

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday** 9:00am  
 Sun Vietnamese Community 11:30am  
 Sun Syro- Malabar Comm 2:15pm & 5.00pm

**Monday** 8.00am  
*(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)*

**Tuesday to Thursday** 8.00am  
**Friday** 9.00am  
**Saturday** 9.00am  
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm  
 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

**Divine Mercy prayer:** Friday 8.30am  
**Way of the Cross:** *(During Lent)* Friday 6.00pm  
**Rosary:** Saturday 8.30am  
**Novena:** Saturday 9.25am  
 (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

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**Mass Roster**

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
<b>Date/ Time</b>	13/04/2024 Sat 17:30pm	14/04/2024 Sun 09:00am	20/04/2024 Sat 17:30pm	21/04/2024 Sun 09:00am
<b>Name of Week</b>		3rd Sun of Easter		4th Sun of Easter
<b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b>	Betty Andrews	Evelyn Leech	Lara Miranda	Heather Kelly
<b>1st Reader</b>	Eugene Miranda	Sine Foulger	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Leonila Teodoro
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Tilla Miranda	Judy MacMenigal	Deepak Jesudas	Albert Wolfgram
<b>Communion</b>	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza	Bernard Liddington	Sine Foulger
<b>Altar servers</b>	Aaron D'Lima & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar	Cyrus Jesudas & Vol Required	Taiapo & Vincent Lafele & Robert Liu
<b>Collectors</b>	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon	Theresa & John Bennett	Amanda Yuen Lo and family
<b>Musician</b>	Charmaine D'Lima	Martin Ng	Chow Family	Patrick Burke & Christian
<b>Laptop</b>	D'Lima Family	Ng Family	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers
<b>Offertory</b>	Miranda Family	Tina D'Souza	Liddington Family	Fuimaono Family
<b>Counters</b>		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Sue
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
<b>Flower Arrangements</b>	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
<b>Morning Tea</b>		0		PPC

Dear Mass volunteers, 2 Monthly Rosters are now available. If you haven't received it, contact Office to ensure we have your contact details up to date.

For any roster changes, please email Parish Office and Andy Tibbitts  
[andytibbittsnz@outlook.com](mailto:andytibbittsnz@outlook.com)

**Last Sunday's collection: \$2781.50**

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

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

**Kids' Korner Links**  
[Celebrating 3rd Sunday of Easter](#)  
[The horse who wanted more Beauty](#)

**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.

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:**  
 Fr. Joseph V.J., C.Ss.R

**Assistant Parish Priest:**  
 Fr. Sijo John, C.Ss.R

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**13 / 14 April 2024**

**Rebirth of a dream**

There was a train driver who drove his train up and down the same line every day. There was this lovely little cottage set a short distance from the track. Its white walls shone in the sun. In front of it grew the most gorgeous roses he had ever seen. It was like something one imagines exists only on picture postcards. He soon fell in love with it.

One afternoon as he was passing by, he saw a little girl playing on the front lawn. She waved to him as the train swept past. He hooted the horn in response. The same thing happened the next afternoon. Thus, began an innocent and beautiful friendship between him and the child. Every afternoon she waved to him, and he hooted the horn in response. Sometimes the girl was joined by her mother, and they both waved. It made him very happy and also made the monotonous journey seem short.

Years passed. The child grew up. Only occasionally now was she there to wave to him. Nevertheless, the bond that had been forged over the years was still intact. Then he retired and went to live a distance away. But he could not get the cottage and his two friends out of his mind. So, one day he decided to visit them. When he got there, things were very different from what he had imagined. The walls of the cottage were not nearly as white as he had thought. The roses were not as beautiful as they seemed. But the biggest disappointment of all came when he met the woman and her daughter. They were polite to him when he told them who he was. They led him into a gloomy parlour where they chatted over tea. But he felt out of place. So, he left as soon as he could politely do so. He felt empty. His dream world had dissolved. The friendship that had given so much meaning to his life was shattered.

We feel sorry for that train driver. Yet it was his own fault. He had been living in a dream world. He had been pursuing an illusion. Many people pursue illusions. The apostles did. For three years they had been pursuing the illusion of a glorious Messiah who could not suffer. When Jesus was crucified, the illusion was exposed and their world fell apart. Their reaction was to shut themselves off behind closed doors. It was only when Jesus appeared to them and opened their minds to a new truth that their collapsed dream was reborn.



What was this new truth? That it was precisely through his suffering and death that he had come into glory. It took some time for this to sink in, but when it did, they knew that even death had not succeeded in breaking the bond that had been forged between Him and them over three years. The resurrection means that Jesus lives and we too can encounter him in faith. We encounter him especially in "the breaking of bread", that is, in the Eucharist. He will not insulate us from reality, but he will be with us where we are, helping to give meaning and beauty to our lives.

## Mass Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 3:13-15,17-19 – An early explanation of the Passion and example witness of the resurrection.



