

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)

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Mass Roster

Date/Time	7/12/2024 Sat 17:30pm	8/12/2024 Sun 09:00am	14/12/2024 Sat 17:30pm	15/12/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		2nd Sunday of Advent		3rd Sunday of Advent
Commentators & PoF	Rolinda D'Souza	Rizalee Galvez	Russell D'Lima	Taiapo Lafele
1st Reader	Blue Holmes Kinsella	Albert Wolframme	Lara Miranda	Sheila D'Souza
2nd Reader	Cyrus Jesudas	Julia Leary	Tilla Miranda	Greg Carll
Communion	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfram	Rolinda D'Souza or Bernie Liddington	Sine Foulger & Andy Tibbitts
Altar servers	Rachelann D'Lima & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordone	Cyrus Jesudas & Rachelann D'Lima	Vincent Lafele, Menula Silva & Robert Liu
Collectors	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon	Wongso Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
Musician	Emmanuel Group	Martin Ng & family	Charmaine D'Lima	Christian & Theresa
Laptop	D'Lima Family	Ng Family	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers
Offertory	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family	Bennett Family	Fuimaono Family
Counters		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Sue
Church Cleaning	Filipino Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Filipino Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea				

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 andytibbitts@outlook.com

Last week's collection (incl. Auto Payments) : \$2027.20

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

Kid's Korner Links

[Advent Wk 2 - PEACE](#)

[Dog named Cheeseburger](#)

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:
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2nd Sunday of Advent/ Parish Feast Day

07/08 Dec 2024

Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady & Happy 120th Anniversary

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this joyous day, we commemorate the unique privilege granted to Mary by God: she was conceived without original sin. This extraordinary grace prepared her to become the Mother of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Mary's Immaculate Conception is a testament to God's boundless love and mercy. It reminds us of the power of God's grace to transform lives and overcome sin. As we celebrate this feast, let us turn to Mary as our model of faith, hope, and love. May her intercession guide us on our spiritual journey and inspire us to live lives of holiness.

This year has been a unique year for our parish, as we celebrate the 120th anniversary of our church. On this momentous occasion, let us pause to reflect on the rich history and spiritual heritage that have shaped our community. For 120 years, our parish has been a beacon of faith, hope, and love, offering solace, support, and spiritual nourishment to countless people. Let us give thanks to God for the countless blessings we have received over the past 120 years.

Let us also remember with gratitude all those pastors, leaders, and parishioners whose unwavering commitment to our faith and to one another has been instrumental in making our parish the vibrant community it is today. As we look to the future, let us continue to be inspired by the legacy of our predecessors. Let us strive to deepen our faith, strengthen our bonds of community, and journey forward as "Pilgrims of Hope."

Happy Feast and Happy 120th anniversary,
 Frs. Joseph V.J. and Sijo John



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading:

Baruch 5:1-9:
 Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 125: R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading:

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11: Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

(Lk 3:4, 6)

Gospel:

Lk 3:1-6: All people shall see the salvation of God.



THANK YOU TO FR. RICHARD SHORTALL SJ

who led our Parish Advent Retreat this week and all those who participated in it. We hope that you were able to gain some good insights and new ways to pray that would lead you to a more fruitful and real connection with God.

Parish Notices

MASS ON MONDAYS

There will be Mass in our church on Mondays during Advent at 8:00 AM. All are encouraged to attend the daily Mass during Advent as we prepare for Christmas.

CAROL SINGING IN THE COMMUNITY

Come and bring the Christmas joy into homes of our elderly parishioners on the **14th Dec, Saturday 1.30pm-5.00pm**. Meet in the carpark. Bring your portable music instruments and voices with you. Dress in white, red and green and Christmas accessories if you wish.

THANK YOU, PARISH HISTORY GROUP, LENORA FOLIAKI, BETTY FERNANDEZ AND SIOBHAN WILSON for their efforts and generosity in making the Wine and Cheese Evening an insightful, wonderful and fun evening. If anyone missed the event, you can refer to our Facebook page for the articles and pictures displayed. Want to be part of the team? Please reach out to Claudia, cforycki@water.co.nz



DATES TO REMEMBER

Advent Reconciliation 17th Dec 7.00pm



Christmas Eve 24th Dec (Tuesday)

Morning Mass 9.00am

Christmas Eve Family Mass 6.30pm

Christmas Carols Singing 11.30pm

Christmas Day 25th Dec (Wednesday)

Christmas Midnight Mass 12.00am

Christmas Day 9.00am

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED.

Altar Servers, Communion ministers, Commentator, Musicians, Ministers of the Word and Communion help required for

* Christmas Eve Family Mass * Midnight Mass,
* Christmas Day, and *New Years Day.

If you can assist, please email Andy:

andytibbitsnz@gmail.com



2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Starting dates will be announced next week and Online registration will be available from Tuesday, 17th December 2024.

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/>

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Celebration Growth in Faith Together for people with intellectual disabilities. Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm at Good Shepherd Church, Telford Ave, Balmoral. After mass please join us for a meal. Everyone welcome.

SEE THE NEED. BE THE HOPE! Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers.

Your donation will have double the impact!. Please feel free to take home our Christmas newsletter and see where your donations are making a difference. www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012.

Delexit Nos, Pope Francis has just released his latest encyclical series in 3 sessions. This will be hosted on **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, **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 **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

Get 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** retail price and Every case of wine sold St Mary's receives a **\$30 donation!**

Sale includes the following ranges:



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
celinsheilds@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group
Raphael Ng
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Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
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Marian Mothers Grp
Anne Casey
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Parish History Group
Claudia Forycki
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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:

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:

Thomas O'Leary, Peter Bernnan, John Poland, John Moore, Frabcus Murdock, Mamie Nightingale, Gypsy Foster, Christine J Roxas, John Moriarity, John Gavin, Frank Grant, Pat Houlahan, Ina Churchill, Brian Gulson, Joan Coleman, Norman Garona, Tom Neeves, Kathleen Salter, Ronald Borrie, Maude Roberts, Pauline Barry, Noreen Phillips, May Donovan, Ludwig Forycki, Jack Daley, Amelia Taylor, Charles Manning, Eileen Hodge, Michael Cooney, Eugenie A Mohi, Alvia Jacob their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail Office