

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday** 9:00am  
 Sun Vietnamese Community 11:30am  
 Sun Syro- Malabar Comm 2:00 pm & 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                               |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Date/ Time</b>             | 17/08/2024<br>Sat 17:30pm        | 18/08/2024<br>Sun 09:00am           | 24/08/2024<br>Sat 17:30pm    | 25/08/2024<br>Sun 09:00am         |
| <b>Name of Week</b>           | 20th Sunday in Ordinary time     | 20th Sunday in Ordinary time        | 21st Sunday in Ordinary time | 21st Sunday in Ordinary time      |
| <b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b> | Betty Andrews                    | Heather Kelly                       | Rolinda D'Souza              | St Mary's School Mass             |
| <b>1st Reader</b>             | Russell D'Lima                   | Alekhya Kondaveeti                  | <b>Volunteer Req</b>         | St Mary's School Mass             |
| <b>2nd Reader</b>             | Sabrina Freitas                  | Judy MacMenigal                     | Lourdes Domilies             | St Mary's School Mass             |
| <b>Communion</b>              | Rolinda D'Souza                  | Sine Foulger & Andy Tibbitts        | Jacinta Chow                 | Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'Souza    |
| <b>Altar servers</b>          | Cyrus Jesudas & Rachelann D'Lima | Taiaopo & Vincent Lefe & Robert Liu | Christian Domilies           | Zhen Ng, Benjamin Lo & Toby Leech |
| <b>Collectors</b>             | Wongso Family                    | Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo            | Lourdes & Christian Domilies | St Mary's School Mass             |
| <b>Musician</b>               | Bambi                            | Christian Domilies                  | Lara Miranda                 | St Mary's School Mass             |
| <b>Laptop</b>                 | Jacinta Chow                     | Theresa Stowers                     | <b>Volunteer Req</b>         | St Mary's School Mass             |
| <b>Offertory</b>              | Bennett Family                   | Fuimaono Family                     | Domilies family              | St Mary's School Mass             |
| <b>Counters</b>               |                                  | Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Tsue           |                              | Tony Morcom & Andy Tibbitts       |
| <b>Church Cleaning</b>        | Tongan Comm                      |                                     | Vietnamese Comm              |                                   |
| <b>Flower Arrangements</b>    | Tongan Comm                      |                                     | Vietnamese Comm              |                                   |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>            |                                  | Indian Community                    |                              | Parish Food Festival              |

**Last Sunday's collection: \$2696.00**

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**  
[20th Sun of Ord Time](#)  
[Am I a Fireman yet?](#)

**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**



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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 17/ 18 August 2024**

**Places at table**

Once there was a wealthy merchant who had his newly married son and his wife living in his household. The son had a kind heart, and devoted himself to charitable works, helping every poor person who asked for his assistance. In time the young wife gave birth to a son. In honour of the occasion, the happy grandfather arranged a great feast.

Shortly before the festivities were about to begin, the son asked, 'Tell me, father, what arrangements have you made for the seating of the guests? If you do the conventional thing and seat the rich at the head table and the poor near the door, it will distress me. You know very well how I love the poor. As this is my celebration, let me honour those who are often overlooked. Promise me, then, to seat the poor at the head table and the rich at the door.'

His father listened attentively and replied, 'My son, it is difficult to change the world. Look at it this way: Why do poor people come to a feast? Because they are hungry and would like to eat a good meal. And why do rich people come to a feast? To get honour. They don't come to eat, because they have enough at home. Now just imagine what would happen if you seated the poor at the head table. They would sit there, very self-consciously, feeling everybody's eyes on them, and so would be ashamed to eat their fill. And what they wouldn't enjoy what they eat. Don't you think it would be better for their sake that they sat unnoticed at the door, where they could eat to their hearts content without being ashamed? 'Then again, suppose I were to do what you're asking and seat the rich at the door. Don't you think they would feel deeply offended? They don't come for the sake of the food, but for the honour. And if you don't give them that what will they get?'

The Eucharist is the banquet Jesus provides for his followers. All of us come to this banquet hungry; all of us need the bread that only Jesus can give - the bread of eternal life. And all of us come here poor before God. Here all of us are nourished. Here, all of us are honoured, for every seat is a throne of grace. Furthermore, through the Eucharist a spiritual bond is forged between us. Through our shared intimacy with Jesus, we are united also with one another, something which we must try to live out in our ordinary lives through mutual love, forgiveness and concern.

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

## Mass Readings



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Prov 9:1-6: Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

**Resp Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 10-15: R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Eph 5:15-20: Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

**Gospel:** Jn 6:51-58: My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

## ~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

17<sup>th</sup> Aug – World Youth Day Auckland

24<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Bartholemew, Apostle

25<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Mary's School House Mass

**25<sup>th</sup> Aug – Parish FOOD FESTIVAL**

29<sup>th</sup> Aug – Passion of John the Baptist

1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Father's Day

## PARISH NOTICES

### ANNUAL PARISH FOOD FESTIVAL

This year, our annual food festival will be held on **Sunday 25th August** in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass. All proceeds will contribute to the Youth group's funding for the 2027 World Youth Festival in South Korea. If you are available to help on Eftpos or hall set up, please contact **Lenora - lenorafoliaki@gmail.com**



