

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 8.00am
(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)

Tuesday to Thursday 8.00am

Friday 9.00am

Saturday 9.00am
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
 Public Holidays 9.00am

Confession/Reconciliation:
 Saturdays 9.45am onwards or by appointment

SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
 Fri & Sat 8.00am

Divine Mercy prayer: Friday 8.30am

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	7/02/2026 Sat 5:30pm	8/02/2026 Sun 09:00am	14/02/2026 Sat 5:30pm	15/02/2026 Sun 09:00am bth Sunday in Ordinary time
Name of Week		5th Sunday in Ordinary time		
Commentators & PoF	Theresa Stowers	Niu Hangatau	Charmaine O'Lima	Anne Casey
1st Reader	Jacinta Chow	Judy MacMenigal	Eugene Miranda	Sheila D'Souza
2nd Reader	Ming Deng	Alekhya Kondaveeti	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Rizallee Galvez
Communion	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgram	0	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbits
Altar servers	Christian D, Shavidhu Fernando & Migha Rose	Vincent Lafaele, Ragnar Ordone, Simi Haungatau & Adara Bridqe	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Tiana Thilakararne	Lalith Pudota, Richie & Ethan Yonq
Collectors	Finau Family	Felcy & Andrew Kurukuntala	Taliauli Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
Musician	Emmanual Group	Martin Ng & family	Charmaine & Claudia	Christian D & Theresa
Laptop	Lara Miranda	Ng Family	O'Lima Family	Theresa Stowers
Offertory	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family	Bennett Family	Haungatau Family
Counters		Iwan Dsouza & Ju Lin Lim		Vibin & Andrew Tsue
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	

If you would like to be removed from the Mass rosters OR like new roles, please contact Andy.
 Please refer to the One Drive file for updates and any changes.

If you would like to volunteer for Mass, or roster changes, please email Parish Office and Andy Tibbits
andytibbitsnz@outlook.com

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.

Last week's collection (Inc. AP) \$ 2672.10
 Thank you so much for your generosity.
 Immaculate Conception Parish
BNZ 02-0108-0706777-00

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

Parish Priest:
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The 5th Sunday of Ord Time

7th / 8th Feb 2026

Salt of the earth, light of the world

Jesus calls us to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." In the ancient world, these were essentials for preserving life and dispelling darkness. Similarly, we are called to bear witness to Christ through our deeds. If we fail to act, we become as ineffective as flavorless salt or a hidden lamp.

Letting our light shine isn't about boasting or advertising our virtues; it is about living them. A good life is a silent but powerful proclamation of the Gospel. To be effective, we must be active "in the world"—just as salt must be mixed into food to season it—rather than remaining distant or detached.

While we live in the world, we must not be absorbed by it. If we merely reflect secular values, we lose our ability to influence others for good. As Albert Camus noted, "the world needs Christians who actually remain Christians". We should never be shy about our role, remembering that God's love shines through the "oil" of our daily lives.

This mission requires conviction and courage, strengths we often lack on our own. Like St. Paul, we must learn to rely not on our own abilities, but on the power of God. Furthermore, we do not witness alone; we are far more effective when we act as a supportive, faith-filled community.

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Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Is 58:7-10: Your light will shine like the dawn.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 111:4-9: R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)

2nd Reading:

1 Cor 2:1-5: I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia! (In 8:12)

Gospel:

Mt 5:13-16: You are the light of the world.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

14th Feb – Youth led event - Amazing gRace @1.30pm
 17th Feb – Alpha Prog @6.30pm
 21st Feb – Sacramental Prog Registration/ Photo Session/ Parent session @3.30pm

FOR SALE

Columban Art calendars - \$13.00

Available to purchase from Parish Office

Kids Korner

Children's Liturgy is ON this Sun. We encourage your kids forward when priest calls out for their session in the Presbytery meeting room.

Interested in Gospel activity for your kids? Click below:

- * [5th Sunday of Ord Time](#)
- * [Make a Difference](#)



Planning to get Married?

The Auckland Catholic Diocese has an approved Marriage Preparation course for couples. Book your course early – 1 yr for NZ, 18 mths for overseas weddings. Register and Book HERE: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

For more info, contact Gerry Gerrys@eda.org.nz
 M:021 0224 7442



St Mary's Catholic School notice

The St Mary's school next door has started their term last Wed, on 4th February. Let us pray for all school staff, teachers and students, for a seamless and successful academic year ahead.

