

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	14/12/2024 Sat 17:30pm	15/12/2024 Sun 09:00am	21/12/2024 Sat 17:30pm	22/12/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		3rd Sunday of Advent		4th Sunday of Advent
Commentators & PoF	Russell D'Lima	Taiapo Lafele	John Szczepanski	Alekhya Kondaveeti
1st Reader	Lara Miranda	Sheila D'Souza	Anitha Roshi	Theresa Stowers
2nd Reader	Tilla Miranda	Greg Carll	Sabrina Freitas	Sine Foulger
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	Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas	Zhen Ng, Benjamin Lo & Toby Leech
Collectors	Wongso Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Rizalle Galvez and Margaret Burke
Musician	Charmaine D'lma	Christian & Theresa	Chow Family	Tongan Comm
Laptop	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community
Offertory	Bennett Family	Fuimaono Family	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Kafa Family
Counters		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Sue		Tony Morcom & Aaron Fernandez
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan 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) : \$2483.30

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

Kid's Korner Links

[Advent Wk 3 - JOY](#)

[Enjoy the Season](#)

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent

14 / 15 December 2024

Practical Christianity

Christianity is a very practical religion. It is not only a matter of words but also of deeds. And Christianity is also a social religion. It is not just a matter of God and me, but of God, others, and me. In other words, it concerns not only my relationship with God, but also my relationship with other people. We see a good illustration of this in today's Gospel. John the Baptist had been telling the people that the Messiah was coming, and that therefore they should prepare themselves. The people came to John for baptism, but they knew that more was expected.

So they asked him, 'What must we do?' And John gave them some very practical, down-to-earth advice. To the ordinary people he said: those who are well off must share with those who are not well off. To tax collectors he said: don't exact more than your rate. In other words, don't use your office to exploit people.



And to soldiers he said: don't use your position of power to intimidate or oppress people. In essence what he was saying was: show concern for others, and be just in all your dealings.

That's how practical Christianity is. Christianity lives by deeds, but dies by words alone.

We are preparing for the Lord's coming at Christmas. And we have no doubt but that he will come to us. But he doesn't come to us only at Christmas. He comes to us always, and at the oddest times and places, and wearing different disguises. He comes in the person of the other, especially of the other in need. Advent urges us to prepare a way for the Lord. There is no better way to prepare than to be welcoming towards those in need. The way to find peace and happiness and goodness is to forget oneself and think of others



Mass Readings

Link:
<https://universalis.com/nz.auckland/130/0/mass.htm>

1st Reading:

Zeph 3:14-18: With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Resp Psalm.

Is 12:2-6: R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

2nd Reading:

Phil 4:4-7: The Lord is near.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia! (Is 61:1, Lk 4:18)

Gospel:

Lk 3:10-18: What, then, must we do?

DATES TO REMEMBER

Advent Reconciliation 17th Dec (Tues) 7.00pm

Christmas Eve 24th Dec (Tuesday)

Morning Mass 8.00am
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

New Years Day 1st January 9.00am

THANK YOU TO BISHOP PETER BROWN, BISHOP STEVE LOWE, FRs. RICHARD, DOAN & JOHN

For coming and celebrating our Feast Day Masses last weekend. Their presence made the Masses so much more special and what an honour it was for us to have them present on such an occasion.



Parish Notices

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU We extend our sincere gratitude to our entire parish community for your invaluable cooperation and unwavering support in making our last weekend's parish feast a truly extraordinary celebration. Your presence, participation, and generous contributions created a joyous and memorable occasion. Special thanks to the PPC, Liturgy, Finance and History committees, the Youth Group, for taking the lead in coordinating the celebrations, and to Sacred Heart College Brass Quarter for their incredible musical performance. See more pictures on our Facebook page.

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.

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.



2025 JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Opening of the Year of Jubilee Join Bishop Steve in Mass opening the year of Jubilee 2025, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, 11pm, 31 December.

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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
Theresa - theresa_stowers@hotmail.com and
Andy - andytibbitsnz@outlook.com

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



Online registrations and info sheet will be available on our Parish website from Tuesday, 17th Dec 2024.
Registration will close when capacity is reached.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS ON SHINE TV

This year, Christmas Mass from the Archdiocese of Wellington will be broadcast on Shine TV at 3.00pm. Please let interested people know, especially the household know.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Registration OPEN for 2025
Human Love in the Divine Plan: Beginners Course : Sat 15 and Sun 15 February 2025. Mission Bay, Auckland.

Book Study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love -Wed evenings starting 12 February 2025; Hillsborough, Auckland

All adults 20+ are welcome.

To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

JANUARY 2025 RETREAT

with Dan and Stephanie Burke from **Avila Institute and Divine Intimacy Radio**

Sat 4th Jan: Setting the Captives Free: Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits, Hillsborough. **Full day retreat.**

Mon 6th Jan: Awakening the Heart to the Presence of God; Meadowbank 6-9pm

Tues 7th Jan: Deeper Into the Heart of God; Ponsonby 6-9pm
For more information and to register:

<https://spiritualdirection.com/nz>

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

is excited to be launching a new initiative called **Dovecotes**. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us by forming a Dovecote in your parish. All it needs is for two or more women, to support each other to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through regular shared prayer. Our leaflet called 'Welcome to Dovecotes', contains all the relevant information. It's on our website: www.dove.org.nz or email Gloria Stafford: dovenational.leader@gmail.com

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
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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
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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:

James Thurston, Frank Walwork, Simeona Gapas, Peter McManemin, Robin Bailey, Sis Margaret-Mary Hunter, Barbara Conway, Simpson, John Coyne, Elizabeth Barron, Meriann D Royce, Shona Hoggins, Martha Stuart, Lucy Crowley, Emily Pile, Manual D'mello, Rosita Espiritu, Eileen Price, Rose Srhoj, Fr. Ron McKendry Solomon Benemenito their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail Office

TO ALL ST MARYS SCHOOL LEAVERS,

the Parish community wishes you all the best in your new venture into College life.
May the Lord continue to keep and bless you as you continue to make new friends, strive for academic excellence and deepen your Christian faith.