

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday** 9:00 am  
 Sun Vietnamese Community 11:30 am  
 Sun Syro- Malabar Comm 7.00 am, 1.45 pm & 5.30 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)

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**MASS ROSTER**

Date/ Time	08/02/2025 Sat 17:30pm	09/02/2025 Sun 09:00am	15/02/2025 Sat 17:30pm	16/02/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		5th Sunday in Ordinary Time		6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commentators & PoF	Lourdes Domilies	<b>Volunteer Req</b>	Deepak Jesudas	Alekhya Kondaveeti
1st Reader	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts	Theresa Bennett	Anne Casey
2nd Reader	Cyrus Jesudas	Lina Fuimaono	Eugene Miranda	Margaret Bourke
Communion	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgram	Rolinda D'Souza	Sine Foulger & Andy Tibbitts
Altar servers	Christian D & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordonez	Cyrus Jesudas & Rachelann D'Lima	Vincent Lafaele, Jojo Taylor & Robert Liu
Collectors	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon	<b>Volunteer Req</b>	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
Musician	Charmaine D'Lima	Martin Ng & family	Chow Family	Christian D & Theresa
Laptop	D'Lima Family	Ng Family	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers
Offertory	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family	Bennett Family	Fuimaono Family
Counters		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Tsue
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan 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](mailto:andytibbittsnz@outlook.com)

Last Sunday's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$2152.80

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

**Kid's Korner Links**

[5th Sun of Ord Time](#)

[The old Fisherman](#)

The Parish is served by Redemptorist Missionaries  
[www.cssr.com](http://www.cssr.com), [www.cssr.org.au](http://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](mailto:icpellerslie@gmail.com) for the form.



**OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**Parish Priest:**  
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**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord Time**

**08 / 09 Feb 2025**

**Reluctant Heroes**

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, all specially chosen by God, are key biblical figures who shared a deep sense of unworthiness, as highlighted in this Sunday's readings. Isaiah declared, "I am a man of unclean lips" (First Reading). Paul declared, "Of all the apostles I am the least. I don't even deserve to be called an apostle" (Second Reading). And Peter declared, "I am a sinful man" (Gospel). This genuine humility, not false modesty, marked their reluctant acceptance of God's call. Yet, empowered by God, they accomplished great things.



This illustrates the paradox of strength arising from weakness. When we humbly answer God's call, He empowers us beyond our perceived limitations.

Let us ask for the humility to acknowledge our weaknesses and the strength to overcome them. Then, like these biblical figures, we can experience the joy of discovering that in our weakness, God's power makes us strong. Inspired by their example, may we trust in God's grace, knowing that through humility, His power enables us to fulfill His purposes.



**Mass Readings**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
 Is 6:1-8: Here am I! Send me.

**Resp Psalm.**  
 Ps 137:1-5, 7-8:  
 R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**  
 1 Cor 15:1-11: I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.  
 Alleluia! (Mt 4:19)

**Gospel:**  
 Lk 5:1-11: They left everything and followed him.

*McCarthy Flor, New Sunday and Holiday Liturgies Year C  
 Dominican Publications 2012*

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

**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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 2.30pm** (note time change). For any families interested in baptising their children this year, please email [Baptism.ICP@gmail.com](mailto:Baptism.ICP@gmail.com)

## ~UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER~

15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Divine Renovation evening (after Vigil Mass)  
16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sacramental Prog Starts (after Sunday Mass)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – The Chair of St Peter  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Alpha Prog Starts @7pm  
5<sup>th</sup> March – ASH WEDNESDAY

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 PURPOSES**



## Everyone has questions.

Exploring is good. We're built for it. Explore more about life, faith and meaning with Alpha.

Alpha



### Alpha course starting up & Volunteers needed

We will be starting up our 3<sup>rd</sup> Alpha programme on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm**. It is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and Christian faith in an informal setting. Come with an open mind, enjoy some food and fellowship before the meeting. For more info, email [alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com](mailto:alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com)

### Sacramental Programme (SP) update

Our Parish Sacrament programme for 2025, starts on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February with our Introductory meeting. We are blessed this year to again have a high number of children who will be starting their lessons for preparing to receive the Sacraments of - Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

We ask that you pray for our children, leaders and their parents.

