

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
 Sunday 9:00am  
 Vietnamese Community 11:30am  
 Syro- Malabar Community 2:15pm & 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

**Confession/Reconciliation:**  
 Saturdays 9.45am onwards or by appointment

**Pastoral Council Chairperson:** Leonard Casey

**SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
 Friday & Saturday 8.00 – 9.00am  
**Rosary:** Saturday 8.45am  
**Novena:** Saturday 9.25am (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)  
**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.

**PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE**

**Parish Priest:**  
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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. 23 / 24 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Message from Father George**

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to all from Australia. Trust you are all keeping well. The wait for our new parish clergy is coming to an end with the arrival of Fr. Joseph, V.J and Fr.Sijo John on Saturday 23 September.



Fr. Joseph, our new parish priest, brings with him a wealth of experience, having served as an ordained priest for 27 years. He was born in 1968 in Kottayam, Kerala, India. After completing his schooling, he embarked on his journey with the Redemptorists, undergoing seminary training both in Kerala and Bangalore. Following his ordination, he took on the role of director of Redemptorist formation for many years. Fr. Joseph also holds a licentiate in Philosophy from the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome and has lectured on philosophy in various seminaries.

Additionally, he holds a master's degree in social work. Fr. Joseph has been an integral part of the Redemptorist leadership team for several years and has been a valuable member of parish teams in different locations. He is also known for his exceptional skills as a team builder.

Fr. Sijo John, who will be assisting at the parish, he is from Kozhikode district in Kerala, India. After completing his schooling, he joined the Redemptorists and underwent his priestly training in Kerala and Bangalore. He was ordained as a priest in April 2016. Over the past seven years, Fr. Sijo has served as an assistant parish priest in Alwaye, Kerala, and has been involved in the ministry of preaching in various parishes, schools, and youth centres. Fr. Sijo holds a master's degree in psychology and family counselling.



**I wish them on behalf of Immaculate Conception Parish a very hearty welcome.**

I am into the last few days of a wonderful holiday and catch-up time with the friends, family and fellow Redemptorists in Australia. I will be rejoining the Redemptorist Community in Mattoor, Kerala on next Wednesday. Thanks to each of you for all that you have been to me during the past four years. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Thank you and God bless you all,  
 Fr. George.

ROSTER				
	23 <sup>rd</sup> September Saturday 5:30pm	24 <sup>th</sup> September Sunday 9.00am 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	30 <sup>th</sup> September Saturday 5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> October Sunday 9.00am 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT
Commentator	Russell D'Lima	Margaret Burke	John Szczepanski	Tba
1st Reader	Theresa Bennett	Julia Leary	Jacinta Chow	Tba
2nd Reader	Misha Budiono	Anne Casey	Deepak Jesudas	Tba
Communion	Jacinta Chow	Albert Wolfgram	Bernard Liddington	Tba
Altar Servers Group	Rachelann & Aaron D'Lima	Killian Casey, Zhen Ng & Benjamin Lo	Misha and Damien Budiono	Tba
Collectors	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Rizallee Galvez & Lotofusi Tuisaemo	John & Theresa Bennett	Tba
Musicians	Lara Miranda	Tongan Community	Emmanuel Group	Tba
Laptop Operator	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community	Lara Miranda	Tba
Offertory Group	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Yuen Lo Family	Bennett Family	Tba
Counters		Tony Morcom & Andy Tibbits		Tba
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Community		St Marys parents	
Flowers group	Vietnamese Community		Filipino Community	

If you would like to volunteer in our Liturgy Committee, please reach out to the Parish Office at [icpellerslie@gmail.com](mailto:icpellerslie@gmail.com)

**Last Sunday's collection: \$1799.80**

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.  
 Kindly note **NEW** bank account detail below:

**BNZ 02-0108-0706777-00.**

**Kids Korner and and Parent's Ponderings**

*The 25th Sunday in Ord Time  
 The Shoe Man Poem*

**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 in the foyer or send an email to [icpellerslie@gmail.com](mailto:icpellerslie@gmail.com) for the form.

### **This Sunday's Readings:**

**1st Reading:** . Is 55:6-9: My thoughts are not your thoughts.

**2nd Reading:** Phil 1:20-24, 27: For me to live is Christ.

**Gospel:** Matt 20:1-16: Why are you jealous because I am generous?

### **Rejoice in the Lord's goodness**

Today's Gospel we see the parable of the workers in the vineyard. The landowner goes out in different times of the day, and invites workers to his vineyard. The parable shows that what is essential in human life, is to discover the novelty of the call that God has made, and He continues to do so in different moments in the life of each one of us.

The vineyard was the kingdom of God. Those who had been working all day long were the Pharisees and the Jews in general. The workers who came in the later part of the day, were the sinners and the Gentiles. The people in the morning shift were happy to get work, satisfied with the wage, and thankful to the landowner but when they saw others being taken on in the later part of the day and being promised the same wage, the former group began to grow resentful.

