

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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MASS ROSTER

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
Date/ Time	03/05/2025 Sat 17:30pm	04/05/2025 Sun 09:00am	10/05/2025 Sat 17:30pm	11/05/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		3rd Sunday of Easter		4th Sunday of Easter
Commentators & PoF	Charmaine D'Lima	Filipino Community	Anitha D'Souza	Leonard Casey
1st Reader	Tilla Miranda	Filipino Community	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Andy Tibbitts
2nd Reader	Eugene Miranda	Filipino Community	Lara Miranda	Alekhya Kondaveeti
Communion	Theresa Bennett or Pasika Kalaha Wattega	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbitts	Sabrina Freitas	Sr Bridget & Albert Wolfram
Altar servers	Aaron & Rachelann D'Lima	Maya MacMenigall & Olivia Bridge	Christian D & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordono
Collectors	Theresa & John Bennett	Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Tina D'Souza	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon
Musician	Emmanuel Group	Filipino Comm	Charmaine D'Lima	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				Fathers & Men of the Parish

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 Andy Tibbitts

Last week's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$1798.40

Total Caritas collection to date: \$1430.00

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

Kid's Korner Links

[3rd Sunday of Easter](#)
[Am I a Fireman Yet?](#)

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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3rd Sunday of Easter

3 / 4 May 2025

The Fall and the Rise of Peter

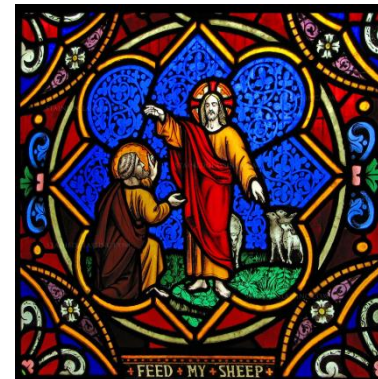
Despite Peter's devastating denial of Jesus on Holy Thursday, an act that seemingly disqualified him as the leader of the apostles, Jesus chose a different path. While Peter's failure set a poor example, it stemmed from weakness rather than the calculated malice of Judas' betrayal. Jesus, recognizing the potential for strength alongside Peter's frailty, did not discard him.

Instead, Jesus lovingly restored a humbled and wiser Peter to his former position, entrusting him with the crucial role of chief shepherd of his flock. Peter, this time, rose to the occasion, leading the apostles in their witness to the resurrection. By placing authority in the hands of the one who had denied him, Jesus established his Church not on human strength but on his own unwavering love and faithfulness.

Jesus chose not to dwell on Peter's failings but instead gave him a path to atonement: to "feed the sheep and lambs," to love and serve his community. This act of service became Peter's penance. Peter learned profound lessons from his fall. He confronted the painful truth of his own weakness, realizing the disparity between his perceived strength and his actual behavior.

More importantly, he experienced the transformative power of Jesus' unconditional love, a love that persisted despite his denials and ultimately brought him back. Peter's story offers immense comfort,

as his frailties mirror our own human inconsistencies. It reminds us not to judge ourselves or others by momentary lapses but by the enduring commitment to our beliefs, recognizing that understanding and unwavering love can lead to true redemption.



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



Mass Readings

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

1st Reading

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41: We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Resp Psalm

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13: R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

2nd Reading:

Rev 5:11-14: The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Jn 21:1-19: Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

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

In Loving Memory of Priscilla Orden Santos



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Priscilla Orden Santos, a beloved long-time parishioner, on 26 April 2025.

Priscilla was born on 11 December 1960 and leaves behind her devoted husband, Gardy and their four children, Patrick, Pamela, Pauline, and Gustav—a former student of St Mary's. The Santos family has been part of the ICP community since arriving in New Zealand in 2003, and Priscilla's presence will

be dearly missed. We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Santos family during this time of loss. If you wish to reach out to Gardy, he can be contacted at 020 4116 5952.

Praying For The Conclave New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at www.catholic.org.nz

Join us this Sunday 4th May for our Annual General Meeting Our Parish AGM will be held in the Parish Hall on this Sunday, **4th May 2025**, following the 9:00 am Mass. Come and find out what we have done and plan for our future. 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, 17th 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 next weekend. Apologies for the delay and thank you for your patience.

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

OTHER NOTICE

Prayer Retreat for Women

Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 9th May 6pm to Sunday 11th May 3pm 2025 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Early bird registration till 18th April. Details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

The Upper Room (Young Adults gathering) Wed | 7th May | 6:30pm | Good George, Mission Bay
Drinks, chats, free snacks & talk with Fr Frank Bird! Ages 18+
Tickets: events.humanitix.com/upper_room

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11th May – Mother's Day
- 17th May – Alpha Completion celebration
- 18th May – St Anthony's house mass **postponed**
- 12th June – Sacrament of Confirmation
- 14th / 15th June – First Holy Communion



Children's Faith Formation

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
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Liturgy Notes - For Festival Of New Life - Sixth Sunday Easter, 25 MAY 2025

It is approaching ten years since the NZ Roman Catholic / Lutheran Dialogue Commission was established. Through prayer, research and conversation, a firm partnership has evolved. A major outcome is the joint declaration, Baptised Together in Christ (2023), celebrating our common life through our faith in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter season honours this faith and Catholic and Lutheran parishes in Aotearoa New Zealand are invited to focus their worship on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, with thanksgiving and praise in a festival of new life.

Are you a catechist or volunteer in your parish?

All catechists, volunteers, and those who serve in their parish are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts.

Sat | 5th July | 10:00am -3:30pm
\$25.00 per person.

Details and registration for Southern region (parishes south of the bridge)

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-south/>

Registrations essential. For further information please contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

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:

Priscilla Santos, Bridget George, Cathren Crosby, Annie Maloney, Fr. Harry Jillings, Edward Murphy, Marianne Foster, Segunda Santos, Claude Ritchie, Len Hedger, John Kelly, Rose Poland, Fr. Maurice Drumm, Fr. Benedicto Pelias, Philip Turnock, Reginald Turnock, Mabel Olsen, Agnes Greygoose, Gregory McTigue, Charlie Greygoose, Fr. Michale Daly, Stephen A Misi, Norman Olegario, Alice Jones, Edward Webb, Mary Metcalf, Margaret Trowland, James Lloyd Ah Sam, Louisa Wotherspoon, Margaret Gibson, Mabel Clark, George Eaton, Graham Carroll, Ling Guico Hewold their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Office

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. For further information and bookings please contact Harvest Journeys NZ. Call Free 0800 819 156
[Search harvestjourneys.com/pv2566](http://Search.harvestjourneys.com/pv2566)

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.

The May edition of the NZCBC Auckland Diocese newsletter is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/NZ-Catholic-Issue-2.pdf>

as is the latest edition of Jubilee Jottings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/MAY-2025-Jubilee-Jottings.pdf>

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
celinsheids@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group
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Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
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Marian Mothers Grp
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Parish History Group
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Jnr & Snr Youth Group
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RCI and Sacramental Prog –Theresa Stowers
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