

**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)

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**OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

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

**MASS ROSTER**

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
<b>Date/ Time</b>	19/04/2025 Sat 17:30pm	20/04/2025 Sun 09:00am	26/04/2025 Sat 17:30pm	27/04/2025 Sun 09:00am
<b>Name of Week</b>	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday		Divine Mercy Sunday
<b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b>	Liturgy committee	RCI	Anitha Fernandes	Anne Casey
<b>1st Reader</b>	Liturgy committee	RCI	Rolinda D'Souza	Alekhya Kondaveeti
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Liturgy committee	RCI	Charmaine D'Lima	Sarah Stead
<b>Communion</b>	as arranged	Sr Bridget & Andy Tibbitts	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Heather Kelly
<b>Altar servers</b>	Claudia Florycki	Vincent Lafaele, Jojo Taylor & Robert Liu	Christian D & Cheryl Jesudas	Zhen Ng, Benjamin Lo
<b>Collectors</b>	as arranged	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Niu Haungatau & Family
<b>Musician</b>	The Chow family	Christian D & Theresa	Lara Miranda	Tongan Comm
<b>Laptop</b>	Claudia Florycki	Theresa Stowers	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community
<b>Offertory</b>	RCIA / RCIC	Haungatau family	Domilies family	Kafa Family
<b>Counters</b>		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Tsue		Tony Morcom & Aaron Fernandez
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
<b>Flower Arrangements</b>	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
<b>Morning Tea</b>				PPC

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

**Last week's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$3080.60**

**Total Caritas collection to date: \$1330.00**

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

**Kid's Korner Links**

[Celebrating Easter Sunday](#)

[Poem Slow Dance](#)

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.



19 / 20 April 2025



**Mass Readings**

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

**During the Day**

**1st Reading**

Acts 10:34, 37-43:  
 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

**Resp Psalm**

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23: R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Alleluia!)

**2nd Reading:**

Col 3:1-4: Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia! (1 Cor 5:7-8)

**Gospel:**

John 20:1-9: The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead

**The Joy of Easter**

During World War I, a Russian Cossack received devastating news: a letter from his son Gregory's commanding officer informed him of Gregory's death in action. Unable to read, he relied on his daughter, but the mere beginning of the message, "I regret to inform you that...", was enough to plunge him into profound grief. He visibly deteriorated, aging rapidly and suffering memory loss, yet he clung to the letter, repeatedly asking for it to be read, only to stop the reading at the first words.

For twelve days, the Cossack lived with this sorrow, finding slight solace only after a requiem Mass for Gregory. Then, a second letter arrived, bringing astonishing news: Gregory was alive. Wounded and presumed dead, he had miraculously survived, crawling back to his lines and even aiding a fellow officer. He was to be promoted and awarded for his bravery. Overwhelmed with joy, the father rushed into the village, sharing the incredible news with everyone he encountered.

This story illustrates the immense joy experienced by Jesus' disciples on Easter. Unlike the Cossack's son, Jesus truly died, a fact witnessed by his followers. The news of the empty tomb and subsequent appearances of the resurrected Christ ignited a similar, profound joy in them. The joy of Easter, stemming from Christ's victory over death, is meant to be shared by believers.

While the resurrection does not negate the reality of death, it signifies its ultimate defeat through Christ's own passage through it. The belief in the resurrection is not merely accepting a miracle, but acknowledging God's power over death. The victory of Easter empowers believers to live with the hope of immortality, enabling them to face death itself with courage and anticipation.

*Happy Easter*

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

On behalf of Fr. Joseph, Fr. Sijo and the Parish Council, we wish you very Happy and Blessed Easter

### PARISH NOTICES

We warmly welcome and congratulate Jean, Leon, Marcel, and George, who will be received into the Catholic faith at our Holy Easter Vigil, following their participation in the Rite of Christian Initiation.

#### Divine Mercy Novena

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> April), a nine-day Novena will be held in our Church from 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April soon after the Mass. All are encouraged to join in.

**Mass times on Easter Monday** and Easter Tuesday will be at 9:00 am.

#### 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> May @ 9.45am - 10.45am** at the Presbytery deck meeting room.

Reflections will be on the Gospel for the current Sunday.

