

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

Date/ Time	10/05/2025 Sat 17:30pm	11/05/2025 Sun 09:00am	17/05/2025 Sat 17:30pm	18/05/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		4th Sunday of Easter		5th Sunday of Easter
Commentators & PoF	Anitha D'Souza	Leonard Casey	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Sine Foulger
1st Reader	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Andy Tibbitts	Russell D'Lima	Blue Holmes - Kinsella
2nd Reader	Lara Miranda	Alekhya Kondaveeti	Sabrina Freitas	Heather Kelly
Communion	Sabrina Freitas	Sr Bridget & Albert Wolfgram	Rolinda D'Souza	Sheila D'Souza & Andy Tibbitts
Altar servers	Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordone	Rachelann D'Lima	Vincent Lafaele, Ragnar Ordone & Robert Liu
Collectors	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon	Taliauli Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
Musician	Charmaine D'Lima	Martin Ng & family	Chow Family	Theresa S
Laptop	D'Lima Family	Ng Family	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers
Offertory	<i>Volunteer Family req</i>	Yuen Lo Family	Bennett Family	Haungatau family
Counters		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim		Sarah Ulmer & Andrew Tsue
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	

Last week's collection (incl Auto Payments): 2187.70
 Total Caritas collection to date: \$1511.00
 Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

Kid's Korner Links

[4th Sunday of Easter](#)
[The Sandbox](#)

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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4th Sunday of Easter

10 / 11 May 2025

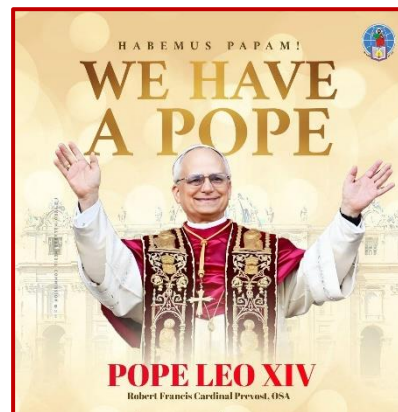
The Gentle Embrace of the Good Shepherd

Jesus, in his profound wisdom, presented himself as the Good Shepherd, a tender image illustrating his deep connection and unwavering commitment to his followers, his flock. He promised them two invaluable gifts: eternal security, assuring that none entrusted to him by the Father would ever be lost, and guidance towards the pastures of eternal life, offering comfort and reassurance in both life and death. This profound belonging, however, is not a passive state but requires a conscious choice and active participation from each individual.

True belonging to Christ's flock manifests in three essential ways: first, through belief in him, which marks our entry into his fold; second, by actively listening to his voice, heeding his teachings in our daily lives; and third, by following him, translating his word into action. Our practical living should reflect the guidance of Jesus; otherwise, our claim of belonging rings hollow. While following the Good Shepherd does not promise an easy path, trials become opportunities to deepen our faith and obedience.

Finally, the image of the flock underscores the fundamental importance of community in Christianity. We cannot truly belong to Jesus in isolation. From the earliest days, believers gathered to witness the resurrection, live by his teachings, and support one another through prayer, worship, and loving service. This community, often experienced at the local church level, nourishes faith, provides mutual support, and keeps individuals on their spiritual path. The Sunday observance, in particular, plays a crucial role in maintaining this vital connection and shared journey.

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 13:14, 43-52:
 We are now turning to the gentiles.

Resp Psalm

Ps 99:1-3, 5: R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading:

Rev 7:9, 14-17: The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia! (Jn 10:14)

Gospel:

Jn 10:27-30: I give my sheep eternal life.

Happy Mother's Day

To all mother figures in our parish, we wish you **Happy Mother's Day**.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you sane, for being the conduit of your family unit and making your house a home for your loved ones to gather and reunite. May all ill feelings be left out the door as they meet up on this special occasion for you.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for some refreshments after Sunday Mass service to celebrate this special weekend and these special women in our lives.

Special **Thank You** for Rico and Mila Belveder for donating the lovely rosaries that is handed out for all mother figures this weekend.

Lastly, thank you to the Studio of Saint Philomena for supplying the holy cards of Ko Hata Maria for Mother's Day.

Please ensure to take a card for your mother figures.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

11th May – Seminary Special Collection Day

11th May –Mother's Day

17th May – Alpha Completion celebration

18th May – St Mary's School house mass **postponed till 8th June**

10th June – Sacramental Prog Reconciliation evening

12th June – Sacrament of Confirmation

PARISH NOTICES

National Vocation Sunday - Bishop's Appeal Today is Vocations Sunday. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support to our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

AGM update We welcome 2 new members into the PPC (Pastoral Parish Council) this year. Hearty welcome Tina D'Souza and Harold (aka Ian) McComb into the team.

We also want to thank Russel Dlima (PPC secretary) and Edmund Fernandes for their contributions and support in the PPC team as they exit their roles in PPC. Their presence and sense of humour will be missed.

Hospitality team for Afternoon tea post Saturday evening Mass Rizaltee Galvez, one of our PPC members, will be coming this Saturday Mass to gather interests and volunteers to start a hospitality team so that we can gather parishioners together post Mass for refreshments on Saturdays. This has something that has been in discussion for a while and it is exciting to see that it has finally come to fruition. If you would like to be part of this team, please reach out to Riz on 020 4157 6132 OR email rizgalvez1206@gmail.com

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 Envelopes * are ready for collection in church foyer.

Tax receipts for Apr 2024 – March 2025 is available now for collection in the church foyer. Thank you all for your patience.

Fr. Joseph has arrived safely in India and will be away until the 9th June for his holidays and a home visit. During his absence, Father Sijo John will be in charge of the parish. Please pray for his safe travels and continual good health on his time away.

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

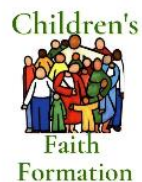
Register & Book here:
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>
For more info, contact: Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz
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"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now open for enrolment for Semester 2. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to apply or call (09) 361-1053 for more information. **Enrolment closes on May 16.**"

Easter to Pentecost, a time for prayer, for pondering Easter to Pentecost, a time for prayer, for pondering, for being present in the church's journey with Jesus after His Resurrection.

Here are some opportunities for you to be on The Way with a few others from your home, on Zoom. Please contact Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz for more details.

Current of Grace, Auckland (CHARIS) is having its annual **Pentecost celebration** on 8 June from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at St Luke's Church. 260 Chapel Rd, Flat Bush, Auckland.



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/>

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 NZCBC Auckland Diocese newsletter – May Edition & Jubilee Jottings – May 2025

Are both now available online <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/NZ-Catholic-Issue-2.pdf>
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/MAY-2025-Jubilee-Jottings.pdf>

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

Through prayer, research and conversation, a firm partnership between the NZ Roman Catholic / Lutheran Dialogue Commission has evolved and created a joint declaration, Baptised Together in Christ (2023). 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.

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

Baptism Course (<7yo)
Graeme White
Baptism.ICP@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
sandeleech@gmail.com

Marian Mothers Grp
Anne Casey
tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz

Parish History Group
Claudia Forycki
cforycki@water.co.nz

Jnr & Snr Youth Group
Taiaopo Lafaele
taiaopo774@gmail.com

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, Alyvne 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 Hogg, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Marie Mole, Gladys Smith, Solina Wallmark, Eva D Cubitt, Margaret Stone, Frank Corrigan, Claire Ryan, Margaret Webb, James McNeill, Salanda F A Salamone, Mateki Afeaki, Win O'Dea, Bernie Miskell, Margare Wyatt their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Office