

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	01/03/2025 Sat 17:30pm	02/03/2025 Sun 09:00am	08/03/2025 Sat 17:30pm	09/03/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		8th Sunday in Ordinary Time		1st Sunday of Lent
Commentators & PoF	Rolinda D'Souza	Filipino Community	Lara Miranda	Greg Carl
1st Reader	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Filipino Community	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Sine Foulger
2nd Reader	Jason Quilantang	Filipino Community	John Szczepanski	Rizalee Galvez
Communion	Theresa Bennett	Heather Kelly & Sine Foulger	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgram
Altar servers	Aaron & Rachelann D'Lima	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge & Benjamin Fuimaono	Christian D & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Raqnar Ordone
Collectors	Taliauli Family	Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Tina D'Souza	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon
Musician	Emmanuel Group	Filipino Comm & Bambi	Charmaine & Claudia	Martin Ng & family
Laptop	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	D'lima 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	St Marys Parents		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Filipino Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea				

Last week's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$2536.80

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

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

Kid's Korner Links

[8th Sun of Ord Time](#)

[Being the Light](#)

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 8th Sunday of Ord Time

01 / 02 Mar 2025

Attending to Our Own Faults

We easily see others' mistakes but miss our own. This happens because we focus too much on what others do wrong. People close to us see our faults clearly, even when we don't.

We love to correct others, which makes us critics. But real change starts with fixing ourselves first. We hate being corrected, yet we eagerly point out others' flaws. Sometimes, correction is needed, like from parents or teachers, but it should come from a place of care. We must fix our own problems before trying to fix others

To guide others well, we must first look at ourselves honestly. We need to check our own actions and beliefs before judging others. True improvement comes from within. If we want to help others, we must start by improving ourselves.



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading:
 Sirach 27:4-7: Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Resp Psalm.
 Ps 91:2-3, 13-16: R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

2nd Reading:
 1 Cor 15:54-58: Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia! (Phil 2:15-16)

Gospel:
 Lk 6:39-45: A person speaks from what is in his heart.

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

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday Mass times

March 5th is ASH WEDNESDAY, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. **Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8.00 am and 7.00 pm.**

The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent **starting on Friday, 7th March 2025 at 6.00 pm.**

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 the team, 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!**



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.



Baptism Preparation Course (for under 8 years old)

The next Infant Baptism preparation course for parents with children under 8 years old will be held on **Saturday, the 29th March @ 2.30pm**. For any families interested in baptising their children this year, please email Baptism.ICP@gmail.com

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

All are welcome! Reflections will be on the Gospel for the current Sunday. Next meeting is held on **Saturday, 15 March @ 9.45am - 10.45am** at the Presbytery deck meeting room.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

5th March – ASH WEDNESDAY Mass @ 8.00am & 7.00pm.

7th March – Stations of the Cross @ 6.00pm

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

17th March – St Patrick's Day

Alpha course

Alpha started last Tuesday and the feedback so far has been great!

Register by email alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com or scan QR code and come along next week for Session 2. Find out what it is all about!

Tuesday, 4th March, 7.00pm.



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

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Fri | 7th March | 7:00pm | St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitemui 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

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

We will reflect on faith, our own faith journey; grace and spirituality, and experiences of prayer; introduce to the Old 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

Prayer for Life this Lent

Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion. Sign up and receive educational resources & daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil near the abortion place on Wednesdays. More at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND

The Bishops Conference has recently 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 from 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, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnews.co.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
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Parish History Group
Claudia Forycki
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Jnr & Snr Youth Group
Anne Casey
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RCI and Sacramental Prog
–Theresa Stowers
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Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Raphael Ng, 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:

Isabella Catherine Puccinelli, Annie Healey, Mary Jacobs, Erroll Bourke, Thomas Kennedy, Hugh Oakley-Browne, Mary McAnully, Bert Keeper, Bro. John Prendergast, Louis E Cullen, Lawrence McDonald, William White, John Walsh, Ron Somers, Cyril Marceline, Doreen Tooman, Mabel Curtis, Helen Sharpe, Jorge Domilies, Mary Johnson, Eileen Leicester, Annie Arustis, Florence Cameron, Mary Neeve, Edna Tyson, Ellen Scott, Sheila Henderson, Brix Baqano their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.