

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:

Fri & Sat 8.00am – 9.00am

Divine Mercy prayer:

Friday 8.30am

Rosary:

Saturday 8.30am

Novena:

Saturday 9.25am

(Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

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Mass Roster

Note: Andy is away till the 15th of Jan. Roles below are **default assignments** based on a monthly roster. We understand that you may not be around, so pls assist us in finding your replacement if you can.

	30-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	6-Jan-24	7-Jan-24	13-Jan-24	14-Jan-24
	-	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	-	The Epiphany of the Lord	-	2nd Sunday of Ord Time
Commentator & PoFaithful	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
1st Reader	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
2nd Reader	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Communion Minister	Bernard Liddington	Volunteers	Theresa Bennett	Sheila D'Souza	Sabrina Freitas	Albert Wolfgram
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Misha & Damien	Zara & Maya	Cyrus & Joshua	Lalith & Andrew
Collectors	Volunteers	Volunteers	Theresa & John B	Lotofusi & Margaret	Lourdes & Christian	Margaret B & Amanda
Musicians	Volunteers	Volunteers	Emmanuel Group	Filipino Comm	Charmaine	Martin Ng
Laptop Operator	Volunteers	Volunteers	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	D'lma Family	Ng Family
Offertory Group	Liddington Family	Yuen Lo Family	Edward Family	Filipino Community	Miranda Family	Stowers Family
Counters						
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm				Vietnamese Comm	
Flowers group	Vietnamese Comm		Filipino Com		Vietnamese Comm	

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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The Holy Family

30/31 DECEMBER 2023

The Meaning of Home

There is a big difference between a house and a home. A house is where people keep their furniture and belongings. A home is where people live together. Sadly, it seems that some homes are meant more for the security and convenience of the furniture than for the people who live in them. Some homes are so neat and tidy that they are not fit to be lived in. To look at them you'd never suspect that people lived there. They are more like museums than homes. On the other hand, other homes remind you of a well-thumbed book. It's obvious that people live in them, people who know how to relax and to enjoy themselves.

To have a home is not just to have a house. It is to have a set of familiar surroundings, habits, routines, and neighbours. It is to have roots. It is to have a clear and unmistakable identity. It is to have a set of close ties with people who accept us for what we are, and who give us a sense of belonging. These are the things that constitute that unique feeling - the feeling of being at home. People put a lot of effort and money into building a good house. And one can understand why. But perhaps there is a danger of neglecting the more important thing - building a home, that is, a little community of love. The atmosphere in the home is far more important than the quality and quantity of the furnishings. The atmosphere is determined by the quality of the relationships.

Jesus too needed a home in which to grow up. Mary and Joseph provided that home for him at Nazareth. By their love for him and for one another, Mary and Joseph created the atmosphere in which he thrived. But the Holy Family didn't have an easy life, as the Gospel shows us. During the early years they suffered the fate of homeless refugees.

The family is very fragile in our times. It is under many stresses and difficulties. Yet, in spite of everything, many parents make enormous sacrifices for their children. All such parents can draw inspiration from the example of Mary and Joseph.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us raise our hearts in prayer: "Dear God, bless our family and fill our home with your love, peace, and understanding. Guide us on the path of faith, as you guided the Holy Family."

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 in the foyer or send an email to icpellerslie@gmail.com for the form.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3: Your own son shall be your heir

2nd Reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19: The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40: The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: I Is 60:1-6: The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6: The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12: We have come from the East to worship the King.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our amazing parishioners for your kind generosity throughout the year. May God bless you with love, protection and abundance for the coming year.

May the peace of God which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Jesus our Lord.

Have a Blessed and Happy New year.

- **Parish office**

Food bank Co-Coordinator wanted

Anyone still interested to share the role of Food bank coordinator with Evelyn in her food bank duties. Contact Evelyn on 0274 722117 or email sandeleech@gmail.com

~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

**26th Dec. – 31st Jan 2024 -
Weekday Masses @ 9.00 am**

31st Dec – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Jan – New Year Day Mass/ Mary, the Holy Mother of God @ 9.00 am

8th Jan – The Baptism of the Lord (1st week of Ord time)

29th Jan – Auckland Anniversary (Public Holiday)

Sacramental Programme for 2024



Parents of Year 5 baptised students can now register ONLINE for our parish 2024 Sacramental programme via our parish website:

<https://ellersliecatholic.org.nz/sacramental-programme-2021/sacramental-programme/>

Applications strictly closes on 25th Feb 2024.

Check the key dates online (or on info sheets available in church foyer) and that you meet the criteria before registering.

2024 NZ Bible Diary \$20.00

2024 Columban Art Calendars \$12.00

Are now available to purchase from Parish Office.

NZ Catholic magazine \$4.00 – Avl. at the church foyer.

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

Lynda Tunupopo's Memorial Service

The Tunupopo family is having a Memorial Service for Lynda on **WED 17th Jan 2024 @ 9.30am.**

All who knew Lynda are invited join the Memorial Mass at our church and then adjourn to Purgwa Cemetery to unveil her Headstone.

The family can be contacted at
021 985156 (Ralph - son)
ralphagnimo@hotmail.com

Planning a new years resolution?

Why not consider volunteering at our Parish? If you would like to volunteer at Mass Services, contact Theresa Stowers
theresa_stowers@hotmail.com

If you have a passion to grow our children's faith, Reach out to Anne Casey
tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz OR Judy
judymacmen@gmail.com (Sacramental prog)

Or if you would like to help out in other areas like ushering, Altar serving, Hospitality or in the Alpha programme? Email the Office and you will be directed to the right persons.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Lily Chua, Carrie Canapi, Janilyn Novelas, Jumer Cosme, Nigel Casey-Poole, Valerian 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 and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Sis Margaret Mary Hunter, Desmond C Armstrong, Eileen R Walsh, Paea Havea, Jennifer R Fewtrell, William Forde, Mildred Cadman, Bill Tate, Mary Te Anura, Des Armstrong, Alice Martin, Winifried A O'Reilly, Jane McNamata, Evelyn Gore, Basilisa Garena, Margaret Pamela, Frances A Austin, Molly Harding (Moore), Alfred Piccinello, Glendivine C Dobbs, Kathleen M Selkirk, Margaret Garvey, Elizabeth McDonnell, Thomas Brett, John McInnarney, Mabel Mellana, Joseph Noakes, Alexander White, May Turicich, Katie Plummer, Chris Huntly, Myra Simpson, Denis Hughes, Kee Wester, Joseph Noakes, Desmond C Armstrong, Alixe Tyne, Margaret Whitley, Eileen Murphy, Bro. Morris **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***

Last Sunday's collection: \$1775.80 (excl Christmas masses)

Correction to last week's Previous Sunday Collection: Should have read \$2215.00 not 4239.00

Thank you so much for your kind generosity. Kindly note our bank account details are as below:

BNZ 02-0108-0706777-00.