

MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am
 Sun Vietnamese Community 11:30 am
 Sun Syro- Malabar Comm 7.00 am, 2:00 pm & 5.00 pm

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

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)

Pastoral Council Chairperson: Leonard Casey

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Mass Roster

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
Date/ Time	31/08/2024 Sat 17:30pm	01/09/2024 Sun 09:00am	07/09/2024 Sat 17:30pm	08/09/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		22nd Sunday in Ordinary time		23rd Sunday in Ordinary time
Commentators & PoF	Eugene Miranda	Filipino Community	Lara Miranda	Margaret Burke
1st Reader	Rolinda D'Souza	Filipino Community	John Szczepanski	Anne Casey
2nd Reader	Cyrus Jesudas	Filipino Community	Mercy Edward	Julia Leary
Communion	Rasika Kalaha Wattega	Heather Kelly & Volunteer	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgram
Altar servers	Rachelann D'Lima & Cheryl Jesudas	Maya MacMenigall, Benjamin Fuimaono & Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Tina D'Souza	Rachelann D'Lima & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Raqnar Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon
Collectors	Taliauli Family		Finau Family	
Musician	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Filipino Comm & Bambi	Charmaine D'lima	Martin Ng & family
Laptop	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Filipino Community	D'lima Family	Ng Family
Offertory	Bennett Family	Filipino Community	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family
Counters		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim
Church Cleaning	St Marys Parents		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	<i>Volunteer Req</i>		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea		Father's Day- Mothers and Women of Parish		

For any roster changes, please email Parish Office and Andy Tibbitts andytibbittsnz@outlook.com
As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10 (RSV)

Last Sunday's collection: \$2639.90

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.
 Our bank account as below Or scan the QR code
BNZ 02-0108-0706777-00



Kid's Korner Links

22nd Sun of Ord Time
Noah's Ark

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 OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE



Parish Priest:
 Fr. Joseph V.J., C.Ss.R

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 Aug -1 Sept 2024

Lip-service versus service of the heart

An answering machine is a good thing in itself. But when we make a phone-call, we prefer to be greeted by a human being rather than by a machine. Yet, Modern technology allows a person's voice to be present even when they are absent. Long before such gadgets as answering machines were invented people were able to do that - to be present in voice only. Nowhere is this seen so clearly as in the case of worship. Jesus said of the Pharisees: "These people honour God with their lips, but their hearts are far from him." People can be present in church in voice only, and so their worship becomes mere lip-service. Furthermore, that voice might not be their natural voice. It may be a solemn and serious one, put on specially for Sundays. These people are essentially like answering machines. The most important element is missing, namely, the heart.

How different real presence is! The heart is in it, and the words that are spoken flow from there. For our words to ring true, they must be spoken from the heart. If they come only from the lips, they will have a hollow sound. And while they may be clever, they will not convince or inspire.

Take the word of forgiveness for instance. If it does not come from the heart, of what use is it? It will not set the offender free. Nor will it result in a true reconciliation between the parties. And the word of peace. If it is not spoken from the heart, can it bring peace? Of course not. And the word of welcome. I may open the door of my house to a person with kind words, but unless I make room for him in my heart, he will still be a stranger to me.



It is only with the heart that we can speak rightly. And a presence without the heart is like a fireplace without a fire. What is the quality of my presence here on a Sunday? I can tell by whether or not my heart is in it. What does it mean to put one's heart into one's worship? It implies sincerity, depth of commitment, and above all, love.

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.

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8: You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Resp Psalm Ps 14:2-5: R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27: Be doers of the word.

Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23: You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.



~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

- 1st Sept – **Father's Day**
- 7th Sept – Faith Sharing Gathering @ 9.45am in Presby meeting room
- 8th Sept – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14th Sept – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 21st Sept – St Matthew
- 21st Sept – Special Collection for St Patrick's Cathedral

Father Sijo has reached home safely. Let us continue to pray for him as he spends his holidays with his family and friends in India



PARISH NOTICE

MORNING TEA FOR FATHERS DAY – THIS SUN, 1ST SEPT

We will have morning tea after 9am Sunday Mass. Please come and join us for Sunday morning tea to celebrate the occasion with the father figures in our lives.
See you there!

ANNUAL PARISH FOOD FESTIVAL

Thank you to Lenora Foliaki, the coordinator of the Parish Food Festival, all our parishioners, all the communities in our parish and St Mary's school, who made our Parish Food Festival such a success.

*With your valuable support and cooperation, we made a profit of \$5783.20.
What a fantastic outcome!*



DIocese NOTICES

Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival

Sat | 21 Sept- 22 Sept | 7pm | Malaela 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.

G.I.F.T.

Sat | 7 Sept | 1pm - 4pm | Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby

A very warm welcome to all intellectually disabled people, their whānau and support worker for our first session at the Pompallier Centre. Come and see our fabulous new home! Please come to the back of the building, park near the tennis courts and come to the cafeteria/ back door.

2 Job Positions available St Joseph's Takapuna

- Executive assistant, 25 hours per week role; and
- Property manager, 10-15 hours per week.

For position descriptions and to apply for a position, contact Fr Mark Napa frmark@stjoseph.org.nz
Applications close **27 September 2024**

Women of St Peter's evening

Tues | 6 Sept | 5.30pm | St Peters School Hall

The St Peters College Old Boys and Friends Association, and the College would like to invite and honour all women in association with St Peters College, past or present to this event which honours their contribution.

Free entry and cash base operating. Nibbles provided RSVP to oldboys@stpeters.school.nz

Young Adults Ball

Sat | 14 Sept | 7pm | McHugh's of Cheltenham

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

One-day Men's Retreat

Sat | 19 Oct | 8am-4pm | St Thomas

More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield
Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship is hosting this special time Titled "He Emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7). A Time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve.

Please bring a packed lunch or plan to buy from shops nearby. Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs. All men are welcome. Contact Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 or Russell Sobotker (022) 0345678

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2025 departure for a 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings.

We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/>

Applications close **October 31st, 2024.**

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project (lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Fri | 6 Sept | 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.

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
celinsheilds@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group
Raphael Ng
ngahthong@gmail.com

Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
sandeleech@gmail.com

Marian Mothers Grp
Anne Casey
tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz

Parish History Group
Claudia Forycki
cforycki@water.co.nz

Jnr & Snr Youth Group
Cyrus Jesudas
cyrusjesudas@gmail.com

RCI and Sacramental Prog –Theresa Stowers
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:

Elizabeth Garvey, Gordon Cawdron, Cheryl Rainsford, Ken McRae, Rita Williams, Jacque Hoeberys, Gwendoline E Shennan, Noeline Bennett, Julia Downie, Gera Lovrich, Violet Wetzell, Desmond O Robertson, Herbert Terry, Marjory Ambridge, Katrina Marshall, Veronica C Theuerzeit, Sybil Malton, Mother Theresa, Benedict Stephan Remigas, Gerry Fitzgerald, Patsy Towles, Maria Patsy Tonk, Agnes Kemplay, Yvonne Southon, Agnes McMillan, Bishop Edward Gaines, Sr. Marie B Pham, Mary Bethmer, Hilary Halpin, Evelyn Sait, Austin Bolton, Alice McBride, Jack Tooman their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office