic agencies state priorities for the Budget. Papal knighthood for former diocese general manager. PTSD – when memories won't go away.

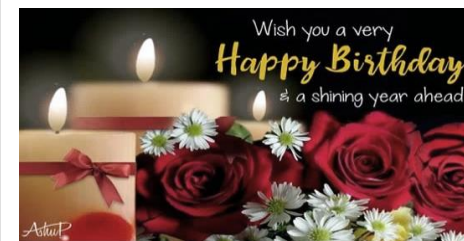
Jubilee Bursary APPLICATIONS INVITED for Semester 2, 2021. For information and an application pack please contact: Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz. Ph:(09)360-3091 Applications close 10 June 2021.

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

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: Herbert Geoffrey Pearman, John Zaremba, James Cain, Isabel Conway, Mary Holland, Pat Delaney, Nora Culhane, Olive Ganner, Margaret McCarthy, Emmet Sanders, Mons Pat Holland, Eileen Kearney, George Bird, Seymour Walsh, Myrtle Landers, Parehuia Barron, Paul Stowers, Brad McGann, Basil Underell, Thomas Blake, Jane Braden, Gladys Wilkinson, William Forde, Edward Joseph Doherty, Eileen Hansen, Fr. John Keating, Francisco Grasso, Stephen White, George Monaghan, Clarence Winks, Bridget George, Cathren Crosby, Annie Maloney, Fr. Harry Jillings, Edward Murphy, Marianne Foster, Segunda Santos, Claude Ritchie, Len Hedgen, John Kelly, Rose Poland, Fr. Maurice Drumm, Mabel Olsen, Agnes & Charlie Greygoose, Gregory McTigue, Fr. Michael Daly **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 BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS THIS WEEK



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.

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.

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.

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.