

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 to Thursday (during Lent) 8.00am
Friday 9.00am
Saturday 9.00am
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
 Public Holidays 9:00am

SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS

Confession/Reconciliation:
 Saturdays 9.45am onwards or by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri & Sat 8.00am
Divine Mercy prayer: Friday 8.30am
 Way of the Cross: Friday 6 pm.
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	12/04/2025 Sat 17:30pm	13/04/2025 Sun 09:00am	19/04/2025 Sat 17:30pm	20/04/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		Palm Sunday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
Commentators & PoF	Lourdes Domilies	Niu Haungatau	Liturgy committee	RCI
1st Reader	Jacinta Chow	Julia Leary	Liturgy committee	RCI
2nd Reader	Eugene Miranda	Taiapo Lafaele	Liturgy committee	RCI
Communion	Sabrina Freitas	Sr Bridget & Albert Wolfgram	as arranged	Sr Bridget & Andy Tibbitts
Altar servers	Christian D & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordono	Claudia Florycki	Vincent Lafaele, Jojo Taylor & Robert Liu
Collectors	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon	as arranged	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
Musician	Charmaine D'lima	Martin Ng & family	The Chow family	Christian D & Theresa
Laptop	D'lima Family	Ng Family	Claudia Florycki	Theresa Stowers
Offertory	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family	RCIA / RCIC	Haungatau family
Counters		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Tsue
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	

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

Last week's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$1794.40

Total Caritas collection to date: \$1305.00

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

Kid's Korner Links

[Palm Sunday](#)
[One solitary Life](#)

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:
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Palm Sunday

12 / 13 April 2025

**A
 Triumphant
 Entry and a
 Call to
 Witness**



Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, marked by the enthusiastic welcome of his disciples who hailed him as the Messiah. Their public display of faith, despite opposition, underscores their initial courage and conviction. Jesus acknowledged the profound significance of their actions, suggesting that even the inanimate world would testify if they remained silent. This event serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of openly acknowledging our beliefs and the courage it can take to do so.

The stark contrast between the jubilant reception of Palm Sunday and the subsequent events of Holy Week prompts reflection on the depth and consistency of our faith. The question of the disciples' later whereabouts challenges us to consider whether our own professions of faith are more than just outward expressions. True loyalty is not transient but a steadfast commitment that endures through both joyful times and moments of adversity. Palm Sunday thus calls us to examine the sincerity and resilience of our convictions.

As modern disciples, we are called to embody the spirit of public witness demonstrated on Palm Sunday. Just as the circumstances demanded a vocal affirmation of faith then, there are times in our lives and in the world where our voices are needed to speak out against injustice, to offer commendation, and to uphold truth. While silence may seem the easier path, the initial boldness of the Palm Sunday crowds inspires us to overcome our timidity and to authentically live out our faith in our daily interactions and our response to the world around us, reflecting the enthusiastic devotion of that significant day.

McCarthy Flor, New Sunday and holiday liturgies Year C Dominican Publications 2012



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading

Is 50:4-7: 1 did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Resp Psalm

Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24: R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading:

Phil 2:6-11: He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

Lk 22:14 - 23:56: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

AGM 2025

The Annual General Meeting of our Parish will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, **4th May 2025**, following the 9:00 am Mass. All members of our parish are invited to attend the AGM.

FSG (Faith Sharing Group) fellowship

FSG gathers on alternate Saturdays. All are welcome! Next meeting is held on **Saturday, 26th April @ 9.45am - 10.45am** at the Presbytery deck meeting room.

Reflections will be on the Gospel for the current Sunday.

Pledge Envelops * are now ready for collection in church foyer. *

Anyone wanting to change their pledge tithing from envelopes to direct banking (Auto Payment/ Direct Debit), please inform Parish Office by 23rd March.

Tax receipts for Apr 2024 – March 2025 will be available by end of April/ early May. Thank you for your patience.

OTHER NOTICES

Easter Liturgy Times if you are looking for the times of the Easter Liturgies throughout the diocese they can be found on the front page of the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/holy-week/>

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Fri – Sun | 1-13 April | Mary McKillop Centre. Rachel Vineyard offers a beautiful opportunity for healing to anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. For more information Contact Wendy Hill on 027 2549222 or email wendy@rachelvineyard.org.nz

Prayer Retreat for Women: 'Prayer and the Interior Life' | 9th -11th May 2025 | 6pm Sat - 3pm Sun, with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Theology of the Body Courses

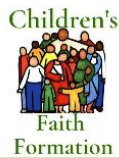
Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life: Sat 17 and Sun 18 May 2025. Mission Bay, Auckland.

