

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

(REFER TO ONE DRIVE FILE OR THERESA FOR CHRISTMAS AND NY MASS ROSTER)

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
Date/ Time	21/12/2024 Sat 17:30pm	22/12/2024 Sun 09:00am	28/12/2024 Sat 17:30pm	29/12/2024 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		4th Sunday of Advent		The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Commentators & PoF	John Szczepanski	Alekhya Kondaveeti	Blue Holmes Kinsella	Volunteer Req
1st Reader	Anitha Roshi	Theresa Stowers	Lizette Quilantang	Fleur McCombe
2nd Reader	Sabrina Freitas	Sine Foulger	Volunteer Req	Volunteer Req
Communion	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbits & Sheila D'Souza	Rasika Kalaha Wattega	Albert Wolfgram & Sine Foulger
Altar servers	Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas	Zhen Ng, Benjamin Lo & Toby Leech	Cyrus & Cheryl Jesudas	Jojo Taylor & Benjamin Fuimaono
Collectors	Domilies Family	Rizalle Galvez and Margaret Burke	Taliauli Family	Rizalle Galvez & Tina D'Souza
Musician	Chow Family	Tongan Comm	Lara Miranda	Volunteer Req
Laptop	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community	Volunteer Req	Volunteer Req
Offertory	Volunteer Req	Kafa Family	Taliauli Family	Volunteer Req
Counters		Tony Morcom & Aaron Fernandez		as arranged
Church Cleaning	Tongan Comm		Volunteer Req	
Flower Arrangements	Tongan Comm		Volunteer Req	
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 Tibbits andytibbitsnz@outlook.com

Last week's collection (incl. Auto Payments) : \$1711.90

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

Kid's Korner Links

[Advent Wk 4 - LOVE](#)

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

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Immaculate Conception Parish Ellerslie

4th Sunday of Advent

21 / 22 December 2024

The Grace of Visitation

The Gospel of today's Mass tells the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. She herself had just been visited by the angel Gabriel, who had brought her the news that she was to become the mother of the Saviour (Jesus). However, instead of basking in the glow of that astounding piece of news, she went off immediately to visit Elizabeth, who also was expecting a child. Elizabeth was her cousin.



Our first and holiest duty is kindness towards our own kin. However, this doesn't mean it's easy. One's kin can be very demanding. No doubt Mary's visit meant a great deal to Elizabeth. But Mary too benefited from it. As the elder and more experienced of the two women, Elizabeth was able to help Mary.

She spoke some lovely words of affirmation and confirmation to her: 'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' Essentially what we have here is two women in the same condition helping one another. We can receive by giving. And one of the ways we can give is by visitation. Christmas a great time for visiting people we may have neglected all year long. And, of course, it invites us to open ourselves to the God who comes to visit us in the person of his beloved Son.



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading:

Micah 5:1-4: Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19: R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved

2nd Reading:

Heb 10:5-10: I am coming to do your will.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia! (Lk 1:38)

Gospel:

Lk 1:39-44: Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

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CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR MASSES

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 1st January 9.00am

From 26th Dec till 31st Jan - Mass is at 9.00am daily



from the ICP Office

Parish Office will be closed for Christmas break from 25th Dec to 6th January 2025

Parish Notices

MORNING MASS There will be Mass this Monday at 8:00 AM. **From December 26th to January 31st**, Morning Mass will be celebrated at **9.00 am daily**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY on Sunday Mass has finished for the year. It will resume in February 2025.

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.

Year of Jubilee 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/>

You are also invited to read **Jubilee Jottings** a diocesan newsletter about what is happening that includes ideas of celebrating Jubilee as Church local and domestic <https://cdaportal.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/JubileeJottingsDec.pdf>

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



Online registrations and info sheet are now accessible on our website. Hurry as spaces are filling up quickly, Got questions, Contact Judy judymacmen@gmail.com for details.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Altar Servers, Communion ministers, Commentator, Musicians, Ministers of the Word and Communion help required for New Years Day and January Masses
 If you can assist, please email Theresa - theresa_stowers@hotmail.com and Andy - andytobbitts@outlook.com

Planning a new years resolution?

Why not consider volunteering at our Parish in 2025? There are always lots volunteer roles for during or pre Mass to fill (i.e. Offertory, Church cleaning, Flower arrangements, Hospitality, Altar service, Music etc...) If interested, contact Theresa Stowers and Andy T.

Come help out with the Children's Ministry (Anne tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz) OR the Sacramental programme that begins in Feb 2025 Reach out to Judy - judymacmen@gmail.com

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 housebound know.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Masses throughout the Auckland diocese can be accessible from [HTTPS://WWW.AUCKLANDCATHOLIC.ORG.NZ/CHRISTMAS-MASSES-2024/](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/christmas-masses-2024/)

MESSAGE FROM MONTE CECILIA HOUSING TRUST

Blessings of Peace and God Bless!

On behalf of everyone at Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your parish's incredible generosity in supporting this year's Monte Cecilia Christmas donation drive.

Your donations of children's Christmas presents and food have made a meaningful difference for the families living in our properties.

These gifts will help create a joyful and special Christmas for children and bring comfort to families during this holiday season.

They're a reminder that there are people out there thinking of them and wishing them well. We are truly grateful for your ongoing support and the care you show to those in need within our community.

Your kindness reflects the true spirit of Christmas, and it is deeply appreciated by both our organisation and the families we serve.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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
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Faith Sharing Group
 Raphael Ng
ngathong@gmail.com

Food Bank Delivery
 Evelyn Leech
sandeleech@gmail.com

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:

Mary A Cooney, Petrus Sanders, Hannah Moore, Jack Bell, Ernie Whitley, John Hutchinson, Pramila Fernandez, Gabriella Freeland, Elizabeth Wolfgramm, John Pask, Clematis M Green, Rosa Christmann, Michael Cahalan, Annie Williams, Wally Marsk, Fred Fitze, Humphrey Lynch, Herbert Jeth, Corazon Benemerito, Maude Jones, Margaret Leah, Harry Hill, Bill McNamara, Minnie Shields, Winnie Bentheir souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail Office