Dear families of SP candidates, payment info has been sent out on the email. **If you have not received it, please contact the Parish Office.** For other concerns, kindly email Judy MacMenigall [judymacmen@gmail.com](mailto:judymacmen@gmail.com)



### Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic faith

Our group of adults and children who are going through what is called the 'Catechumenate stage' of preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion and for those already baptised Reconciliation. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, at our Sunday 9am morning mass, our group will go through the 'Rite of Sending' ceremony. After which we will join other RCI groups across the Auckland Diocese for the 'Rite of Election' and 'Call to Continual Conversion'. We hope you all to continue to pray for them as they go through their final stages of their preparation.

### Ethnic Chaplaincy Officers and Leaders Formation Day

Sat 22 Feb 2025 | 9:30am - 12:00pm | Pompallier Centre

Inviting all officer bearers, leaders in ministry, pastoral associates, and all chaplains to your Formation Day. We provide updates on the Migrant Chaplaincies Norms on Community Establishments, Finance, Safeguarding. Registration is essential –Email us at [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)



### Young Leaders Masterclass

Sun 23 February  
2pm-6pm | 30 New Street Ponsonby

If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry. First class will feature 2 workshops to help you make the best possible start to your ministry year! As always, there will be fantastic (free!) food and plenty of opportunities to connect with other young leaders. Build relationships, share experiences, and be part of a support network that will help you grow in your ministry. Go to [www.facebook.com/AKCYM](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) or email [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz) for more info and to register.

### Taizé prayer evening

Fri 14 February | 7.00 pm | Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.

All are welcome to this ecumenical, reflective prayer, a wonderful way to become peaceful and centred in the midst of our busy lives. Light refreshments served after prayer time

### Commissioning Mass for Youth Leaders

Sun | 23 Feb | 7pm | St Patrick's Cathdrl  
Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of Youth Ministry with our Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass! Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the mass and commission our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry. 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](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) or email [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz) for more info.

### Lenten Reflective Evening

Tues 25 Feb | 7.00pm – 8.00pm | Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay. led by Jill McLoughlin RSJ.

An evening of reflective prayer with readings, music and meditative silence to assist you as you begin your Lenten journey. Light refreshment served after prayer time.

### 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](mailto:alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com)

**Divine Mercy Novena Group** – Sheila D'Souza  
[celinsheilds@gmail.com](mailto:celinsheilds@gmail.com)

**Faith Sharing Group**  
Raphael Ng  
[ngahthong@gmail.com](mailto:ngahthong@gmail.com)

**Food Bank Delivery**  
Evelyn Leech  
[sandeleech@gmail.com](mailto:sandeleech@gmail.com)

**Marian Mothers Grp**  
Anne Casey  
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**Parish History Group**  
Claudia Forycki  
[cforycki@water.co.nz](mailto:cforycki@water.co.nz)

**Jnr & Snr Youth Group**  
Cyrus Jesudas  
[cyrusjesudas@gmail.com](mailto:cyrusjesudas@gmail.com)

**RCI and Sacramental Prog**  
–Theresa Stowers  
[Theresa\\_Stowers@hotmail.com](mailto:Theresa_Stowers@hotmail.com)

### Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Raphael Ng, Bernard Liddington, Daniel Bridge, Wilma Smith, Catherine 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:

Margaret Burke (d.1965), Veronica Tyne, Mary Coughlan, Beryl Kramer-Walter, Winnie Read, Jean Bishop, William Walker, Tom Fraser, Hazel Turnock, Annie Terry, Marjorie Poulsan, Alice Gurney, Ann Fleming, Pat Robertson, Viniola Haungatau, Margaret Barrow, Harry Rainsford, Rosario Saguinsin, Bessie Green, Agnes Heffernan, James Carroll, Rev. Fr. Desmond McMullen, Mary C McMullen, Walter Nicholls **their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office**