

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	26/04/2025 Sat 17:30pm	27/04/2025 Sun 09:00am	03/05/2025 Sat 17:30pm	04/05/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		Divine Mercy Sunday		3rd Sunday of Easter
Commentators & PoF	Anitha Fernandes	Anne Casey	Charmaine D'Lima	Filipino Community
1st Reader	Rolinda D'Souza	Alekhya Kondaveeti	Tilla Miranda	Filipino Community
2nd Reader	Charmaine D'Lima	Sarah Stead	Eugene Miranda	Filipino Community
Communion	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Heather Kelly	Theresa Bennett or Rasika Kalaha Waltega	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbitts
Altar servers	Christian D & Cheryl Jesudas	Zhen Ng, Benjamin Lo	Aaron & Rachelann D'Lima	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge
Collectors	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Niu Haungatau & family	Theresa & John Bennett	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	Domilies 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	
Morning Tea		PPC		

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:Andy.Tibbitts@outlook.com)

Last week's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$2554.10

Total Caritas collection to date: \$1410.00

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

Kid's Korner Links

[2nd Sunday of Easter](#)
[Alphabet Praise](#)

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

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2nd Sun of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 26 / 27 April

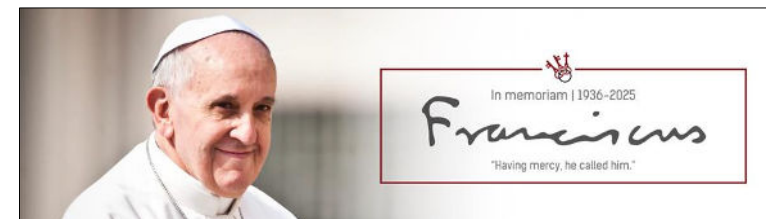
Remembering Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis. His time as our Holy Father was a gift to the Church and to the world, and his loss is deeply felt. We mourn the loss of a shepherd who led with courage, compassion, and unwavering faith. Yet, we are also profoundly grateful for the countless ways he touched our lives and reshaped our understanding of the Church.

Pope Francis was a man of the people, a voice for the voiceless, and a champion of the marginalized. He reminded us that the Church is a field hospital, a place of healing and mercy for all, not just the privileged. His papacy was marked by a call to radical love, humility, and a deep concern for the environment, our common home.

His legacy will endure through his powerful words, his simple gestures, and his profound witness to the Gospel. He showed us how to live with joy, even in the midst of suffering, and how to embrace the beauty and diversity of God's creation.

As we bid farewell to our beloved Pope, let us, as a parish community, commit ourselves to live out his call to love, serve, and build a more just and compassionate world. May we be inspired by his example to be a Church that is ever more merciful, compassionate, and faithful to the call of the Gospel. May he rest in peace.



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading

Acts 5:12-16: The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Resp Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27: R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading:

Rev 1:9-13, 17-19: I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

(Jn 20:29)

Gospel:

Jn 20:19-31: After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

PARISH NOTICES

Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

Our parish will hold a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis on **Thursday, 1st May 2025 at 6:30 pm** here at our church. All are invited to join us for this Mass as we remember him in prayer and give thanks for his profound contributions to the Church and the world.

FSG (Faith Sharing Group) fellowship

FSG gathers on alternate Saturdays. All are welcome! Next meeting is held on **Saturday, 3rd May @ 9.45am - 10.45am** at the Presbytery deck meeting room.

Reflections will be on the Gospel for the current Sunday.

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.

Pledge Envelops * are ready for collection in church foyer.

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

Fr. Joseph will be traveling to India from 7th May 7th to June 9th for his holidays and a home visit. During his absence, Father Sijo John will be in charge of the parish.

OTHER NOTICE

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meeting

Wed | 30th Apr | 7.00pm | St Thomas Moore Church, 336, Wairau Road, Glenfield. This meeting will be a special one and **ALL** are invited not just men !! 😊 **Please bring the lady in your life along.**

Rebecca Adams, Director of **Pregnancy Choice**, will share about their work supporting women facing unexpected pregnancies and those healing after abortion. She'll be joined by team members.

Prayer and music ministry by **Mike and Jeffrey Nathan**, with **Been** on accompaniment.

Join us for an evening of Praise and Worship, prayer, and learning. Please bring cash—a collection will be taken in support of Pregnancy Choice.

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 email Marie Claire aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com.

Or use the link <https://www.icloud.com/invites/0cbiq5QUVgK0j1Lb18OWzqzewo>

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

1st May – Memorial Mass for Pope Francis @6.30pm

4th May – ICP AGM (After Mass)

11th May – Mother's Day

11th May – School House Mass (St Anthony's)



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

Divine Mercy Sunday



You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Jesus, Lord of Mercy, I trust in You! Amen.

A reflective evening on Pilgrims of Hope

is being offered by Jill McLoughlin rsj on **Tuesday 6 May at 7pm** in our **Chapel at Mission Bay**. Pope Francis invited us all to celebrate the Jubilee Year as pilgrims of hope. This evening will also provide an opportunity to give thanks for Pope Francis' remarkable courage and vision. See the flyer for more details.

Wisdom of the Body

Lyndall Brown rsj is offering a reflection day at Mission Bay on the theme **Wisdom of the Body**. This will take place on **Saturday 24th May from 10am – 2pm**. The day will draw on the wisdom from Celtic Spirituality and from the book 'Wisdom of the Body' by Christine Valters Paintner.

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=PLYYVDAH6gEBFpCzZXcTLhpW-gsxny4e>

Join Bishop Steve on a Special Jubilee Pilgrimage - 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

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 Conference2025 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. Rego essential www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz Pat Barrett 03 359 2087 info@divinemercy.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
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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
Anne Casey
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RCI and Sacramental Prog –Theresa Stowers
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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:

Pope Francis, Alice Long, Mary Hill, Ruby O'Grady, William Gould, Joyce Wellwood, Ron Jones, Fr. Lucian Armstrong, Fila Berkovich, Fr. Stephen Conboy, Tom O'Neill, Harry Spurr, Hilda Beehre, Catherine Wellwood, Herbert G Pearman, John Zaremba, Noirin Murphy, James Cain, Isobel Conway, Mary Holland, Pat Delaney, Nora Culhane, Olive Garner, Margaret McCarthy, Emmet Sanders, Moris P. Holland, Eileen Kearney, Sr. Mary R Malone, Basil Umdurell, Paul Sotwers, Collin Callanan, George Bird, Seymour Walsh, Myrtle Landers, Parehuia Barron, Paul Stowers, Brad McGann Basil Underell, Harold Mendis, Thomas Blake, Jane Braden, Gladys Wilkinson, William Forde, Edward J Doherty, Eileen Hansen, Fr. John Keating, Francesco Grasso their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Office