

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)

Pastoral Council Chairperson: Leonard Casey

Parish Office Administrator: Bambi Lee
Phone: 579-5458

Email: icpellerslie@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tue to Friday 9:00am -1:00 pm
Hall Hire: Ph. 579-5458

St. Mary's Catholic School:

Principal: Mrs. Sue Kubala

Website: <http://www.stmary.school.nz/>

Ph: 09-579 8937

Mass Roster

Date/ Time	30/11/2024 Sat 17:30pm	1/12/2024 Sun 09:00am	7/12/2024 Sat 17:30pm	8/12/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		1st Sunday of Advent		2nd Sunday of Advent
Commentators & PoF	Lizette Quilantang	Filipino Community	Rolinda D'Souza	Rizalee Galvez
1st Reader	Tilla Miranda	Filipino Community	Blue Holmes Kinsella	Albert Wolfgramme
2nd Reader	Eugene Miranda	Filipino Community	Cyrus Jesudas	Julia Leary
Communion	Rasika Kalaha Wattedga	Leonila Teodoro & Heather Kelly	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgram
Altar servers	Aaron D'Lima & Cheryl Jesudas	Maya MacMenigall, Benjamin Fuimaono & Menula Silva	Rachelann D'Lima & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordone
Collectors	Taliauli Family	Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Vol Req	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon
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	Taliauli Family	Filipino Community	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family
Counters	0	Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim
Church Cleaning	St Marys Parents		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	<i>Volunteer Req</i>		Vietnamese Comm	

If you wish like to volunteer on a regularly basis in our Liturgy Committee, please email Parish Office, Theresa Stowers theresa_stowers@hotmail.com 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 week's collection (incl. Auto Payments) : \$ 2040.10

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

Our bank account **BNZ 02-0108-0706777-00**

Kid's Korner Links

[Advent Wk 1 - HOPE](#)

[Seed of Faith](#)

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

Vietnamese Comm:
Mr.Tu Ngo 021851746



66 Main Highway, Auckland NZ
(09) 579-5458

icpellerslie@gmail.com

www.ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Facebook: Immaculate Conception Parish Ellerslie

1st Sunday of Advent

30 Nov / 1 Dec 2024

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath, with its symbolic candles, invites us to contemplate the profound significance of light during the season of expectation. Each candle, a fragile yet powerful beacon, represents the unwavering hope of those who anticipated Christ's arrival. As these candles illuminate the darkness, they mirror the sacrificial nature of Christian service, inspired by Jesus's ultimate act of self-giving.

The central, white candle stands out, symbolizing Christ, the true light of the world. Despite His divine nature, He chose to embody human frailty, ultimately sacrificing His life to dispel the darkness of sin and death. His resurrection, a triumph over the forces of darkness, ensures that His light continues to shine, illuminating the path for believers.

As baptized Christians, we are called to be children of light, reflecting the radiance of God's love in our words and actions. By embracing acts of kindness and service, we can brighten the world, dispelling the darkness of selfishness and hatred. The Advent season offers a unique opportunity to embody this light, making a positive impact on the lives of others.



Through the symbolism of the Advent wreath, we are reminded of the enduring power of hope, love, and sacrifice. By embracing these values, we can become beacons of light, guiding others toward a brighter future.

*McCarthy Flor, New Sunday and holiday liturgies Year C
Dominican Publications 2012*



Mass Readings

Link:

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

1st Reading:

Jer 33:14-16: I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14: R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading:

1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2: When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia! (Ps 84:8)

Gospel:

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36: Your redemption is near at hand.

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT FAITH SHARING GROUP MEET is on **7th Dec after Sat 9am Mass (@9.45am)**, the presbytery meeting room. Discussion will be on the Gospel for that weekend 2nd Sun of Advent.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION is on Tuesday **17th December 7.00pm**. Kindly note in your diaries.

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME Thank you to those that have shown interest in next year's programme. Starting dates and registration are to be announced soon.

2025 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

are now available to purchase for \$13.00 in Parish Office.

2025 BIBLE DIARIES

are also available to purchase for \$20.00 in Parish Office.

PARISH FEAST CELEBRATION INFO SHEETS

are available in the church foyer to take home and place on your fridge. Details of Celebrants for each evening Mass are listed on the back page for your reference.



ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

If you have an Advent wreath to be blessed, bring it to mass next week.

CAROL SINGING IN THE COMMUNITY

Come and bring the Christmas joy into homes of our older parishioners on the **14th Dec, Saturday 1.30pm**. Meet in the carpark. Bring your portable music instruments and voices with you.



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

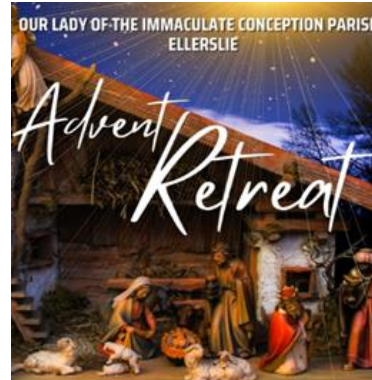
- 8.00 a.m. Adoration & Rosary
- 9.00 a.m. Mass and Novena
- 9.45 a.m. Confessions
- 5.30 p.m. Sat Vigil Mass and Novena (**Celebrant: Bishop Peter Brown, C.Ss.R.**)

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



LED BY FR. RICHARD SHORTALL S.J.
RETREAT DIRECTOR
&
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

2ND-6TH DECEMBER
(MONDAY - FRIDAY)

PLEASE ATTEND THE MORNING OR EVENING SESSIONS

2025 Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope.



As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of Jubilee Events. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. Explore and return regular to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

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

Wake and Pray, Tuesday mornings in Advent, **3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th December**, a half hour Meditation on Zoom **6.15-6.45am**. Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels, Sunday evenings **1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December**, on Zoom, **7-7.30 pm**. Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Nga Tapuwae. Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae **10th to 12th January 2025**. Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Māori heritage.

For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

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

Ger ready for Christmas 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, 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:

Janilyn Novelas, Elsie Clarke, Des Cahalan, Marion Emmerton, Chris Armstron, John Murphy, Eileen McIntyre, Marj Murray, Josie Bayangan, Dick Brodie, Alice Colvin, Alexia Pou, Stephen Dobbs, Jade M Madrisa, Nerissa Darby, Ellen Burn, Fred Crocker, Lawrence Hall, Mary Miller, Mabel Hern, Olive Louise Dobbs, Monica M Barnaby, Mons. Huia Hyde, Tom Hoore, Ian Mooney, Finav Havea, Daniel Forbes, Imelda de Thierry, Eric Roberts, Ray Jillings, Arlene Cosme, Sarah Fitzgerald, Teresa Lindberg, Annie Dilger, Robert Bantin, Kevin Cameron, Brian Helean, Henry Byrnes, Anna Forsythe, John Tyson, Mary Flynn, Brian Helean, Thomas O'Leary, Peter Bernnan 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
alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Novena Group – Sheila D'Souza
celinsheids@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group
Raphael Ng
ngathong@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