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

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

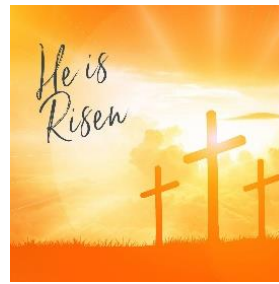
### OTHER NOTICE

#### Come and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Sun | 27<sup>th</sup> April | 3-4pm | St Mark's Catholic Parish, 334 Pakuranga Rd. Immerse in the Fountain of Mercy from the Heart of Jesus, and celebrate with us on our 10 Year Anniversary.

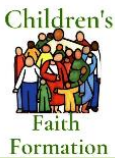
#### Catholic singles 30s & 40s meetup

Sat | 10th May | 7.15pm | Stardome Observatory. Come and take a closer look at the night sky through the Zeiss telescope <https://www.stardome.org.nz/movie/zeiss-telescope> You will need to book your ticket via the above link - do note that these sessions sell out super quick! Please RSVP using the link <https://www.icloud.com/invites/0cbiq5QUVgK0j1Lb18OWzqzew> or email Marie Claire [aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com).



### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 21<sup>st</sup> Apr - Easter Monday Mass @ 9.00am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr - Easter Tuesday Mass @ 9.00am
- 25<sup>th</sup> Apr - Anzac Day
- 27<sup>st</sup> Apr - Divine Mercy Sunday
- 4<sup>th</sup> May - ICP AGM



Interested in the Children's Liturgy or Gospel activity sheets for your kids?  
Email, contact Deborah ([deborahw@cda.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)  
M: 021 02247442

#### Divine Mercy Conference

Fri-Sun | 23-25 May | Rosmini College  
Fr Chris Alar - Keynote Speaker.

Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US plus several other international speakers.

Divine Mercy Conference 2025 will be in a real sense an encapsulation of all that has gone before, and yet more, and to the point – how that is lived out, witnessed, in the Third Millennium.

Please join us for this important event in the Jubilee Year.

**Registrations essential**

[www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz](http://www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz)  
Pat Barrett 03 359 2087  
[info@divinemercy.co.nz](mailto:info@divinemercy.co.nz)

#### St Gianna's Mothers & Children's Group (South Auckland)

Welcoming all mothers and their children (Under the age of 5). Come and meet likeminded mothers, deepen your friendship with God, and enjoy a free lunch!

The morning starts with an element of formation and group discussions while your children enjoy a safe area to play. Followed by Mass and a free lunch.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAYS of the month 10am-1pm. Commencing Tuesday 29th April 2025.

At St Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies in Pukekohe, Auckland. Contact Amie for more details: 027 350 8227  
[wertnextgen@gmail.com](mailto:wertnextgen@gmail.com)

#### Jubilee Sing Jubilee

Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025. Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. The following events are taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of Song:

- Evening with Tony Alonso, Thursday 29 May 6.30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangarei. Suggested Koha \$10.00 per person.
- Conversation with Tony with drinks and nibbles, Friday 30 May 6.30pm, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20.00.
- Retreat Workshop with Tony, Saturday 31 May 1.30 - 4.00pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha.
- Concert with Tony Alonso, Saturday 31 May 6.30pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St., \$10.00 per person.

Please visit the following link for registration: A Concert with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland. [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

#### Bishop Steve Speaks

Tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist Bishop Steve Speaks to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation.  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzXcTLhpW-gsxny4e>

#### Invitation to join with Bishop Steve on a Special Jubilee Pilgrimage. Te Ara o te Tūmanako - The Way of Hope 29 September - 19 October 2025

Bishop Steve invites pilgrims to join him on a pilgrimage from Lyon to Rome as we celebrate Jubilee 2025. On the way you will meet pilgrims of the past, who we now know as saints, but were once pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church and who will inspire us in hope as journey to the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. For further information and bookings please contact Harvest Journeys NZ Call Free 0800 819 156  
[Search harvestjourneys.com/pv2566](http://Search.harvestjourneys.com/pv2566) or Email - [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)

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

**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, 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:

*John Gavin, Mary Crookes, Catherine Wester, John Shearman, Mary Kenney, Ralph Johnson, Jessie Steven, Carl Temm, Katherine M Morcom, Fr. Therry Dibble, Paul Deehan, Charles Pile, Jovelyn Saqueban, Charisse Chua, Charlize Chua, Eva Lynch, Nell Monaghan, Linda Harman, Catherine Hughes, Theresa Murphy, Ben Temm, Rofoldo Ilo their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Office*