

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
Rosary: Saturday 8.30am
Novena: Saturday 9.25am
 (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

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Mass Roster

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
Date/ Time	4/05/2024 Sat 17:30pm	5/05/2024 Sun 09:00am	11/05/2024 Sat 17:30pm	12/05/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		6th Sunday of Easter		The Ascension of the Lord
Commentators & PoF	Jacinta Chow	Filipino Community	Eugene Miranda	Evelyn Leech
1st Reader	Mercy Edward	Filipino Community	Cyrus Jesudas	Heather Kelly
2nd Reader	Tilla Miranda	Filipino Community	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Alekya Kondaveeti
Communion	Theresa Bennett	Leonila Teodoro	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza
Altar servers	Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas	<i>Maya MacMenigall & Volunteer Req</i>	Aaron or Rachel D'Lima & Shavidhu Fernando	Kurukuntala & Ragnar
Collectors	Theresa & John Bennett	Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Margaret Burke	Fatu Taliauli & Lupeni	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon
Musician	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Filipino Comm	Charmaine D'lima	Martin Ng
Laptop	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	D'lima Family	Ng Family
Offertory	Edward Family	Filipino Community	Miranda Family	Fuimaono Family
Counters		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim
Church Cleaning	Ashleigh Kelly, Kerry Rawiri & Jo Calladine		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Filipino Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea				Men of the Parish Committees

For any roster changes, please email Parish Office and Andy Tibbitts andytibbittsnz@outlook.com

Last Sunday's collection: \$2383.30

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 6th Sunday of Easter](#)
[An Angel gave me a Ride Home](#)

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:
 Fr. Sijo John, C.Ss.R
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6th Sunday of Easter

4 / 5 May 2024

Love sets us free

A grumpy giant once chased away children playing in his beautiful garden. He built a wall and forbade anyone from entering, leaving the children with only the dusty road to play on. Spring arrived, but the giant's garden remained trapped in winter. No flowers bloomed, the trees stood bare, and even the birds refused to sing there. The confused giant longed for warmer days, but spring never came.

One year later, the giant awoke to a sweet smell and a surprising scent of flowers. Spring had finally arrived! He peeked out the window and saw children playing amongst blossoming apple trees inside his garden. They had crept in through a hole in the wall, and the trees, overjoyed by their return, were bursting with flowers. The giant realized his mistake. With a newfound warmth, he welcomed the children back, tore down the wall, and allowed everyone to enjoy the beauty of the garden together.

Oscar Wilde's beautiful story is a commentary on Christ's commandment of love. When we refuse to love, we build a wall around ourselves. But we ourselves are the first to suffer. We condemn ourselves to a winter of loneliness and unhappiness. But when we love, the wall breaks down. We open ourselves to others and we ourselves are the first to benefit. We experience a springtime of friendship, goodwill, peace and joy. Love bestows many benefits on the one who loves. One of the greatest of these is the gift of Joy.

Jesus said to his apostles, 'If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.'



I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.' Jesus talks about love and joy in the same breath. This is because they are intimately connected. Joy is the fruit of love. Joy is an over-flowing heart.

The amount of joy we have is in proportion to the amount of love we share with others. If then we are not as joyful as we might be, perhaps it is telling us something.

McCarthy Flor, New Sunday and holiday liturgies Year B Dominican republications 1999

Mass Readings



1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48:
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Resp Psalm: Ps 97:1-4: R. The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving help..

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10: God is love.

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17: No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Parish Notices

TAX RECEIPTS Your 2023-24 tax receipts are ready for collection in the church foyer. Thank you for your patience.

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)

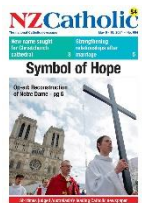
19th May | North Shore (St Josephs, Takapuna) 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided)

Register via the link below: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Sun | 5th May | 10.30am | Presbytery meeting room

The youth group is having a Any Food Day/ meeting this Sunday. Bring a plate from your culture to share and learn more of upcoming activities. All youth are welcome!



NZ CATHOLIC MAGS

\$4.00 for sale in Foyer. Headlines:-
New name sought for Christchurch cathedral. Workshop helps identify future Catholic school principals. Church recognises right to a good reputation. Strengthening relationships after marriage.

~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

12th May – Ascension of the Lord

12th May – Mother's Day

14th May – St Mathias Apostle

19th May – Pentecost Sunday

The any food day

ICP Youth April event

Sun 5th of May 10:30 am

At the presbytery meeting room

Bring a plate from your culture to share and learn more about Youth camps, activities and the coming up activities.

All youth are welcome to join



Diocese Notices and more...

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

Fr Chris Skinner Concert

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

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 New Zealander Brother Peter Bray was 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

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2024

For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz.

For Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

- Time Out Days
- 24Hr Quietude
- Women's Prayer Retreat

Homestays for pre-seminary students The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email alisonm@cda.org.nz or phone 09 360 3003.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Diocese

is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz

CDA Connect Catch up with happenings in the diocese and get the heads-up on upcoming events. The latest edition of CDA connect is now available

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Mass of Welcome On Pentecost Sunday 19 May at 4.30pm in the Cathedral Bishop Steve and the diocesan community invites all those that were baptised at Easter or incorporated then or at other times in the last 12 months to the Mass of the Neophytes (newly planted in the faith) to give thanks for the gift of faith. All are welcome.

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
Raphael Ng
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Evelyn Leech
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Parish History Group –
Claudia Forycki
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Jnr & Snr Youth Group –
Cyrus Jesudas
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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, Alayne 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:

Bridget George, Cathren Crosby, Annie Maloney, Fr. Harry Jillings, Edward Murphy, Marianne Foster, Segunda Santos, Claude Ritchie, Len Hedger, John Kelly, Rose Poland, Fr. Maurice Drumm, Fr. Benedicto Pelias, Philip Turnock, Reginald Turnock, Mabel Olsen, Agnes Greygoose, Gregory McTigue, Charlie Greygoose, Fr. Michale Daly, Stephen A Mist, Norman Olegario, Alice Jones, Edward Webb, Mary Metcalf, Margaret Trowland, James Lloyd Ah Sam, Louisa Wotherspoon, Margaret Gibson, Mabel Clark, George Eaton, Graham Carroll, Ling Guico Hewold **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**