Young Adult Book Study on Dr Mary Healy's 'Men and Women are from Eden' - Wed evenings starting 3 September 2025; Hillsborough, Auckland. To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

Join us for the 17th Annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession through Auckland CBD! 18th April 2025. Each year, hundreds of people from across Auckland come together in a powerful public witness of faith. Gather at 9:00 AM at Albert Park Rotunda. Procession concludes at 11:00 AM at St Patrick's Cathedral.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

13th Apr – Palm Sunday
15th Apr – Chrism Mass at the Cathedral @ 7.30 pm
17th Apr – Holy Thursday @7pm
18th Apr – Good Friday schedule on the right page
19th Apr – (No 5.30pm Mass) Easter Vigil @7pm
20th Apr – Easter Sunday
21st Apr – Easter Mon @8am
25th Apr – Anzac Day
4th May – ICP AGM



Interested in the Children's Liturgy or Gospel activity sheets for your kids?
Email, contact Deborah (deborahw@cda.org.nz) OR go to the Auckland Catholic Diocese website for details <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/liturgy-of-the-word-with-children/>

Getting Engaged / Planning a Wedding?

The Auckland Catholic Diocese has an approved Marriage preparation course for couples. Book your Marriage Preparation Course early - 1 year for NZ and 18 months for overseas weddings
Register & Book here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>
For more info, contact Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz
M: 021 02247442

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday Vigil – 12th April
Sat – 5.30pm
Blessing of the Palms at the Grotto followed by a procession to the Church, and then the Holy Mass

Palm Sunday – 13th April
Sun – 9.00am
Blessing of the Palms at the Grotto followed by a procession to the Church, and then the Holy Mass

Holy Thursday – 17th April
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

Good Friday – 18th April
2.00 pm The Way of the Cross
3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

The Easter Vigil Mass in the Holy Night - 19th April 7:00 pm
Please Bring a candle with a wax catcher

Easter Sunday Mass – 20th April
Sun – 9:00 am

Easter Monday Mass – 21st April
Mon – 9:00 am



Altar Servers Needed for Holy week (17-20th Apr)

We are seeking Altar Servers to assist during Holy week, leading up to Easter weekend.

Altar servers, kindly look at the dates below and indicate your availability. Contact **Andy Tibbits on 027 568 272**. (Please note that this falls during the first week of the school holidays). Duties will be assigned based on the number of servers available for each time slot. We ideally require a total of 12 altar servers (6 seniors and 6 juniors) for this period.

Dates and time servers are needed:-

17/4 Holy Thursday – 6.15pm.
Min. 6 servers needed

18/4 Good Friday services
Stations of the Cross – 1.15 pm
Min. 6 servers needed

Passion of our Lord – 2.15pm
Min. 6 servers needed

19/4 Easter Vigil Mass - 6.00pm
Min. of 6 servers needed

20/4 Easter Sunday Mass 9 a.m.
Min. 2 servers needed

Altar Service Recruitment:-

Children who have completed the Sacramental Programme and are interested in becoming altar servers, please contact Andy and a separate training can be organized.

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
celinsheilds@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group
Raphael Ng
ngahthong@gmail.com

Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
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Marian Mothers Grp
Anne Casey
tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz

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
Theresa_Stowers@hotmail.com

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Bernard Liddington, 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:

William Bain, Violet Highman, Dennis Holland, George Clarke, Hughie Duggan, Verle Page, Monica Jones, Wilfred Dowd, William Wellwood, Des Kennedy, Patrick Monaghan, Chakkappan, Shirley Brown, Ana Valentin, Caroline Duggan, Tom Flynn, Jim Molloy, Lionel White, Violet Mackie, Fr. Bill Ryan, Patrick J Keir, Des Lee, Rayleigh E Jabla, Edward Prendesgast, Hilda Jaggs, Patrick Williams, Seila Dew, Gwen Pask, Fr. Peter Battersby, Murray Moore, Lionel Silva, James Gareth, Frank Green, John Murphy, Ellen Longstaff, Eugene Lardner, Joseto F Antonio, Fred Mansor, Agnes Donaldson, Catherine Mooney, Marie Elliot, Bill Cheeseman their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.