

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE

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The Holy Family

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Jesus begins to find himself

At 12 years old, Jesus accompanied Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for the Passover, marking the time for him to take on the obligations of the Law. Parents gradually introduce their children to the community and its traditions, but on the return journey, Jesus was left behind in the city. Though it was a serious situation, it was the result of a misunderstanding, showing that even in the best families, mistakes happen. Mary and Joseph searched frantically, questioning why Jesus caused them such anxiety. The true test of good parenting is love, especially in difficult times.



Jesus wasn't lost—he was in the house of God, having an adventure. When found, he told his parents he must be about his Father's business. Though they didn't fully understand, Mary pondered his words. Listening is key to parenting, and this experience brought the family closer together.

Jesus obeyed them, and they realized how special he was, even as he began to grow away from them. Parents must learn that children grow to be their own persons, and possessiveness can hinder true love.

Jesus' journey of self-discovery in the Temple is an example for us all to find our true identity as children of God. Just as Jesus grew in the context of family, so does our own growth.

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



Mass Readings

Link:

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

1st Reading:

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 (Yr C): For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord

Resp Psalm.

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (Yr C): R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord

2nd Reading:

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 (Yr C): He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia! (Cf Acts 16:14)

Gospel:

Lk 2:41-52: His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.

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 9.00am

(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)

Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am

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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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

1st Jan –New Years Mass @ 9.00am

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

PARISH NOTICES

Daily Morning Mass: From Dec 26th to Jan 31st, Morning Mass will be celebrated at **9.00 am. daily**

New Year Day Mass: Wednesday at 9.00 am.

No Mass Rostered in January. If you would like to assist in our Mass rosters, please contact Andy.

Next roster to arrange and distributed end of Jan.

2025 Sacramental Programme: There are only 3 more spaces. Enrolment form and info sheet is on our ICP website. Email Judy if you have queries.

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, CBD @ 11.00pm, 31 December 2024



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 or needing our prayers.

We remember those who have died and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Margaret Te Ahuru, Delia Fix, Phyllis Spick, Andrew Lockhart, Maggie Elsie Brown, Maude Bacon, Bridget Coyrie, Henry Berkhout, Raul Del Castillo Jnr., Desmond C Armstrong, Eileen R Walsh, Paea Havea, Jennifer R Fewtrell, William Forde, Mildred Cadman, Bill Tate, Mary Te Anura, Des Armstrong, Alice Martin, Winifried A O'Reilly, Jane McNamata, Evelyn Gore, Basilisa Garena, Margaret Pamela, Frances A Austin, Molly Harding (Moore), Alfred Piccinello, Glendivine C Dobbs, Kathleen M Selkirk, Margaret Garvey, Elizabeth McDonnell, Thomas Brett, John McInnarney, Mabel Mellana, Joseph Noakes, Alexander White, May Turicich, Katie Plummer, Chris Huntly, Myra Simpson, Denis Hughes, Kee Wester, Joseph Noakes, Desmond C Armstrong **their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.***

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*

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[Holy Family Feast Mass](#)

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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.