

**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
<b>Date/ Time</b>	14/02/2026 Sat 5:30pm	15/02/2026 Sun 09:00am	21/02/2026 Sat 5:30pm	22/02/2026 Sun 09:00am
<b>Name of Week</b>		6th Sunday in Ordinary time		1st Sunday of Lent
<b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b>	Charmaine D'Lima	Anne Casey	Tilla Miranda	Greg Carl
<b>1st Reader</b>	Eugene Miranda	Sheila D'Souza	Theresa Bennett	Leonard Casey
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Rizaltee Galvez	Sabrina Freitas	Taiapo Lafaele
<b>Communion</b>	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbitts	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'Souza
<b>Altar servers</b>	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Tiana Thilakarathne	Lalith Pudota, Richie & Lavinia Haungatau & Ethan Yonq	Shavidhu Fernando, Ramona & Simona Fernandes	Benjamin Lo, Vito & Mele Haungatau, Nevon Naranqoda & Toby
<b>Collectors</b>	Taliauli Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Haungatau family
<b>Musician</b>	Charmaine & Claudia	Christian D & Theresa	Robert & Claudia	Tongan Comm
<b>Laptop</b>	D'lima Family	Theresa Stowers	Jacinta Chow	Tongan Community
<b>Offertory</b>	Bennett Family	Haungatau Family	Domilies family	Kafa Family
<b>Counters</b>		Vibin & Andrew Tsue		Tony Moroom & Denis Dsouza
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
<b>Flower Arrangements</b>	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese 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 Tibbitts  
[andytibbittsz@outlook.com](mailto:andytibbittsz@outlook.com)

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.

Last week's collection (Inc. AP) \$ 2148.90  
 Thank you so much for your generosity.

Immaculate Conception Ellerslie  
**BNZ 02-0108-0706777-000**

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:**  
 Fr. Joseph V.J., C.Ss.R

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

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**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord Time**

**14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026**



**Mass Readings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
 Sir 15:15-20: He never commanded anyone to be godless.

**Resp Psalm.**  
 Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34: R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**  
 1 Cor 2:6-10: God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!  
 (C/Mt 11:25)

**Gospel:**  
 Mt 5:17-37: Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

It is impossible to live without experiencing anger, yet many of us feel guilty when we do, having been taught it is a "deadly sin." However, anger itself is a normal, healthy emotion. It is a natural response to being treated poorly, and in itself, is morally neutral. Denying or repressing it can lead to deeper issues like depression or physical illness.

When Jesus warned against anger, he wasn't condemning the feeling—he himself showed righteous anger in the Temple. There are times when we *should* be angry, especially in the face of injustice. The danger lies not in the feeling, but in allowing it to fester and turn into hostility. Hostility is the real sin, leading to resentment, insults, and a breakdown of love.

If we find ourselves frequently angry, we must look at the source. The cause may lie within us, stemming from impatience or past hurts, or it may be a reaction to a difficult person or an unjust situation. In the case of injustice, anger can actually be a positive force, spurring us to take action and set things right.

Ultimately, anger is not a resting place. If our hearts are filled with it, there is no room left for love. It is a dangerous cycle that we must release in a wholesome way. As St. Paul wisely advises: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26).

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Youth led event  
Amazing gRace  
@1.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Alpha Prog @6.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ash Wed @8am & 7pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Stations of the Cross  
@6.00pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Sacra Prog Session 1  
@3.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Baptism Prep course

## 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:

- \* 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord Time
- \* Foster Peace in your Family



## 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/disciplineship/our-courses/>

For more info, contact Gerry [Gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:Gerrys@cda.org.nz)  
M:021 0224 7442

## Reshaping in the Spirit of Synodality

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is conducting regional formation sessions on "Reshaping in the Spirit of Synodality." Although these are organized in deanery clusters, participants are welcome to attend any of the following sessions:

- 24 Feb St Joseph's, Takapuna, Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 26 Feb Christ the King, Owairaka, Hall 7.00 -9.00pm
- 4 Mar St Patrick's Pukekohe Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 5 Mar St John Vianney, Hillsborough Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 11 Mar ICP, Ellerslie Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 14 Mar St Therese, Moerewa Parish Centre 10.30-12.30
- 18 Apr Poynton Room, Pompallier Centre 10.30-12.30

Registration is essential <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/reshaping-in-the-spirit-of-synodality> Registrations close three (3) days prior.



