

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)

Parish Office Administrator:

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Mass Roster

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
Date/ Time	11/05/2024 Sat 17:30pm	12/05/2024 Sun 09:00am	18/05/2024 Sat 17:30pm	19/05/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		The Ascension of the Lord		Pentecost Sunday
Commentators & PoF	Eugene Miranda	Evelyn Leech	Lara Miranda	St Mary's School
1st Reader	Cyrus Jesudas	Heather Kelly	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	St Mary's School
2nd Reader	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Alekya Kondaveeti	Deepak Jesudas	St Mary's School
Communion	Sabrina Freitas	Sine Foulger	Rolinda D'Souza	Sheila D'Souza
Altar servers	Aaron or Rachel D'Lima & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Raqnar Felcy Kurukuntala &	Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas	Taiaopo & Vincent Lafele & Robert Liu
Collectors	Fatu Taliauli & Lupeni Finau	Andrea Solomon	Theresa & John Bennett	Amanda and Katrina Yuen Lo
Musician	Charmaine D'lima	Martin Ng	Chow Family	St Mary's School
Laptop	D'lima Family	Ng Family	Jacinta Chow	St Mary's School
Offertory	Miranda Family	Fuimaono Family	Bennett Family	St Mary's School
Counters		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Tsue
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm & Lincy Blesson	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan 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: \$1466.10

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 the Ascension of the Lord](#)
[The Titanic Story](#)

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



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The Ascension of the Lord

11/ 12 May 2024

A new and wider vision

A story is told about a man who had lived all his life in a clearing in the forest. The clearing was only about 100 yards across and was hemmed in by trees. The man's world was extremely enclosed. He had very little concept of space or distance. In such a world even comparatively, small objects can appear larger than life because of one's nearness to them. One day an explorer took him out of the forest and led him up to the top of a high mountain. He couldn't get over the wide-open spaces that existed beyond the forest, the immensity of the sky, and the vastness of the horizon. He was amazed at discovering that a world existed in which there were no trees and very little vegetation. He was like a little child in his excitement. He was so happy that he wanted to remain up there. But of course he had to go back down to his small, enclosed, narrow world. However, he never forgot his visit to the mountain top. It had a wonderful effect on him. It helped him to take a broader view of life, especially when things were becoming too much for him and the world was closing in on him.

When the time came for Jesus to leave this world, he took his apostles up to the top of the Mount of Olives. He was returning to the Father. He was going to glory. As he ascended he directed their eyes upwards, towards the place where he was going. But he also pointed their eyes outwards. He showed them that there was a great world out there waiting to hear the Gospel. He gave them the task of bringing the Gospel to that vast world and promised to send them the Holy Spirit to equip them for that task.

The feast of Ascension is as much about us as about Jesus. His ascension shows us where the goal of our earthly journey lies. It is a goal and a destiny which defies even our imagination. It gives us a new and wider vision. It pushes out our horizons beyond the boundaries of this world. It gives an eternal dimension to our lives. Jesus went back to the source, the Alpha and the Omega. This is the meaning of his Ascension.



It is not a journey into outer space, but a journey home. His Ascension does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth.

During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time. But now that he is united with God, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere. We live in the hope that the words of Jesus will come true for us: 'Where I am, you too shall be.' Meanwhile we have a task to do: to preach the Gospel and to be his witnesses in the world.

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

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11: Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Resp Psalm Ps 46:2-3, 6-9: R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading Eph 1:17-23: He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Mk 16:15-20: The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.



To celebrate our mothers and significant mother figures, please join us for a special morning tea after Sunday 9am Mass.

Parish Notices

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

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

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

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/>

THE WELCOMING OF THE RELIC OF THE SAINTS. Last Friday, 3rd of May, we joyfully welcomed the Relics of the Saints into our church. The evening was marked by a lovely procession as the relics were brought into the church and reverently placed near the Sanctuary. Following a brief prayer service and a Holy Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite, attendees had the special privilege to venerate the relics individually. Thank you for all those who came and participated.



~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

14th May – St Mathias Apostle

19th May – Pentecost Sunday
– St Mary's School House Mass

24th May – Out Lady, help of Christians

26th May – The Most Holy Trinity

31st May – The visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.

Happy Mother's Day



Diocese Notices and more...

Mass of Welcome in Cathedral

Sun | 19 May | 4.30pm | Cathedral of St Patricks and St Joseph

On Pentecost Sunday, 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.

Pentecost Celebration

Sun | 19 May | 4.00- 6.00pm | Christ the King Church, Owairaka.

Starting with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass, Prayer Ministry, and Fellowship (Please bring a plate). Organised by Current of Grace, Auckland (part of CHARIS NZ)

The Israel Palestine Conflict – A Perspective from Professor Mazin

Sat | 18 May | 1.00pm | 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.

St Peter's College in Palmerston North

is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend. More information and registrations at <https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sun | 12 – 19 May 2024

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in New Zealand. The theme for the Week in 2024 was prepared by different Christian traditions in Burkina Faso.

The choice of biblical and liturgical texts is inspired by the image of the good Samaritan from the parable (Luke 10: 25-37) in which Jesus demonstrates what it means to love one's neighbour. "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27)

Resources are available on the diocesan website the relevant area is linked from the front page. Gather into groups of different cultures and religious churches to pray the 'Eight Day of Prayer.' And join us, with the other Christian Churches in Auckland on 25 August 2024, 5PM at the St Elias Melkite Catholic Church, 5 Mount Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens, Manurewa for the combined Prayer Service.

For Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

- Time Out Days
 - Behold the man
 - 24Hr Quietude
 - Womens' Prayer Retreat
 - Living as the Beloved
- www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Titipounamu Study & Joy upcoming series info: www.studyjoy.nz

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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Jnr & Snr Youth Group
– Cyrus Jesudas
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Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Catherine Ng, 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:

William Hogg, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Marie Mole, Gladys Smith, Solina Wallmark, Eva D Cubitt, Margaret Stone, Frank Corrigan, Claire Ryan, Margaret Webb, James McNeill, Salanda F A Salamone, Mateki Afeaki, Win O'Dea, Bernie Miskell, Margare Wyatt, John Quaid, Esme Kerr, Peggy Tooman, Dirus Berkhout, Anne Larkin 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