

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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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

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Immaculate Conception Parish Ellerslie

CHRISTMAS Eve/ Midnight/ Day

24 / 25 Dec 2024

A Joyful Christmas

As we celebrate Christmas, may the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with joy, peace, and love. Let us remember the true meaning of this holy season – the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May His presence bring comfort, hope, and renewal to your lives.



In the hustle and bustle of the holiday preparations, let us not forget the reason for the season. Take a moment to reflect on the selfless love of God, who sent His only Son to redeem humanity. May this reflection inspire us to share His love with others, especially those who are less fortunate.

As we gather with our loved ones to celebrate Christmas, let us also remember those who are alone or struggling.

Extend a hand of friendship, a word of kindness, or a simple act of service to brighten their day. Let us be a beacon of hope and compassion in a world that often seems divided.

May this Christmas be a time of renewal and spiritual growth. Let us embrace the message of peace, goodwill, and love that Christ brings to the world. May His light shine brightly in our hearts and guide us on our journey of faith. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Frs. Joseph VJ and Sijo John



PLEASE REFER TO ONE DRIVE LINK FOR THE REST OF DEC'S ROSTER.

NOTE THERE IS NO ROSTER IN JANUARY 2025

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

Thank you so much for your kind generosity to our parish.

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

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.

Christmas Eve Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Is 62:1-5: The Lord takes delight in you.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29: R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25: Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David.

Alleluia, alleluia! **Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king.** Alleluia!

Gospel:

Lk 2:1-14: Today a saviour has been born for you..

Midnight Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Is 9:1-7: A son is given to us.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 95:1-3, 11-13: R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Titus 2:11-14: God's grace has been revealed to all people.

Alleluia, alleluia! **Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.** Alleluia! (Lk 2:10-11)

Gospel:

Lk 2:1-14: Today a saviour has been born for you..

Christmas Morning Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Is 62:11-12: Your Saviour is born.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 96:1, 6, 11-12: R. A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

2nd Reading:

Titus 3:4-7: His own compassion saved us.

Alleluia, alleluia! **Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth.** Alleluia! (Lk 2:14)

Gospel:

Lk 2:15-20: The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.



A Humble Prayer

"God, our Creator, we offer this humble prayer on Christmas Day. We come to worship with a song of thanks in our hearts—a song of redemption, a song of hope and renewal. We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth. We ask for the salvation of all our family members and friends, and we pray your blessings on all people. May there be bread for the hungry, love for the unlovable, healing for the sick, protection for our children, and wisdom for our youth. We pray for the forgiveness of sinners and abundant life in Christ. Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love and power. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen."



DATES TO REMEMBER

29th Dec – Feast of the Holy Family
1st Jan - New Year Day;
Mary, the Mother of God.Mass @9am
5th Jan –The Epiphany of the Lord
12th Jan – The Baptism of the Lord
25th Jan – The Conversion of St Paul
27th Jan – Auckland Anniversary Day

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 Stowers -
theresa_stowers@hotmail.com
OR Andy Tibbits –
andytibbitsnz@outlook.com

Planning a new years resolution?

Why not consider volunteering at our Parish in 2025?

There are lots of 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.

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

PARISH NOTICES

MORNING MASS: From December 26th to January 31st 2025, Morning Mass will be celebrated at 9.00 am. daily.

PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE from 25th Dec to 6th January 2025.

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 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
Online

registrations and info sheet are now accessible on our website.

Hurry as spaces are filling up quickly,

Got questions, Contact Judy judy_macmen@gmail.com for details.

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
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Food Bank Delivery
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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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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:

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 Ben their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail Office