

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	22/02/2025 Sat 17:30pm	23/02/2025 Sun 09:00am	01/03/2025 Sat 17:30pm	02/03/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		7th Sunday in Ordinary Time		8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commentators & PoF	Charmaine D'Lima	Leonard Casey	Rolinda D'Souza	Filipino Community
1st Reader	Lizette Quilantang	Heather Kelly	Cyrus Jesudas	Filipino Community
2nd Reader	Sabrina Freitas	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Jason Quilantang	Filipino Community
Communion	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'Souza	Theresa Bennett	Heather Kelly & Sine Foulger
Altar servers	Cheryl Jesudas & Volunteer req	Zhen Ng, Benjamin Lo & Toby Leech	Aaron & Rachelann D'Lima	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge & Benjamin Fuimaono
Collectors	Bennetts Family	Rizalle Galvez and Margaret Burke	Taliauli Family	Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Tina D'Souza
Musician	Lara Miranda	Tongan Comm	Emmanuel Group	Filipino Comm & Bambi
Laptop	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community
Offertory	Bennetts Family	Kafa Family	Taliauli Family	Filipino Community
Counters		Tony Morcom & Aaron Fernandez		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		St Marys Parents	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Filipino Comm	

Please refer to the email with One Drive file for updates and changes.

Last Sunday's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$2203.10

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

Kid's Korner Links

[7th Sun of Ord Time](#)

[Forgiveness](#)

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 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

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The 7th Sunday of Ord Time

22 / 23 Feb 2025

Love, Mercy, Generosity: Living Jesus' Way

This week, Jesus challenges us to a love that transcends boundaries: "Love your enemies." It's a daunting call, yet He reveals that hate only drains us, while love illuminates our divine image. Our hearts, designed for love, find true fulfilment in extending it, even to those who oppose us. Let's choose the path less travelled, the path of love, and experience the transformative power it holds.

"Do not judge," Jesus gently reminds us. We've all felt the sting of unfair judgment, and we know our own need for mercy. Recognizing this, let's offer the same grace we seek. By withholding judgment, we open ourselves to receive God's abundant forgiveness. Let's cultivate a heart of compassion, remembering that our judgments often reflect our own imperfections.



Jesus - Luke 6:31

Jesus encourages us to give with open hearts, promising, "Give a full measure...running over." Generosity isn't just about material things; it's about sharing kindness, compassion, and time.

As we give, our capacity to receive God's blessings expands. This echoes the Golden Rule: "Treat others as you would like them to treat you." Let's live with hearts that overflow with generosity, reflecting God's abundant love.



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading:

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23: The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13: R. The Lord is kind and merciful

2nd Reading:

1 Cor 15:45-49: Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia! (In 13:34)

Gospel:

Lk 6:27-38: Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

PARISH NOTICES

2025 Columban Art Calendar \$13.00
available for purchase in Parish Office.

Church Cleaning Coordinator NEEDED

Do you have a heart for keeping our church clean and welcoming? We are looking for someone to **lead our team of willing volunteers** in tidying the church twice a month. If you can help coordinate and organize teams, we'd love to hear from you! If this sounds like your calling, please **contact the Parish Office**. *Your leadership can make a big difference!*

FSG (Faith Sharing Group) fellowship gathering

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

Rite of Christian Initiation



On **Sunday, 9th 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.



Alpha course

We will be starting up our 3rd Alpha programme on **Tuesday, 25th 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

Or register online using QR code or by clicking [here](#)

Baptism Preparation Course (for under 8 years old)

NOTE date change for our next Baptism preparation course for parents with children under 8 years old. It will be on **Saturday, the 29th March @ 2.30pm**. For any families interested in baptising their children this year, you can find the form in foyer, parish website or email Baptism.ICP@gmail.com



Divine Renovation update

Thank you to the parishioners who made it to last Saturday's Divine Renovation workshop. We were blessed to have Cheryl Surrey to ignite our hearts and open our minds to way in which to make our parish grow and thrive. Watch this space for the role you can play towards this!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

25th Feb – Alpha Prog Starts @ 7.00pm

5th March – ASH WEDNESDAY Mass @ 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.

7th March – Stations of the Cross @ 6.00pm

16th March - St Mary's School House Mass (St Patrick)

17th March – ST PATRICK'S day

College Open Days

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 6th March & Fri 7th March at
9.00am. NO bookings required.

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Fri | 7th March | 7:00pm | St
Mary's Parish 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Singles Ministry Invitation

Singles Ministry is holding a Meet & Connect for Single Roman Catholics looking to find a partner on **Saturday 29th March 2025**.
For more information contact: Clytie 021836705, Reena 027 8387151

Lenten opportunities for prayer and pondering during Lent

Pope Francis' Letter to us all on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Wed | 5, 12, 19, 26 March | 7 - 7.30pm on Zoom.

Wake Up and Pray Meditation

Mornings in Lent through Easter
5th March – 20th of April, 6.15 – 6.45am on Zoom.

Prepare Ponder Pray with the Gospels. Saturdays in Lent 7 – 7:30pm on Zoom.

For more info, contact Dianna Fouhy, Faith Formation Team @ diannaf@cda.org.nz

Presentation of the First Year Programme of 'Wings' during Lent'.

We will be reflecting on faith, and our own faith journey; grace and spirituality, and experiences of prayer; introduce to the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures.

Multiple Sats | 8th Mar – 12th Apr | 2.00-4.00pm | Pompallier

Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby.

Online presentation on Zoom is available upon request.

Contact Dianna @ diannaf@cda.org.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
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Divine Mercy Novena Group – Sheila D'Souza
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Faith Sharing Group
Raphael Ng
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Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
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Marian Mothers Grp
Anne Casey
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Parish History Group
Claudia Forycki
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Jnr & Snr Youth Group
Cyrus Jesudas
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RCI and Sacramental Prog
–Theresa Stowers
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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:

Jerry Flynn, Laura E Healy, John Malloy, Albert Bayer, Mr. Bullor, James Mooney, William Lovett, Monica Bain, Sis. Aileen Martin, Ernest Holloway, Bill Malone, Des Temm, Leo Turnock, Hugh O'Connor, Fred Peters, William Barron, Thomas Turnock, Margaret, Machi Pacantes their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Parish Office