

**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	15/02/2025 Sat 17:30pm	16/02/2025 Sun 09:00am	22/02/2025 Sat 17:30pm	23/02/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		6th Sunday in Ordinary Time		7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commentators & PoF	Deepak Jesudas	Alekhya Kondaveeti	Charmaine D'Lima	Leonard Casey
1st Reader	Theresa Bennett	Anne Casey	Lizette Quilantang	Heather Kelly
2nd Reader	Eugene Miranda	Margaret Bourke	Sabrina Freitas	Blue Holmes-Kinsella
Communion	Rolinda D'Souza	Sine Foulger & Andy Tibbitts	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'S
Altar servers	Cyrus Jesudas & Rachelann D'Lima	Vincent Lafaele, Jojo Taylor & Robert Liu	Christian D & Cheryl Jesudas	Zhen Ng, Benjamin Lo & T Leech
Collectors	<b>Volunteer Req</b>	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo	Domilies Family	Rizalle Galvez and Margare Burke
Musician	Chow Family	Christian D & Theresa	Lara Miranda	Tongan Comm
Laptop	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community
Offertory	Bennett Family	Fuimaono Family	Domilies family	Kafa Family
Counters		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Tsue		Tony Morcom & Aaron Fernandez
Church Cleaning	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea		0		

Please refer to the email with One Drive file for updates and changes.  
 IF you would like to volunteer for Mass, or role changes, please email Parish Office and Andy Tibbitts [andytibbittsnz@outlook.com](mailto:andytibbittsnz@outlook.com)

**Last Sunday's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$1807.80**

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

**Kid's Korner Links**

[6th Sun of Ord Time](#)

[When did you last praise God?](#)

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.

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**

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

**Assistant Parish Priest:**  
 Fr. Sijo John, C.Ss.R

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**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord Time**

**15 / 16 Feb 2025**

**The Tree by the Waterside**



The picture of a tree flourishing by the waterside is beautiful. Living in a land of abundant rain, we may not fully grasp its deeper meaning. Perhaps only in a place where rain is scarce can we truly appreciate it. In a land parched by drought, water is life itself. Traveling through such a place, the occasional streak of green vegetation clinging to a hillside is a sure sign of water, often flowing unseen beneath the surface.

That vibrant green contrasts starkly with the desolate landscape around it. This lush, productive life is what is promised to those who follow God's path.

Those who place their trust in God are like these trees by the water. They don't fear dry times; their leaves remain vibrant, and they continually produce fruit. But no one can be compelled. Even God respects our free will. Our freedom is precious to Him. We are unique in our ability to reject God. But we are also unique in our ability to embrace Him. When we choose to say "yes" to God, we are blessed, and our lives will bear fruit in the proper time.

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



**Mass Readings**

<https://universalis.com/nz.auckland/1300/ma>  
[ss.tm](https://universalis.com/nz.auckland/1300/ma)

**1st Reading:**

Jer 17:5-8: A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord. **Resp Psalm.**  
 Ps 1:1-4: R.  
 Happy are they who hope in the Lord

**2nd Reading:**

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20: If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!  
 (Lk 6:23)

**Gospel:**

Lk 6:17, 20-26:  
 Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

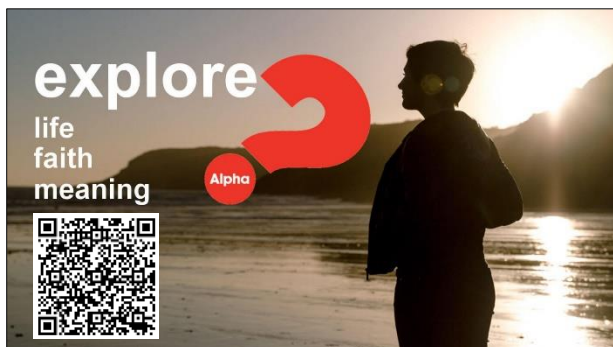
## PARISH NOTICES

**2025 Columban Art Calendar \$13.00**  
are still available for purchase in Parish office.

### The Sacramental Programme starts on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February.

As the Sacramental Program begins this week, let us pray for the candidates, that they may deeply understand the meaning and significance of the sacraments they are going to receive and prepare themselves well to receive them.

Let us also pray for the parents and facilitators, that they may be guided and led by the Holy Spirit as they prepare the children for the reception of the sacraments.



Or register online <https://forms.gle/iDsyrjxcktrqFNkYA>

### Rite of Christian Initiation

On **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, during the 9:00am Mass**, our RCI group will have the Rite of Sending ceremony. After which, they will join other RCI groups across the Auckland Diocese for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. We hope you will all continue to pray for them as they go through the final stages of their preparation.



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> April @ 2.30pm**. For any families interested in baptising their children this year, please email [Baptism.ICP@gmail.com](mailto:Baptism.ICP@gmail.com)

### FSG (Faith Sharing Group) fellowship gathering on alternate Saturdays.

from 9.45 am - 10.45 am at the Presbytery deck meeting room. All are welcome! Reflections will be on the Gospel for the current Sunday. Next meeting is held on **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

## 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 @ 7.00pm

5<sup>th</sup> March – ASH WEDNESDAY

7<sup>th</sup> March – Stations of the Cross @ 6.00pm

### Alpha course starting up

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 fellowshiping before the meeting. For more info, email

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

### College Open Days

**St Peters College** Open Day  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.30am & 1pm  
NO REGISTRATIONS required.

**Baradene College** Open Day  
Tues – Thurs 25, 26 & 27 Feb  
2025 9am and 10am each day  
ONLINE BOOKINGS REQUIRED  
(open 18 Feb – 24 Feb)

**Sacred Heart College** Open Day,  
Wed 26 Feb 10am & 1pm.  
Tour Booking REQUIRED online  
**Marist College's** Open Day  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March & Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March at  
9.00am. NO bookings required.

### CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND

The Bishops Conference launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by **signing up to the newsletter**.

Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

### GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL

The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law.. More ere <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

### Singles Ministry Invitation

Singles Ministry is holding a Meet & Connect for Single Roman Catholics looking to find a partner on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

For more information contact: Clytie 021836705, Reena 027 8387151

### 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  
[celinsheids@gmail.com](mailto:celinsheids@gmail.com)

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

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

**Marian Mothers Grp**  
Anne Casey  
[tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz)

**Parish History Group**  
Claudia Forycki  
[cforycki@water.co.nz](mailto:cforycki@water.co.nz)

**Jnr & Snr Youth Group**  
Cyrus Jesudas  
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**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:

*Maud Halpin, Estelle Bon, Emily Draffin, Sarah Turnock, Ellen White, Jack Porter, Tom Vittle, Hazel Cassey, Charles O E Thompson, Catherine Fergus, Alice Conway, Win Sheen, John F Flowers Woods, Sarah Turnock, Mary J P Corera, Mary Turnock, S.M. Stephena, Fr. Terence O'Neill, Charles O E Thompson, Jillian A Pond, Colleen McGrath, Cori Gornell, Ivan Bulog, Bruno Lober, Ellie M Murray, Sr. Alei Lelua RNDML, Annie Jones, Soakai Afeaki, Roma Gilmour, Mary Plant, Teodoro Patinglag their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office*