### WHO ARE OUR FIRE WARDENS? AND WHERE IS OUR FIRE EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY POINT?

In case of a fire, our assembly point is **at the carpark**. Aside from our priests, our Fire wardens are Sat Mass: Bernard Liddington, Movez D'Souza, Esmeria D'Souza, Claudia Forycki, Blue Holmes-Kinsella Sun Mass: Leonard Casey, Martin Ng, Aidan Van de Hurk, Ivan D'Souza, Denis D'Souza, Verni Tibay, Greg Carll, Tiby Thomas, Riz Galvez

**LINE DANCING ANYONE?** Anyone of any age, who is interested in learning LINE DANCING in our parish, are invited to contact Mabel Fernandez on 022 172 9694 or email [mabelfernandesnz@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:mabelfernandesnz@yahoo.co.nz) . or Raphael ng on 022 1936579/ 09 2811557/ [ngahthong@gmail.com](mailto:ngahthong@gmail.com)

**THE FAITH SHARING GROUP** invites everyone to their next gathering on Saturday, August 24th, from 9:45 am to 10:45 am at the Presbytery meeting room. They will be discussing and sharing insights on the week's Gospel passage. For more details, contact Raphael Ng at 022 1936579, 09 2811557, or [ngahthong@gmail.com](mailto:ngahthong@gmail.com).

## DIOCESE NOTICES

**ALONE AGAIN?** A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 6-8 September. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

### Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival

**Sat| 21 Sept- 22 Sept | 7pm | Malaeola Samoan Catholic Community Centre | 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere**

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland (CDA) promotes a strong and inclusive communities for missionary discipleship. Come to this Festival to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September. Food, Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there.

### Young Adults Ball Sat| 14 Sept| 7pm |McHugh's of Cheltenham

Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! Themed 'Wonderland'. Here's your chance to put on your best formal attire and fall down the rabbit hole and into a world of whimsy, where the fantastical realm of Alice in Wonderland awaits! Indulge in canapes fit for a tea party, and select some of your favourite beverages available at the bar (With one free drink included in your ticket). Don't be late for this very important date! - secure your tickets now: tickets \$120 (Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out).\*This is an 18+ event. Tickets: [https://Young\\_Adults\\_Ball.eventbrite.com](https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com)

## Men's Conference – ARISE!

**Fri- Sun | 23 Aug 6pm – 25 Aug 2.30pm | Willow Park Christina Camp**  
The Lamb of God Community would like to invite all men for a Men's Conference to equip and stand firm in our faith. It is a great time to rejuvenate and uplift your spiritual life by joining other brothers walking alongside you in faith. The theme "ARISE" is based on 1 Cor 16:13-14 "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

## The Churches of Auckland Celebrate Christian Unity.

**Sun | 25 Aug | 5:00pm | St Elias Melkite Catholic Church, 5 Mt. Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens Manurewa.** Join us at this annual Prayer Service. Light Refreshments provided.

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Mon | 2 Sept | 7.00pm | Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby**  
Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Steve Lowe will be presiding. Light refreshments will be served at *Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, after Mass.*

## Special Mass for Loss of a Child

**Sat | 7 Sept | 5.00pm | St Michael's, Remuera**  
A Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. 4.30pm Reconciliation & Adoration follow by 5pm Mass. For info: Brenda 027 641 5615 (Details on Notice board)

## Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

For info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651

### Time Out Days

**Wed 21 Aug / Thu 12 Sep / Tue 15 Oct**  
For those who seek a day retreat – 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)

### 24Hr Quietude

**6-7 Sep / 22-23 Nov**  
For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food)

## Events at Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, Mission Bay

**Spending Time with St Mother Teresa**  
**Sat | 21 Aug | 9.30 for 10am – 1pm**  
Led by Eamon Butler  
\$35 waged/\$25 unwaged  
Registrations by 30<sup>th</sup> Aug to [eamon\\_butler@hotmail.com](mailto:eamon_butler@hotmail.com)

**Josephite Pilgrimage around Central Auckland**  
**Sat | 31 Aug | 10am – 3.30pm**  
Led by Sis. Jill McLoughlin and Ann Neven  
\$35 waged/\$25 unwaged  
Registrations by Wed 28 August to [MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au](mailto:MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au)  
Ph: 021 071 0277

## CDA CONNECT (DIGITAL MAGAZINE)

*What's been going on in the diocese?*

Click on Header or visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

## 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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**Food Bank Delivery**  
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**Marian Mothers Grp**  
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**Parish History Group**  
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**Jnr & Snr Youth Group**  
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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:

*Catherine Ng, Raphael Ng, Edward Salvatore Fleming, Lily Chua, Carrie Canapi, Janilyn Novelas, Jumer Cosme, Valerian Luis, Joan Luis, George Tooman, 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:

*Charles Andrew, Dorothy Welch, Arthur Neville, Thelma Young, Robina Lawler, Aleoys E Helean, Margaret T Barreth, Fr. Arthur Lenihan, Joseph Glinski, Caroline Lewis, Tom Nolan, Arleen Whiting, John Lee, Daphne Hill, Kathleen McDonald, Fr. Bill Dore, Madge Stone, Fr. Ted Forseman, Harold Blake, Leo H E Van Hees, Florence Chambers, George Clarke, Elizabeth Gratton, James Forde, Harold Blake, Milicent Munro, Margaret Chappell, Francis McCarthy, Mary Fletcher, Patrick Daly, Mary Leah their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office*