

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE

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Immaculate Conception Parish Ellerslie

2nd Sunday of Ordinary time

18 / 19 January 2025

The Wedding Feast of the Kingdom

The miracle of Cana, where Jesus transforms water into wine, symbolizes the renewal of God's covenant with humanity. This event, occurring at a wedding feast, signifies the end of the old order and the dawning of a new era. Just as the wine ran out at the wedding, so too had the old religious practices become insufficient. Jesus, the bridegroom, offers a new and abundant source of life, fulfilling the ancient prophecies of a time of overflowing joy. This miracle, marked by generosity and compassion, foreshadows the transformative power of Jesus throughout his ministry.



Jesus's ministry was characterized by radical acts of healing and redemption. He brought reconciliation between God and humanity, turning sorrow into joy, selfishness into love, and despair into hope. The resurrection of Jesus ultimately conquered death, offering the promise of eternal life to all who believe. This transformative power continues to operate in the lives of believers today, offering a deeper joy and a more meaningful existence than the world can provide.

Jesus invites us to participate in this transformative work. He uses human intermediaries to share his gifts, calling us to steward the blessings we have received. Just as the servants at Cana were instructed to draw out the wine, we are called to share the good news of Jesus with others and to use our unique gifts for the betterment of the community. This service, guided by the Holy Spirit, is essential for the growth and flourishing of the Christian community.

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 62:1-5: As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 95:1-3, 7-10: R.
Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

2nd Reading:

1 Cor 12:4-11: One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! (2 Thess 2:14)

Gospel:

In 2:1-11: The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

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)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

25th Jan – The Conversion of St Paul

27th 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.

Available for purchase in Parish office

2025 NZ Bible Diary \$20.00

2025 Columban Art Calendar \$13.00

Fatih Sharing Group

Anyone is invited this Saturday 18th Jan 2025 at the
Presbytery Meeting room from 9.45 am - 10.45 am.
Gospel passage for reflection is from this weekend's
reading - John 2: 1-11 - Jesus Changed water into
wine at Cana.

Bishop Steve Speaks

Tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist
Bishop Steve Speaks to hear him reflecting on the
readings of Sunday and other moments of
conversation.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW_gsxny4e

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:

*Joseph Duffy, Annie Cawley, William Delany, Margaret Duffin, Bishop John Mackie, Mary K Thoompungal, Cornelis G Portegys (Rees), Elsie Waite, Terence P Flynn, Gretchen Hawkins, Charlie Green, Raymond Heard, James Costello, Hugh Duffin, John O'Dea, Frank Forde, John P Lawlet, Monica Berkhout, Francisco Vasquez, Dick Healey, Pacita Nanam, Sydney Coles, David Gamble, Sybil Halloran, John Robertson **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) : \$ 1834.70

Thank you so much for your kind generosity. 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.