

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
<i>(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)</i>	
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)

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Mass Roster

Date/ Time	16/11/2024 Sat 17:30pm	17/11/2024 Sun 09:00am	23/11/2024 Sat 17:30pm	24/11/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		33rd Sunday in Ordinary time		Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Commentators & PoF	Theresa Stowers	Filipino Community	Cyrus Jesudas	Evelyn Leech
1st Reader	Sabrina Freitas	Filipino Community	Charmaine D'Lima	Judy MacMenigal
2nd Reader	Russell D'Lima	Filipino Community	Rolinda D'Souza	Margaret Burke
Communion	Rolinda D'Souza or Bernie Liddington	Sine Foulger & Andy Tibbitts	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'Souza
Altar servers	Cyrus Jesudas & Rachelann D'Lima	Vincent Lafele, Menula Silva & Robert Liu	Rachelann D'Lima & Cheryl Jesudas	Zhen Ng, Benjamin Lo & Toby Leech
Collectors	Wongso Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Rizalle Galvez and Margaret Burke
Musician	Charmaine D'Lima	Filipino Community	Lara Miranda	Tongan Comm
Laptop	D'Lima Family	Filipino Community	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community
Offertory	Bennett Family	Filipino Community	Domilies family	Kafa Family
Counters		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Sue		Tony Morcom & Aaron Fernandez
Church Cleaning	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea				Tongan Community

Pastoral Letter | November 2024

In this week of recognition and apology, the New Zealand Bishops have asked that a pastoral letter be read at all Masses this weekend. The letter will take the place of the homily and be followed by a litany of lament.

Their message is directed to the Catholic faithful who have felt the impact of abuse. The message will reference the apology for the Church's past response, and though the serious issues addressed may be distressing, they are part of our journey of building a strong safeguarding culture within our Church community.

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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The 33rd Sun of Ordinary Time 16 / 17 November 2024

Handbook for Christians

While we all enjoy listening to a story, we grow weary of hearing the same story repeatedly. When this happens, we disengage. The same can occur with the Gospel story. It may seem old, stale, and lifeless. How can we combat this stale and weary familiarity? We must strive to hear the story anew, as if for the very first time. We need to hear it in such a way that we are drawn into it and recognize our own stories within it. When this happens, our stories merge with the Gospel's and are illuminated by it.

Everything we need is contained within the Gospels. In the Gospels, we have the words of Jesus Himself. Those who make this book their teacher will never go astray. It's not enough merely to turn to the Gospel in times of misfortune. It's not enough to turn it into an object of veneration. We must examine our lives against the words of the book. Those words should kindle a fire in our hearts, and others should feel the warmth.

The Gospel offers life's deepest truths. As Mark Twain said, 'Others are bothered by the part of the Bible they can't understand. I'm bothered by the parts I can understand.' A saint once relied on its guidance, asking, "What would the Book say?" The answer, always rooted in righteousness, empowered him. The Gospel, then, is not merely read but lived.



The Gospel is the handbook of every Christian. While human opinions are rooted in appearances and change from day to day, the words of Jesus endure. We would do well to build the house of our life on His words.

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



Mass Readings

Link:
<https://universalis.com/nz.auckland/1300/mass.htm>

1st Reading:

Dan 12:1-3:
When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Resp Psalm:
Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

2nd Reading:

Heb 10:11-14, 18:
By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel:

Mk 13:24-32:
He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU to all who came for the **ICP Picnic in the Park** last Sunday. If you have photos you are happy to share, email ICP parish office for a link to upload your pictures for our records.

PARISH WORKING BEE – NEXT SAT Calling out for volunteers for our parish working bee that is happening next **Saturday 23 Nov from 10.30am**. Please bring lots of rugs/ microfibre clothes, buckets, gloves, gardening tools... Lets spruce up our church for Feast Day!

PARISH HISTORY GROUP REQUEST At our wine & cheese evening, we hope to have a display covering 120 years of our parish life but we need your help! If you or your group have any photos, programmes, personal recollections, etc that you care to share for this display (and we can copy for our archives), please contact Claudia at cforycki@water.co.nz. Your contribution would be most gratefully received.