**Resp Psalm:** Lord, let your face shine on us.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Jn 2:1-5 –when we fail to keep God's commandments, Christ intercedes for us with the Father

**Gospel:** Lk 24:35-48 – Jesus appears to the apostles and commissions them to preach the Gospel to all nations,

Thank you for your continual prayers for Father Joseph as he is attending the Provincial Chapter in India



## Parish Notices

**TAX RECEIPTS ARE COMING...** Please note the Parish Office is in the midst of preparing the 2023-24 tax receipts. They should be ready by week 1 of May. Thank you for your patience.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ENVELOPE PACKS** (for those **not using Pledge envelopes**) are now available for you to collect in the church foyer.

**NZ CATHOLIC MAGAZINES** \$4.00 for sale in Foyer. Some headlines for this issue: Relics of 11 saints coming to NZ. Hamilton bishop urges blokes to know Jesus. Wellington cathedral to open in June. Divine Mercy advert controversy surprises advertiser.

**THE RELICS OF THE SAINTS** will be welcomed at Immaculate Conception Church, Ellerslie on **Friday, May 3rd at 6.00 pm**. All are welcome to take this opportunity to welcome the relics here. This is followed by Mass (Syro-Malabar) at 7 pm. They'll leave the church after 9am Saturday Mass.

## ATTENTION ALL MINISTER OF THE WORD AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Liturgy Centre is offering training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend ONE of these workshops. All will receive a certificate upon completion. Workshop is on

**5th May | South (St Annes Manurewa)**

**19th May | North Shore (St Josephs Takapuna)**

**1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided)**

Register via the link below:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

## ~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

25<sup>th</sup> Apr – Anzac Day

29<sup>th</sup> Apr – Start of School term 2

3<sup>rd</sup> May – St Philips & Janes Apostles

12<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Sunday & Mother's Day

## Diocese Notices and more...

**Pilgrims of Hope** -Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 – The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

**The Fifth Gospel** Project Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz). More information on this <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/teiling-the-story/>

**Relics Tour** From **26 April to 5 May** there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calend-ar/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calend-ar/). **Dates where relic will be, are in foyer**

## For Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

- Lenses of Love
- Gospel of Mark Retreat
- Time Out Days
- 24 Hr Quietude

[www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651 (See Noticeboard)

## Upcoming Events at Mary MacKillop Centre

**A Day with Henri Nouwen** - Led by Eamon Butler  
**Sat | 20 April | 10am – 4pm | Mary MacKillop Prayer Room, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, 20,\$35/\$25.** Please Register by 17 April **Details on Noticeboard**

**Card Crafting Workshop** - Facilitated by Meg Hills RSJ  
**Sat | 20 April | 10am – 3pm | Mary MacKillop Centre, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, \$35/\$25.** Please Register by 17 April **Details on Noticeboard**  
All Registrations to Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au Mob: 021 091 15260

**Building a Thriving Parish**  
**Wed | 24 April | 7-9pm | St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd Part 2 of the Go Make Disciples series of presentations on Parish Renewal.** We will be sharing experiences, challenges, and practical tools and insights to help you as Lay Leaders to help your parish thrive.. Koha appreciated. RSVP to [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) (**Details on Noticeboard**)

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women**, is celebrating 40 years of ministry to the women of NZ. Celebration days are planned in North Shore, Hamilton and Nelson. For more info as well as memories sharing, testimonies and our current vision, check our website: [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz) or search us on Facebook.

## Parish Activities

To foster community, spiritual growth, and shared fellowship, please come along to our small group activities that we have in this parish:-

**Alpha Programme**  
Graeme White  
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**Divine Mercy Novena Grp**  
Sheila D'Souza  
[celinsheilds@gmail.com](mailto:celinsheilds@gmail.com)

**Faith Sharing Group**  
Raphael Ng  
[ngahthong@gmail.com](mailto:ngahthong@gmail.com)

**Food Bank Delivery**  
Evelyn Leech  
[sandeleech@gmail.com](mailto:sandeleech@gmail.com)

**Marian Mothers Grp**  
Anne Casey  
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**Parish History Group**  
Claudia Forycki  
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**Jnr & Snr Youth Group**  
Cyrus Jesudas  
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**RCI and Sacramental Prog**  
Theresa Stowers  
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## Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

*Margaret Burke, Edward Salvatore Fleming, 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:

*Wilfred Dowd, William Wellwood, Des Kennedy, Patrick Monaghan, , Chakkappan, Shirley Brown, Ana Valentin, Caroline Duggan, Tom Flynn, Jim Molloy, Lionel White, Violet Mackie, Fr. Bill Ryan, Patrick J Keir, Des Lee, Rayleigh E Jabla, Edward Prendesgast, Hilda Jaggs, Patrick Williams, Seila Dew, Gwen Pask, Fr. Peter Battersby, Murray Moore, Lionel Silva, James Garreth, Frank Green, John Murphy, Ellen Longstaff, Eugene Lardner, Joseto F Antonio, Fred Mansor, Agnes Donaldson, Catherine Mooney, Marie Elliot, Bill Cheeseman, John Gavin their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office*