

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
<i>(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)</i>	
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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St. Mary's Catholic School:
Principal: Mrs. Sue Kubala
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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.



OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH


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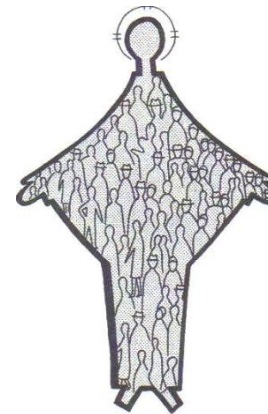
The 3rd Sun of Ordinary Time

25 / 26 Jan 2025

The Church is the Body of Christ

The human body serves as a powerful metaphor for the Church. Despite its diverse composition, it functions as a single entity. Each member, though unique and with distinct roles, is essential to the whole. No part can exist independently, highlighting the interconnectedness of all components.

St. Paul emphasizes this principle within the Church. Through baptism, we become members of Christ's Body. Christian life, therefore, cannot be pursued in isolation. While some may desire individual salvation, true Christian existence necessitates community engagement. Severing oneself from the community wounds the Body of Christ, as we are inextricably linked.



The emphasis on community comes from Jesus himself, though he used a different image to describe it. He used the image of a vine and its branches. He said, "I am the vine, you are the branches." It is a simple but profound illustration of unity and interdependence. It is obvious that the branches need the vine. But the vine also needs the branches, because it is the branches that produce the fruit. This is how Jesus wanted it to be between him and his disciples. This is the way he wants it to be between him and us. He is the vine, we are the branches.

Without a sense of belonging together, and of caring for one another and being responsible for one another, one is not truly a Christian. The fruit that Jesus most desires from us is the fruit of unity. By this, all will know that we belong to him – by the bond that exists between us and the care we show for one another.



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading:

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10:
They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read

Resp Psalm.

Ps 18:8-10, 15: R.
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life

2nd Reading:

1 Cor 12:12-30:
Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!
(Lk 4:18)

Gospel:

Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21:
The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

MASS ROSTER

February 2025 Roster will be out soon.

If you wish to change your roles or to be removed, please contact Parish Office and Andy to update us.

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

If you have NOT been emailed the Roster in 2024 but would like to, please contact Parish Office to ensure we have your correct contact details.

Thank you all again in advance for your time and dedication to make our Mass services run smoothly every week.

Last Sunday's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$2451.60

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

Kid's Korner Links

[3rd Sun of Ord Time](#)
[Short Story of HOPE](#)

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.

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

Baptism Preparation Course (for under 8 years old)

Our next Baptism preparation course for parents with children under 8 years old will be on Saturday the 15th February 2025 2.00pm.

For any families interested in baptising their children this year, please email Baptism.ICP@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group

Next meeting will be on the Sat, 1st February 2025 at the Presbytery meeting room from 9.45 am - 10.45 am. Gospel passage for reflection is from 4th Sun of Ord Time (The Presentation of the Lord)

Alpha course Volunteers needed

We will be starting up our 3rd Alpha programme at end of February and we are looking for volunteers to help lead groups and assist with set up and pack down for the 11 weeks. If you can help and are interested, please contact Graeme on alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com

Sacramental Programme (SP) Volunteers needed

Judy is looking for adults to assist her to facilitate the SP programme. If you have had done the programme with your children in the past and can help, please contact Judy MacMenigall judyacmen@gmail.com

Sacramental Programme (SP) update

All SP applications are being reviewed and candidate's families will be contacted soon. Thank you for your patience as we process the applications.

OTHER NOTICES

Theology of the Body Courses

Human Love in the Divine Plan: Adult and Young Adult Beginners Course: Sat 15 and Sun 16 February 2025. Mission Bay, Auckland.

Young Adult Book Study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love - Wed evenings starting 12 February 2025; Hillsborough, Auckland. To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz.

Commissioning Mass | Sunday 23 February 7pm | St Patrick's Cathedral

Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry with our Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass! Bishop Steve Lowe will be celebrating the mass and commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2025. If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're an essential part of this mass! We want to pray with you and for you, as you begin your ministry year. Please invite your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community to join us as well. We invite Catholics from across the Diocese to join us for this celebration. Unite with our young leaders in faith, hope and joy as we commence another incredible year of youth ministry in the Diocese of Auckland! Go to www.facebook.com/AKCYM or email youthmin@cda.org.nz for more info.

~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

27th Jan – Auckland Anniversary
4th Feb – St Mary School term begins
(pls be mindful of children in the mornings)
6th Feb – Waitangi Day
22nd Feb – The Chair of St Peter

Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025. There will be international events, diocesan events that you can check out at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>
We are also called to be Pilgrims of Hope as local and domestic Church.

St Mary's Catholic School starts up soon



St Mary's school next door starts their term on the 4th Feb 2024.

Let us pray for all School staff, teachers and students, for a seamless and successful academic year ahead. Also be mindful that carpark area will be busy again in the weekday mornings.

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=PLYVVDah6gEBFpCzZxCTLhIpW-gsxny4e>

**ONE-DAY RETREAT for ALL

Hosted in collaboration with the Auckland Joshua and Dove Fellowships

Sat 15 Feb | 8am – 4pm | St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland

All are invited to this One-day Retreat, directed by Fr Carl Telford and titled "The Prayer Journey of St Teresa of Avila".

There will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship. Morning Tea will be provided. Bring a packed lunch or buy from the local shops. Suggested Koha of \$20pp to cover costs. Everyone is welcome.

Register by calling Greg on 021 437747.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Join this great bunch of God-fearing guys monthly in both Glenfield (last Wed of the month) and Pakuranga (2nd Monday of the month) for fellowship, and to worship, pray and grow together.

Upcoming meetings

Wed | 29 Jan | 7.15pm for 7.30pm start | St Thomas More Church Hall, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Contact Jerome (027) 2334380 for more info.

Mon | 10 Feb | 7.00pm for 7.30pm start | St Marks Church, 334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga. Contact Dakshi (022) 0397212 for more info.

Parish Activities

To foster community, spiritual growth, and shared fellowship, please come along to our small group activities that we have in this parish:-

Alpha Programme
Graeme White
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Divine Mercy Novena Group – Sheila D'Souza
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Parish History Group
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Jnr & Snr Youth Group
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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:

Michael Mullin, Anthony Marino, Mary Turnock, Kevin Forde, Hazel Hill, Mary C McMullee, Rev. Fr. Desmond McMullen, John Radcliffe, Dick Hull, Fr. John Mutch, Sis. Patricia Hackett, Frank Sullivan, Card. Reginald Delargey, Lucy McCarthy, George Hill, John Mulqueen, Keith Farquhar, Morgan Pond, Elizabeth Loftus, Sis. Clotilde, Eileen Flynn, Colin O'Brien, John Wyatt, Hannah Murphy, Mary McCarthy, Margaret Blanchfield, Neil Morris, Augustine Hart, Nora Moore their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office