## Alpha Programme 2026

Tues | 17 Feb | 6.30pm | Parish Hall

Those interested in joining are invited to register (for catering & programme planning) their names using the QR code in the newsletter or on forms available in the church foyer. For more details, see the notice board in the foyer or contact [Graeme White](mailto:Graeme.White).

## Parish Volunteers: Safeguarding Online Workshop

February ONLINE workshop and the March, Face to Face and ONLINE workshops.

- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 – 7-8.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 7-8.30pm

Training is a policy requirement for those volunteering working with children, youth and vulnerable adults. Please attend this workshop if you haven't done so already. Please register with Lisa May [lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz) 09 360 3019



## Colleges Open Days

### St Peters College

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.30am & 1pm  
NO REGISTRATIONS required.

### Sacred Heart College

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am & 1pm.  
Tour Booking REQUIRED online

### Marist College

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> & Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am.  
NO BOOKINGS required.

### Baradene College

Tues – Thurs, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, Mar  
9am and 10am each day  
ONLINE BOOKINGS REQUIRED  
(refer to their website)

### St Paul's College

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 9.30am & 1.45 pm  
NO REGISTRATIONS required.

### St Mary's College (Ponsonby)

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.00pm & 6.00pm  
NO REGISTRATIONS required.

## 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)

### Baptism Course (<7yo) Graeme White

[Baptism.ICP@gmail.com](mailto:Baptism.ICP@gmail.com)

### Divine Mercy Novena Group – Sheila D'Souza celinsheids@gmail.com

### Faith Sharing Group icpellerslie@gmail.com

### Food Bank Delivery Lenora Foliaki lenorafoliaki@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

### Safeguarding Complaints Ian McCombe Complains.ICP@gmail.com

## ICP Carpark Fundraiser Update

We extend our sincere thanks to the following groups for their generous contributions:

- Parish Community: \$24,356.70 (from 52 donors)
- St. Mary's School Board: \$18,752.74 (20% of the total cost)
- Syro-Malabar Community: \$15,000.00
- Vietnamese Community: \$10,000.00

**Total Raised to Date: \$68,109.44** of our \$93,763.69 goal. As we are still **\$25,654.25** short of our target, donations can still be made via

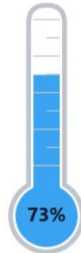
- **Online banking:** Immaculate Conception Ellerslie  
Acct: 02-0108-0706777-000 | Ref: Car Park
- **Givealittle:** Scan the QR code or visit our Givealittle page
- **Special envelopes:** Available at the back of the church or via the Parish Office

We thank you for your continued generosity and support. Please see our website for more details.

*Unless requested, your tax receipt will be added to the annual donations receipt at end of the tax year.  
Please contact the Parish office if you want a separate receipt.*

## ICP Carpark Fundraiser

\$68,109 raised of \$93,764



## Parish News

**1.Monday Mass:** Monday Mass at 8:00 am will continue until further notice.

**2.Ash Wednesday:** February 18<sup>th</sup> is ASH WEDNESDAY, which marks the beginning of the **season of Lent**. Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

**3.Stations of the Cross:** The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6:00 p.m. during Lent, starting on Friday, 20th.

**4. The 2026 Sacramental Programme** of our parish will begin on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 3.30 p.m.

**5. Food Bank requests** Many thanks to those who have contributed to our foodbank since Christmas. With a very busy January we are again asking for support. The foodbank is currently very short of all the basics (i.e. canned food, breakfast foods, dried noodles, sugar, pasta, rice, flour, salt, toiletries). February has started with heavy demand. Thank you for your continual support. God bless you all

## 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.**