

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	27/04/2024 Sat 17:30pm	28/04/2024 Sun 09:00am	4/05/2024 Sat 17:30pm	5/05/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		5th Sun of Easter		6th Sunday of Easter
Commentators & PoF	Cyrus Jesudas	Judy MacMenigal	Jacinta Chow	Filipino Community
1st Reader	Jacinta Chow	Alekyha Kondaveeti	Mercy Edward	Filipino Community
2nd Reader	Charmaine D'Lima	Evelyn Leech	Tilla Miranda	Filipino Community
Communion	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts	Theresa Bennett	Leonila Teodoro
Altar servers	Rachelann & Aaron D'lma	Kilian Casey, Zhen Ng & Benjamin Lo	Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas	Maya MacMenigall & Jojo Taylor
Collectors	Lourdes & Christian	Rizalle Galvez and Margaret Burke	Theresa & John Bennett	Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Margaret Burke
Musician	Lara Miranda	Tongan Comm	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Filipino Comm & Bambi
Laptop	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community
Offertory	Domilies family	Kafa Family	Edward Family	Filipino Community
Counters		Tony Morcom & Andy Tibbitts		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		Ashleigh Kelly, Kerry Rawiri & Jo Calladine	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Filipino Comm	
Morning Tea				

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

Last Sunday's collection: \$2243.60

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 5th Sunday of Easter](#)
[The Ultimate Test](#)

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.

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:
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5th Sunday of Easter

27 / 28 April 2024

The hour of departure

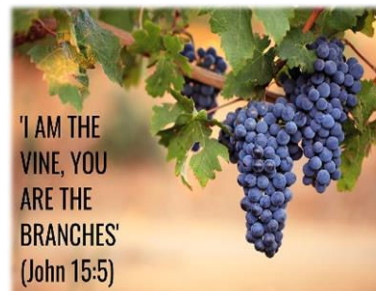
In order to understand a statement fully, we need to know the context in which it was made. This is perhaps especially true of the statements of Jesus that are recorded in the Gospels. The statement in today's Gospel—"I am the vine; you are the branches"—is a beautiful image of unity and closeness. When we look at the context in which Jesus spoke these words, I think we will appreciate the beauty of this image all the more.

Jesus spoke these words to His apostles toward the end of the Last Supper or, more likely, on the way to the Garden of Gethsemane. In any event, He spoke them a short time before His death. It was a night when everything seemed to be breaking up, falling apart, and ending. It was a night when all of the disciples would abandon Him, when their leader would deny Him publicly, and another of their company would betray Him. Yet this was the night He chose to speak about unity and togetherness.

At first, it seems a strange time to talk about unity. But on reflection, we see that it was a natural and most appropriate time. This was the hour of departure. The hour of departure causes us to focus on essentials. It is at such an hour that we truly appreciate our native place and especially our friends.

At the hour of departure, Jesus felt very close to His apostles, and He let them know this. He also wanted them close to him. He foresaw that they would abandon Him later that night: He foresaw that Peter would deny Him and that Judas would betray Him. Betrayal is a terrible thing; few if any relationships can survive it. Yet Jesus also foresaw that in spite of these upheavals, their unity would survive.

The apostles learned a lot about their own weaknesses and cowardice when confronted with the demands of unity and solidarity, but they learned even more about Jesus.



'I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES'
 (John 15:5)

They learned that He loved them in and through their weaknesses. If they should ever get separated from Him, it would not be because He had cut them off. Far from being ended by the events of that night, their bond with Jesus was strengthened. It is through facing struggle, failure, danger, and sacrifice that unity grows and deepens. There is more depth to a relationship that has weathered some storms.

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31 – Some trials Paul endured after his conversion.

Resp Psalm: *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people*

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24- Here John is reflecting on Christ's commandment of love

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8 – Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to show how close are the ties that bind him to his disciples



~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

25th Apr – ANZAC day (Mass starts at 9am)

29th Apr – Start of School term 2

3rd May – St Philips & Janes Apostles

12th May – Ascension Sunday & Mother's Day

Welcome back Father Joseph!

Welcome back St Mary's Students to school as they start their new term. Let's pray for the staff, teachers and students that they may have another good start to the term.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will start up again, next Sunday 5th May 2024 during 9am Sunday Mass.

CALLING ALL MINISTERS 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/>

NZ CATHOLIC MAGAZINES \$4.00 for sale in Foyer. Some headlines for this issue: Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'.

2024 Bishop's Appeal

Please support our seminarians as they follow Christ the Good Shepherd in their priestly vocations www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Thanks all those who have already supported the appeal. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.



Diocese Notices and more...

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/calendar/. **Dates where relic will be, are in foyer**

Let's Talk About Mary

Wed | 8 May | 7.30pm | Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on Zoom. May is traditionally the month of Mary. Join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore Mary, missionary disciple. Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

CALL OF DUTY - A Life in the Spirit Seminar for Young Adults

When: Sat 27 Apr • 8:30am-4:30pm

Where: St Joseph's Church Hall, 10 Dominion St., Takapuna Register for FREE at bit.ly/-callofduty.

Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer Group invites young adults (18 to 30 years) to come for an unforgettable experience where you'll rekindle your faith, connect with like-minded seekers, and uncover the unique role you play in God's extraordinary plan. This 1 day event includes talks fr great speakers, worship, Mass, rejuvenating conversations, and good food.

Fr Chris Skinner Concert

Sun | 5 May | 2pm | Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Koha \$10

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Fri | 3 May | 7:00pm | St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Tues | 07 May | 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a lecture series called. Topic 2 is entitled "**Celebrating Christian identity, life and mission rooted in the Word of God**", revisiting Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on divine revelation. Speaker is Rev Dr Kevin Waldie, sm. For \$60, you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register.

The Israel Palestine Conflict - A Perspective from Professor Mazin Sun | 18 May | 1pm | St. Mary's Parnell

The talk will be livestreamed. Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem University where Vice Chancellor till very recently. Professor has exceptional knowledge about the situation and has a sharp, clear understanding of the issues.

A Time for Every Season Series Pt 2 - AUTUMN

Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin Sat | 4 May | 10am - 1pm. \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged Registrations by 2 May MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au MOB 02109115260

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
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Faith Sharing Group
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Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
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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:

Raphael Ng, 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 Hill, Ruby O'Grady, William Gould, Joyce Wellwood, Ron Jones, Fr. Lucian Armstrong, Fila Berkovich, Fr. Stephen Conboy, Tom O'Neill, Harry Spurr, Hilda Beehre, Catherine Wellwood, Herbert G Pearman, John Zaremba, Noirin Murphy, James Cain, Isobel Conway, Mary Holland, Pat Delaney, Nora Culhane, Olive Garner, Margaret McCarthy, Emmet Sanders, Moris P. Holland, Eileen Kearney, Sr. Mary R Malone, Basil Umdurell, Paul Sotwers, Collin Callanan, George Bird, Seymour Walsh, Myrtle Landers, Parehuia Barron, Paul Stowers, Brad McGann, Basil Underell, Harold Mendis, Thomas Blake, Jane Braden, Gladys Wilkinson, William Forde, Edward J Doherty, Eileen Hansen, Fr. John Keating, Francesco Grasso, Barry Milbourn, Stephen White, George Monaghan, Clarence Winks **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***