Jesus' story is about generosity. However, it is not about human generosity, but the generosity of God. God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity. 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts,' says the Lord (First Reading). God's generosity is a great comfort to us, but it is also a great challenge. If we have experienced that generosity in our own lives, far from begrudging it to others, we will try to imitate it in our dealings with others.

We must be thankful to be given the opportunity to work in the Lord's vineyard, and not think that we are better and more deserving than others. We ought to look on it as a privilege and a joy, just as it was for Paul (see Second Reading). Though he longs for the reward of complete union with Christ, he is more than happy to carry on doing Christ's work among the Philipppians.

Make a conscious voting decision this general election by being informed in the light of faith through the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching.

Please refer to the leaflet 'Your Vote Counts' issued by Bishop Lowe and the Justice & Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on the noticeboard.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**27th Sept – Finance Committee Meeting**

**1st Oct – New Priests welcoming morning tea**

**1st Oct – RCI programme commences**

**4th Oct – Youth Grp's Movie night Fundraiser**

**4th Oct – Pastoral Parish Council Meeting**

**2024 Columban Art Calendar available**

**\$12.00** Contact the Office to arrange payment and collection.

**NZ Catholic for sale in church foyer.**

**\$4.00** Some headlines: Joy as Sr Marie Ange of Jesus makes final Carmelite profession. Bishops urge politicians to focus on issues not trivia ahead of election. Care and consolation at Mass for Loss of a Child. Church's penal law provides protection for people.

Without prayer,  
there will be no  
Synod

Pope Francis

### **The Season of Creation**

A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission:

In this Season of Creation, we pray: "that we grow as people, to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life." Pope Francis

**Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival** is back!

Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, **Sat – Sun 7th – 8th Oct 2023**. The Ethnic faith communities will be showcasing their "riches of nations"! If you want to organise/volunteer email [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz). See Poster on Noticeboard.

**Liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation.**

For 55 years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue. The NZ Cath Methodist Dialogue Committee invites you to join with **Bishop Steve Lowe** preaching.

**Wed | 25 October 7:30 pm** Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna

### **Rite of Christian Initiation (RCI)**

**An invitation to come and see**

The Rite of Christian Initiation is a faith journey into the Catholic faith. It starts with an 'Introduction session', and 6 weeks enquiry sessions.

This RCI 2023/2024 prog runs for 6 months and finishes with a celebration of receiving the Sacraments at Easter Vigil.

**Starts 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2023 (Sunday).**

For more information email – Theresa: [theresa\\_stowers@hotmail.com](mailto:theresa_stowers@hotmail.com)

**Who is it for?**

- Children over 7 years of age of Catholic parents who have not been baptised.
- Those who are not Catholics, who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith.
- Adults or teenagers who have been baptised Catholics who have not stayed connected with the Catholic faith and have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion. Who now want to nurture their faith and relationship with God again.



🍿🍿🍿 **Movie Night – BLUE BEETLE** 🍿🍿🍿

We are fundraising for a parish outdoor signage.

Join us, the ICP Youth Group, for an unforgettable evening of entertainment with the movie – **"BLUE BEETLE"** on **Wednesday 4th October at 6.30pm, Cinema X, Hoyts, Sylvia Park**. Adult, Children and Family bundle tickets are available soon. It will include snack food and drinks to your movie pass.

COME OUT And support the Youth group and their meaningful cause. Grab your tickets now on <http://www.bit.ly/bbeetle-ICP> and be part of an evening that blends entertainment with a purpose!

### **Foodbank-2 Volunteers Required**

We are looking for a new **Team coordinator** to collate Food bank requests every quarter and manage a team by organising a roster of the food deliveries ...

A **Finance treasurer** to help manage fortnightly payments to Pak n' Save and apply for an annual grant....

The Coordinator and Treasurer will be working closely together to ensure team's workload is evenly split and summary reports generated for PPC and AGM meetings. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Evelyn 0274 722 117 or [sandeleech@gmail.com](mailto:sandeleech@gmail.com)

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:**

*Jumer Cosme, Nigel Casey-Poole, Valeria Luis, George Tooman, Joan Luis, Gary Chen, Rowena Edgeworth, Ems Pengosro, Alvyne Rose R. Eslava, Connee Robertson, Josie Pearson 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:**

*Lola Thackwell, Martin Forde, Neeve Esconde, Rosaleen Carroll, Fr. Frank Scott, Wenzel Turnwald, Jack Coleman, Mick Lineen, Margaret Grinter, Patrick O'Brien, Rosaleen Connolly, Fr. John Griffin, Catherine Fraser, Tom Briston, Rena Richardson, Orton Richardson, Norman Kean, Annie O'Sullivan, Thelma Smith, Edith Seth, Michael Riley, Aielie Gardiner, Rita Albertson, Myrtle Flynn, Antonia Baumli, Robert J Skeen, Jamina A Szespanski, Michael Christini, Richard Williams, Bernabe Gubatan, Catherine Irwin, Bill Te Ahura, Tyrell Perera, Joseph Dravitzki, Thelma M Barnett, Cyrill Eastlake 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 the Parish Office*