

# PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

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The feast of the Epiphany is a revolutionary feast. Christ is revealed as the Saviour, not of a select group of people, but of all peoples. Jesus broke down the great barrier that existed between Jews and Gentiles. In fact, all the barriers of tribe, of kinship, are transcended by the message of Jesus, the Universal Brother.

The Epiphany is a beautiful feast because it brings everybody together. 'All now share the same inheritance, they are part of the same body' (Second Reading). But that doesn't mean these barriers have magically disappeared. Wherever we go today we see divisions among people, in families, communities, cities, and countries.

Today's barriers are racial, ethnic, social and religious ones. All these divisions are reflections of our separation from God. God sent Jesus into the world to reconcile people with him and with one another. As people reconciled with God through Jesus, we have been given the ministry of reconciliation, talking across the fences is important.

Christians are called to be agents of love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds. The Church ought to be a place where all barriers fall down, a tent in which there is room for everyone.



### **Mass Readings**

Link:

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

### **1st Reading:**

Is 60:1-6: The glory of the Lord shines upon you

### **Resp Psalm.**

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13:

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### **2nd Reading:**

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6: The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!  
(Mt 2:2)

### **Gospel:**

Matt 2:1-12: We have come from the East to worship the king.

**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*

### MASS TIMES

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am
Sun Vietnamese Community	11:30 am
Sun Syro- Malabar Comm	7.00 am, 2:00 pm & 5.00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	9.00am
<i>(Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion)</i>	
<b>Tuesday to Thursday</b>	9.00am
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass	5.30pm
Public Holidays	9:00am
<b>Confession/Reconciliation:</b>	
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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### DATES TO REMEMBER

*From 26<sup>th</sup> Dec till 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - Mass is at 9.00am daily*

12<sup>th</sup> Jan – The Baptism of the Lord

25<sup>th</sup> Jan – The Conversion of St Paul

27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Auckland Anniversary

### PARISH NOTICES



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

**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** – Limited spaces left. Enrolment form and info sheet & Date schedule is on our ICP website. Email Judy if you have questions.

**Available for purchase in Parish office** after 7<sup>th</sup> Jan25

2025 NZ Bible Diary \$20.00

2025 Columban Art Calendar \$13.00

#### **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:**

*Alixé Tyne, Margaret Whitley, Eileen Murphy, Bro. Morris, William Griffin, Charles Turner, Theo Jacobsen, Mary McNamara, Thomas Gardiner, Jim Edwards, Fr. Dennis Farrell, Linda E C Tunupopo, Joe Coleman, Margaret Webb, Tom Coybe, Carol Pringle, Helen Barnett, Ella Godwin, Torrence McAnnully, Owen O'Brien, Ron Beckett, Morris Connor, Elsie Taylor, Mary J Snelgar, Orlando Uy **their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail Office***

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