

# PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE

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## The Baptism of the Lord

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### **Baptism, a defining Moment**

Before his public ministry, Jesus lived an ordinary life in Nazareth for 30 years. During this time, he began to sense a divine calling to serve others. This realization led him to seek baptism from John the Baptist, a pivotal moment that marked the beginning of his public mission. This transition likely involved uncertainty and anxiety, but Jesus found confirmation and strength in the Father's words at his baptism: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." These words affirmed his divine purpose and empowered him for the challenging path ahead.



Just as Jesus experienced divine affirmation and empowerment at his baptism, so too do Christians. Baptism signifies a profound spiritual experience where God calls us by name, declaring us beloved sons and daughters. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon us empowers us for our unique mission, just as it did for Jesus.

While we are not called to solve all the world's problems, each of us has a unique calling to serve. Faithfulness in our daily lives, in our families, and in our work, is our way of responding to God's call and participating in the ongoing work of Jesus Christ.

*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:**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

### **Resp Psalm.**

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

### **2nd Reading:**

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!  
(Lk 3:16)

### **Gospel:**

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22: When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

**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**

**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)

**Pastoral Council Chairperson:** Leonard Casey

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#### **St. Mary's Catholic School:**

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

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

### **PARISH NOTICES**

**Daily Morning Mass:** Until January 31st, Morning

Mass is celebrated daily in our church at 9:00 a.m., including Mondays.

**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** Registration is now closed as we have reached max capacity.

### **Available for purchase in Parish office**

2025 NZ Bible Diary \$20.00

2025 Columban Art Calendar \$13.00

### **Food Bank assistance**

We are delivering food parcels on weeknights from 13 Jan 2025 **excl. Wednesdays**. If you can help with delivery on one or two evenings, please contact Evelyn on 5798113, text 0274722117, or email [sandeleech@gmail.com](mailto:sandeleech@gmail.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:**

*Sis. Afra Rnom, Cora Forde, Mary Wyke, Richard Coombe, George Tooman, Jim Clarke, Vera Handford, David Skeen, Roy Robertson, Teresa Rigoni, Joy Wells, Rev. Fr. Des Angland, Kathleen M Hall, Manuel Fernandes, Effie Fernandes, Kenneth Pinto, Irene Puller, Peter Leonard, Thomas Devonshire, Eileen Humpries, Robyn Bailey, Vincent Reilly, John James, Glemmie de Souza, Eileen Guthrie, Francis Lingenco, Margaret Moore, Francis Conway **their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office***

**Last week's collection (incl. Auto Payments) : \$2996.00**

Thank you so much for your kind generosity. Our bank account **BNZ 02-0108-0706777-00**

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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](mailto:icpellerslie@gmail.com) for the form.*