

**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**

Date/ Time	20/04/2024 Sat 17:30pm	21/04/2024 Sun 09:00am	27/04/2024 Sat 17:30pm	28/04/2024 Sun 09:00am
<b>Name of Week</b>		4th Sun of Easter		5th Sun of Easter
<b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b>	Lara Miranda	Heather Kelly	Cyrus Jesudas	Judy MacMenigal
<b>1st Reader</b>	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Leonila Teodoro	Jacinta Chow	Alekyha Kondaveeti
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Deepak Jesudas	Albert Wolfigram	Charmaine D'Lima	Evelyn Leech
<b>Communion</b>	Bernard Liddington	Sine Foulger	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts
<b>Altar servers</b>	Cyrus Jesudas & Vol Required	Taiaopo & Vincent Lafele & Robert Liu	Rachelann & Aaron D'Lima	Kilian Casey, Zhen Ng & Benjamin Lo
<b>Collectors</b>	Theresa & John Bennett	Amanda Yuen Lo and family	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Rizalle Galvez and Margaret Burke
<b>Musician</b>	Chow Family	Patrick Burke & Christian	Lara Miranda	Tongan Comm
<b>Laptop</b>	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community
<b>Offertory</b>	Liddington Family	Fuimaono Family	Domilies family	Kafa Family
<b>Counters</b>		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Sue		Tony Moroom & Andy Tibbitts
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
<b>Flower Arrangements</b>	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
<b>Morning Tea</b>		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)

*As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1*

**Last Sunday's collection: \$1751.50**

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 4th Sunday of Easter](#)  
[The Fire](#)

**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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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**20 / 21 April 2024**

**Working with love**

Two people can be doing the exact same work, even working side by side, and yet bring contrasting attitudes to it. One loves his work and has made a total gift of himself to it. He takes pride in what he's doing and puts a part of his soul into it. The other hates his work and is at best only half-hearted. For him, it's only a job. The only thing that concerns him is the pay check.

Jesus gives us a good example of this in his parable of the hired hand and the good shepherd. What a contrast there is between them! For the hired hand, minding the sheep is just a job. He's in it only for the wages. He doesn't know the sheep or care about them. The sheep suffer as a result.

For the good shepherd, minding the sheep is not just a job. It is a way of life, a vocation. He knows his sheep and cares about them to the point that he is prepared to risk his life to save them. The sheep thrive as a result. What makes the good shepherd so different from the contractor is that he loves his work. He is interested in it and dedicated to it.

This doesn't make it any easier. If anything, it makes it harder because he does it more thoroughly. But it enables him to bring all his energies to it. If you love what you do, the energy will be given to you. Not only does the work benefit, but the worker benefits too - it brings out the best in one. To work like this is to be free.

Most of us are contractors in the sense that we do not work for ourselves. But that doesn't mean that we have to have the mentality of a contractor. Just because a person demands adequate remuneration for his work doesn't mean that he is the kind of contractor Jesus was talking about. He doesn't have to bring the attitude of the contractor to his work. He doesn't have to do it just for the pay. He can still bring the attitude of the good shepherd to his work. We have a right to a decent wage. Apart from other considerations, it is good for one's dignity.

But as Christians, we ought to try to see our work, whatever it happens to be, as a service to others. If we do, then we are being good shepherds. We have left the ranks of the contractors. We are members of a sacred band—those who perform needful but irksome tasks in a spirit of service. Honest toil makes a person's bread taste sweet. The contractor works under the severest handicap of all—his heart is not in his work. It is possible to go through one's entire life with the mentality of a contractor. The loss hardly bears thinking about. Something corrosive happens to the soul of those who stop caring about the quality of their work and are just going through the motions.

## Mass Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 4:8-12 – Peter tells Jewish leaders that Jesus is the one and only Saviour



**Resp Psalm:** *The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Jn 3:1-2 – In his love for us, God made us his children. In the next life, we shall see him as he is.

**Gospel:** Jn 10:11-18 – Jesus is ready to give his life for his sheep



Father Joseph returns this Tuesday 23 April. Let's pray for his safe return to New Zealand.

## Today is Vocations Sunday.

**Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our 7 Auckland seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary.**

The journey toward priesthood begins with a response to a Divine call. Once these young men step into the seminary, they face the rigorous demands of study, self-reflection, and unwavering dedication to their faith. It is through God's grace and the support of the faithful that our seminarians can persevere and successfully complete their formation.

Your contribution in support of our seminarians is one of the best ways to positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation to support our future priests using the QR Code or at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate).



## Parish Notices

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

**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 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.

## ATTN: 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. 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~

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

14<sup>th</sup> May – St Mathias Apostle

## 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. If attending the Cathedral event see parking info from website <https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/>.

## For Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

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

To book, visit the website [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651 (See Noticeboard

**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. Share experiences, challenges, and practical tools and gain insights to help you as Lay Leaders thrive.. Koha appreciated. RSVP to [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) (Details on Noticeboard)

**Catholic Women's League (CSL)** Wed 24th April | 11 am | St. Joseph's Church Hall, Orakei. CWL is hosting a talk on Middle East conflicts and Geopolitical Shifts by Prof. Stephen Hoadley, Auckland University) This is done with Caritas NZ and their partners in Jerusalem in aid of the Palestinian children in Gaza. More info, ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/09-5212499.

**CALL OF DUTY - A Life in the Spirit Seminar for Young Adults** Sat 27th Apr | 8:30am-4:30pm | St Joseph's Church Hall, 10 Dominion Street, Takapuna. Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer Group invites young adults (18 to 30 years) to join an unforgettable experience to rekindle your faith, connect with like-minded seekers, and uncover the unique role you play in God's extraordinary plan.

The event includes talks from great speakers, worship, Mass, rejuvenating conversations, and good food.

To Register, copy and paste [bit.ly/callofduty](http://bit.ly/callofduty) to access link

## 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 Group** – 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  
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**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  
[Theresa\\_Stowers@hotmail.com](mailto:Theresa_Stowers@hotmail.com)

## 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:

Mary Crookes, Catherine Wester, John Shearman, Mary Kenney, Ralph Johnson, Jessie Steven, Carl Temm, Katherine M Morcom, Fr. Therry Dibble, Paul Deehan, Charles Pile, Jovelyn Saqueban, Charisse Chua, Charlize Chua, Eva Lynch, Nell Monaghan, Linda Harman, Catherina Hughes, Theresa Murphy, Ben Temm, Rofoldo Ilo, Alice Long 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