We kindly remind parishioners to be careful when parking on their property for Mass services.

DO NOT REMOVE any tables and chairs which have been strategically placed for the children.

If anything was accidentally broken or knocked, please report to the parish office immediately.

Thank you for your attention.

Mission Hub – Sharing Your Story: Testimony That Transforms

Our lives are full of moments where God's presence quietly guides, comforts, and inspires us. Sharing these experiences can uplift others, strengthen faith, and spark hope. This February, Mission Hub, in collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre, is gathering online for Sharing Your Story – Testimony That Transforms. Join us to reflect on how telling our stories with honesty and humility can encourage others on their spiritual journey.

Monday 16 February - 7:00–8:30pm (NZ time) Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/february16webinar>

Colleges OPEN DAYS

St Peters College (Newmarket)

Tues 17th Feb 9.30am & 1.00pm
 NO BOOKING required.

Sacred Heart College

Wed 25th Feb 10am & 1.00pm.
 BOOKING REQUIRED online

Marist College

Thurs 26th & 27th Feb at 9.00am.
 NO BOOKING required.

Baradene College

Tues – Thurs, 3rd, 4th, 5th, Mar 9am and 10am each day
 BOOKING REQUIRED (refer to their website)

St Paul's College

Thurs 19th Mar 9.30am & 1.45 pm
 NO BOOKING required.

St Mary's College (Ponsonby)

Thurs 23rd March 2pm & 6pm

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
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Faith Sharing Group

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Food Bank Delivery

Lenora Foliaki
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Marian Mothers Grp

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Parish History Group

Claudia Forycki
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ICP Carpark Fundraiser Update

We are over the halfway point! To date our total donations adds up to **\$54,147.74!**

Thank you so very much to our supportive parishioners for donating \$9,300.00 (including Givealittle \$1095.00 nett); the School Board of Trustees for donating \$18752.74 (20% of the cost); the Syro Malabar Community for \$15,000, and Vietnamese Community for \$10,000. Your contributions are heartfelt and truly appreciated.

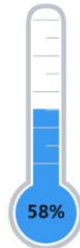
If you wish to continue your support, donations can still be made via:

- **Online banking:** Immaculate Conception Ellerslie
 Acct: 02-0108-0706777-000 | Ref: Car Park
- **Givealittle:** Scan the QR code or visit our Givealittle page
- **Special envelopes:** Available at the back of the church or via the Parish Office

Thank you for helping us care for and steward our parish home.

ICP Carpark Fundraiser

\$54,148 raised of \$93,763



Parish News

Youth Group Event – Amazing gRace – Sat | 14 Feb | 1.30pm – 4.30pm



Join us for the ICP Youth Amazing gRace Fundraiser, a fun and active event bringing our parish youth and community together for a great cause.

Cost: \$10 per person

Participants will take part in a series of challenges and clue-based activities, working in teams to make their way through the race. The focus is on teamwork, problem-solving, and having fun together in a positive and supportive environment.

This event is suitable for all youth and is a great way to get involved, try something different, and enjoy an afternoon filled with energy, laughter, and community spirit.

Alpha Programme 2026 – Tues | 17 Feb | 6.30pm | Parish Hall

Ran out of ideas for Dinner on Tuesday night? Come to the Parish hall on 17th Feb for a free meal, get to know some of our other parishioners and learn more about Alpha.

Our first 2026 Alpha Course will start @6.30pm. we invite you to bring someone along.

Registration is necessary (online and church foyer) for catering purposes and programme planning. Invitation brochures are in the foyer.



Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Evelyn Leech, Andy Tibbitts, Fran Duncan, Dolores Custodio, Margaret Burke, Daniel Bridge, Wilma Smith, Catherine Ng, Edward Salvatore Fleming, Lily Chua, Carrie Canapi, 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:

Augustine Hart, Nora Moore, Vera McDonald, Visko Jurasovic, Imelda C Buromeo, Ann Upfold, Alice Mearns, Ellen Forde, Julia Coffey, Matthew Coffey, Ralf Richards, Audrey Murphy, Sapate Afeaki, Terry Holland, Joan Ellen White, Cyril Kilgour, Joseph Pannel, Kilisitina T Laumatia, Fr. Paul Kelly, John P McGarth, Peter Bilish, Br. Carl Sayegh, Sis. Miriam, William J Legge, Lilly McCarthy, Fr. Canifield, Hannah McCrenor & Family, James McCrenor, Doug Ellwood, Michael Lawrence their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.