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish Ellerslie
2024 PARISH FEAST CELEBRATIONS

29th NOVEMBER, FRIDAY – 7th DECEMBER, SATURDAY
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, November 29th

- 8.00 a.m. Adoration & Divine Mercy Rosary
- 9.00 a.m. Mass and Novena
- 6.30 p.m. Mass and Novena

Saturday, November 30th

- 8.00 a.m. Adoration & Rosary
- 9.00 a.m. Mass and Novena
- 9.45 a.m. Confessions
- 5.30 p.m. Sat Vigil Mass and Novena, followed by ICP Wine and Cheese Evening

Sunday, December 1st

- 9.00 a.m. Mass and Novena

Monday – Friday, December 2nd– 6th

PARISH RETREAT LED BY REV. FR. RICHARD SHORTALL SJ

Every Morning Session times:

- 8:00 a.m. Mass & Novena
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Retreat Talk

Every Evening Session times:

- 6:30 p.m. Mass & Novena
- 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Retreat Talk

Please attend the morning or evening sessions

Saturday, December 7th

- 8.00 a.m. Adoration & Rosary
- 9.00 a.m. Mass and Novena
- 9.45 a.m. Confessions
- 5.30 p.m. Sat Vigil Mass and Novena (Celebrant: Bishop Peter Brown, C.Ss.R.)

8th DECEMBER, SUNDAY
PARISH FEAST DAY

10.00 a.m. Feast Day Mass (Celebrant: Bishop Steve Lowe).
Followed by BBQ and Potluck Lunch.

Join us for a Festive Celebration of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

Come and join us for a

WINE & CHEESE EVENING

Celebrate our History and share your parish stories and memorabilia with us

DATE: Saturday, 30 November
TIME: 7.00pm (after Sat Vigil Mass)
VENUE: Parish Hall

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.

Last week's collection: \$1737.00

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.
Our bank details: BNZ
02-0108-0706777-00

This Christmas, **Monte Cecilia Housing Trust** is collecting children's gifts (unwrapped) and non-perishable food to create holiday packs for families in need. Donations can be dropped off at 30 Windrush Close, Māngere, Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm, and Fridays, 9am-4pm. Please deliver by Thursday, December 5, to help make Christmas brighter for those we support.

Catholic Women's League's Christmas Party

Wed| 27th Nov, St. Joseph's Church, Orakei. Mass at 10.30am followed by morning tea in the hall, Christmas Carols, crackers, hats and Christmas Trivia Quiz, festive lunch, Christmas cake, pavlova, mince tarts and more. Cost: \$40. Buy 3 raffle tickets for \$5. Support CWL's charities. **RSVP by 19 Nov** to Tina Raines on 021 940 950/09-5212499. Email: tinairaines@orcon.net.nz

St Michael's Advent Retreat with Dr Robert Loretz

Sat| 30Nov| 9.00am – 5.30pm| St Michael's Church, Beatrice Ave, Remuera

St Michael's is hosting a Retreat to prepare us for the Incarnation of our Lord this Advent. Join us as we delve into the theme of 'Friendship & Virtue' with Dr Robert Loretz. Light lunch provided. Koha on entry. Go to <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/events/advent-lunch-ssc89> to register.

Pope Francis has just released his latest encyclical, "Delexit Nos", A series of 3 sessions will be hosted on **4th, 11th, 18th Dec, 7.00 – 7.30pm on Zoom**. Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz *Poster on Noticeboard.*

Wine Sale – A St Mary's Community in Action Fundraiser

Ger ready for Christmas OR sponsor a couple of cases for our Wine and Cheese evening by getting your wine supplies early. And help fundraise for St Mary's school.

Sale period 11th Nov – 9th Dec

Go to www.marisco.co.nz

Discount code STMARYS24 and receive 24 % off retails price and Every case of wine sold St Mary's receives a \$30 donation!

Sale includes the following ranges:



Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Daniel Bridge, Wilma Smith, 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:

Leila McCleary, Jean Bender, Madge Palmer, Arch Gibson, John Snelgar, Liam Power, Dorothy Menezes, Royston Mahapatuna, Aldrich Viju, Arthur Tooman, Dorothy Menezes, Charles Hanning, Luka Lovich, Eva Roux De Boisson, Alice Nash, Eric O'Neill, Ellen Malcolm, Remedios Romientas, Rose H Turnock, Mary Sigley, Goerge Quensell, Wendy O'Daly, Gladys Meaney, Michal Petry, Alejandro Hapas, John Orsulich, Mary Kane, Jack Kane, Edward Doherty, Bernard Noakes, Frank Hannan, Mariakutty Joseph, Fabian N Rosales, Alejandro Ceniza their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. rest in peace. For additions or amendments. please e-mail Office

Parish Activities

To foster community, spiritual growth, and shared fellowship, please come along to our group activities that we have in this parish:-

Alpha Programme
Graeme White
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Divine Mercy Novena Group – Sheila D'Souza
celinsheids@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group
Raphael Ng
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Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
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Marian Mothers Grp
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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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