

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
(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)

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)

Pastoral Council Chairperson: Leonard Casey

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MASS ROSTER

Date/ Time	01/02/2025 Sat 17:30pm	02/02/2025 Sun 09:00am	08/02/2025 Sat 17:30pm	09/02/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		Presentation of the Lord		5th Sunday in Ordinary Tim
Commentators & PoF	John Szczepanski	Filipino Community	Lourdes Domilies	Julia Leary
1st Reader	Tilla Miranda	Filipino Community	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts
2nd Reader	Russel D'Lima	Filipino Community	Cyrus Jesudas	Lina Fuimaono
Communion	Rasika Kalahe Watteda	Heather Kelly & Sine Foulger	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfram
Altar servers	Aaron & Rachelann D'Lima	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Budge & Benjamin Fuimaono	Christian D & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordon
Collectors	Taliauli Family	Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Tina D'Souza	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon
Musician	Emmanuel Group	Filipino Comm & Bambi	Charmaine D'lina	Martin Ng & family
Laptop	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	D'lina Family	Ng Family
Offertory	Taliauli Family	Filipino Community	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family
Counters		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim
Church Cleaning	Filipino Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Filipino Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea				

Please refer to the One Drive file for updates and any changes.
 IF you would like to volunteer for Mass, or roster changes, please email Parish Office and Andy Tibbitts andytibbittsnz@outlook.com

Last Sunday's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$2077.60

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

Kid's Korner Links

[The Presentation of the Lord](#)

[6 weeks to Live](#)

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.



OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Parish Priest:
 Fr. Joseph V.J., C.Ss.R

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The Presentation of the Lord

01 / 02 Feb 2025

A Long-Awaited Moment

The Gospel of Luke recounts the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple. Jewish law mandated that every firstborn son be offered to God, accompanied by a sacrificial offering. Due to their humble means, Mary and Joseph offered two doves.



While in the Temple, they encountered Simeon, a righteous man whom God had promised would see the Messiah before his death. Recognizing Jesus as the long-awaited Savior, Simeon praised

God and declared Him a "light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to Israel." Anna, a prophetess and elderly widow who devoted her life to temple worship, also recognized Jesus as the Messiah and, filled with gratitude, shared the news with others.

This encounter fulfilled several Old Testament prophecies. In the Old Testament, God promised to send a Savior to His people. Simeon's words echo these promises, demonstrating God's faithfulness. Jesus came not only for the Jewish people but for the whole world. This is why Simeon called Him a light for all nations.

The faith of Simeon and Anna reminds us to watch and wait for God's work in our lives. They recognized Jesus because they were close to God through prayer and worship. Through them, we see the joy of knowing and serving the Lord, even when it requires patience



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading:

Mal 3:1-4: The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple

Resp Psalm.

Ps 23:7-10: R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

2nd Reading:

Heb 2:14-18: He had to be made like us in all things.

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia! (Lk 2:32)

Gospel:

Lk 2:22-40: My eyes have seen your saving power.

Source: <https://young-catholics.com/2281/feast-of-the-presentation-of-the-lord/>

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Regular Mass times resume on February 1st
Please see regular Mass times on Page 4

Still available for purchase in Parish office
2025 NZ Bible Diary (Buy 1 get 1 free) \$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 **2.30pm** (note time change). 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). All are welcome! For more information: contact: Raphael Eng 022 193 6579

Alpha course starting up & Volunteers needed

We will be starting up our 3rd Alpha programme on Tuesday, 25th February 2025 7.00pm. It is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and Christian faith in an informal setting. If this peaks your interest, why not give it a try? Come for some food that will be shared before the meeting.

Graeme is also 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 judymacmen@gmail.com

Sacramental Programme (SP) update

All SP applications have been reviewed, and you will be contacted soon regarding payment from the Parish office. Thank you for your patience as we process the applications.

FOOD BANK REQUESTS

With school term starting, our Food bank team are short of spreads (i.e. butter, jam, peanut butter, vegemite, etc...) for children's lunches. If you are able to, kindly donate in food bank basket in church foyer or to the Parish Office during the weekdays. Thank you for your generosity.

For more info, contact Evelyn sandeleech@gmail.com

DIVINE RENOVATION: BUILDING A MISSIONARY PARISH

Join us for an inspiring session on Divine Renovation, led by Cheryl Surrey, New Zealand Regional Leader, on **Saturday, February 15th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall** (following the Vigil Mass).

Divine Renovation offers a transformative approach to parish renewal, fostering a vibrant and missionary spirit.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BEFORE THE SESSION. PLEASE REGISTER IN CHURCH FOYER FOR CATERING

~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

4th Feb – St Mary School term begins
(pls be mindful of children in the mornings)
6th Feb – Waitangi Day (Mass @9am)
16th Feb – Sacramental Prog Starts
22nd Feb – The Chair of St Peter

HAPPY CHINESE
NEW YEAR

2025

We wish all who celebrate Chinese New Year,
“Gong Xi Fa Chai” (Congratulations and Be Prosperous) for the new year.

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.

3-day Prayer Retreat for Women

Fri - Sun | 28 Feb 6pm - 2 Mar 3 pm | with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. All women are welcome. There will be sessions on “What is prayer?” “Why should I pray?” “How do I pray?” and “Humility & Forgiveness”. Register here www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

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>

Commissioning Mass for Youth Leaders

Sun | 23 Feb | 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! 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.

Story of the Stations of the Cross

Mon | 24 Feb 2025 | 7-8pm (ZOOM)
Fee: Donations are appreciated.

Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23? Come and prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross.

To register please email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz to be sent the online link. Info - www.studyjoy.nz

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
alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Novena Group – Sheila D'Souza
celinsheids@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group
Raphael Ng
ngahthong@gmail.com

Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
sandeleech@gmail.com

Marian Mothers Grp
Anne Casey
tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz

Parish History Group
Claudia Forycki
cforycki@water.co.nz

Jnr & Snr Youth Group
Cyrus Jesudas
cyrusjesudas@gmail.com

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, 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:

Ems Pengosro, Vera McDonald, Visko Jurasovic, Imelda C Buomeo, Ann Upfold, Alice Mearns, Ellen Forde, Julia Coffey, Matthew Coffey, Ralf Richards, Audrey Murphy, Sapate Afeaki, Terry Holland, Joan Ellen White, Cyril Kilgour, Joseph Pennel, Kilisitina T Laumatia, Fr. Paul Kelly, John P McGarth, Peter Bilish, Br. Carl Sayegh, Sis. Miriam, William J Legge, Lilly McCarthy, Fr. Canifield, Hannah McCrenor & Family, James McCrenor, Doug Ellwood, Michael Lawrence, Richard Ferris, Joseph O'Neil, Molly Mc Innerney **their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office**