

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 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)
Pastoral Council Chairman: Leonard Casey
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MASS ROSTER

Date/ Time	21/02/2026 Sat 5:30pm	22/02/2026 Sun 09:00am	28/02/2026 Sat 5:30pm	1/03/2026 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		1st Sunday of Lent		2nd Sunday of Lent
Commentators & PoF	Tilla Miranda	Greg Carl	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community
1st Reader	Theresa Bennett	Leonard Casey	Rolinda D'Souza	Filipino Community
2nd Reader	Sabrina Freitas	Taiaopo Lafaale	Lourdes Domilies	Filipino Community
Communion	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'Souza	Rasika Kalaha Wattega	Heather Kelly & Sr Bridget
Altar servers	Shavidhu Fernando, Ramona & Simona Fernandes	Benjamin Lo, Vito & Mele Haungatau, Nevon Narangoda & Toby Leech	Christian D, Adrian Blesson & Tiana Thilakaradne	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge, Maggie Galvez & Imogen Gimblett
Collectors	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Haungatau family	Stephanie Ward-Kotze & family	Filipino Community
Musician	Robert & Claudia	Tongan Comm	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community
Laptop	Jacinta Chow	Tongan Community	Brendan Liddington	Filipino Community
Offertory	Domilies family	Kafa Family	Liddington Family	Filipino Community
Counters		Tony Morcom & Denis Dsouza		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		St Marys Parents	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Volunteer Req	

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
andytibbittsnz@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) \$ 2132.20
 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
Vietnamese Comm:
 Mr. Tu Ngo 021851746

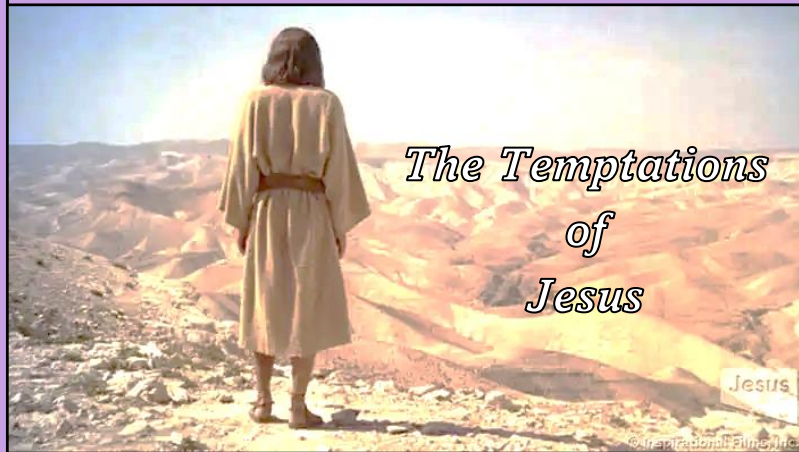
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The 1st Sunday of Lent

21st / 22nd Feb 2026



Mass Readings

1st Reading:
 Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7:
 Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Resp Psalm.
 Ps 50:3-6, 12-14,
 17: R. Be merciful,
 O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading:
 Rom 5:12-19:
 Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.
 Praise to you,
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Praise to you,
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory! (Mt 4:4)

Gospel:
 Mt 4:1-11: Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

This Sunday's Gospel (Mt 4:1-11) recounts Jesus' journey into the desert following his Baptism. To prepare for his mission, Jesus faced three temptations from the devil designed to distort his purpose. In the first, Jesus refused to turn stones into bread, reminding us that while physical needs are real, we do not live by bread alone but by the nourishing word of God.

The second temptation—to leap from the Temple's pinnacle—was a lure toward sensationalism. Jesus rejected the urge to perform "magic" to win followers, teaching us that true faith is rooted in quiet trust rather than demanding spectacular signs. Finally, he rejected the offer of worldly power, refusing to commit the sin of idolatry. He remained steadfast, worshipping God alone.

These trials were not one-time events; they mirrored the challenges Jesus faced throughout his ministry and the temptations the Church faces today. We often struggle with prioritizing material comfort, seeking "wonders" over faith, or chasing modern idols. Jesus' resistance shows us that our mission is protected only when we stay aligned with the Father's will.

Those of us struggling to live a good life can take heart from Jesus' example. Resisting temptation was not easy for him, and he understands our own battles. When we fall, he is ready to forgive, helping us to start again, to trust deeply in God, and to worship Him above all else.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 20th Feb – Stations of the Cross @6.00pm
21st Feb – Baptism Prep course @2.30pm (Reg. req)
21st Feb – Sacra Prog Session 1 @3.30pm (Reg. req)
22nd Feb – 1st Sun of LENT
24th Feb – Alpha Prog @6.30pm

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:

* [1st Sunday of Lent](#)

* [Encourage someone for Lent](#)



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@cda.org.nz
M:021 0224 7442

Thank you and Safe travels, Killian Casey



One of our most prominent cantors — in both height and voice — is leaving us to pursue his university studies overseas.

Thank you, Killian, for your faithful service to our parish. Your generous sharing of your musical gifts has truly enriched our liturgies. We wish you every success in your studies in Australia and pray for a safe journey and a blessed time away from home.

Bishops' Lent Appeal 2026

Lent is a time for fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. During this season, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to contribute to the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps Caritas fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. Envelopes are available at the church foyer. You can post directly to Caritas OR hand in your envelope during the parish offertory collection.

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
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
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RCI and Sacramental Prog
Theresa Stowers
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ICP Carpark Fundraiser Update

Total Raised to Date: \$68,329.44 of our \$93,763.69 goal. As we are still **\$25,434.25** short of our target, donations can still be made via

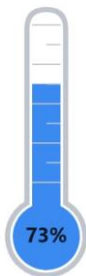
- **Online banking:** Immaculate Conception Ellerslie
Acct: 02-0108-0706777-000 | Ref: Car Park
- **Givealittle:** Scan the QR code or visit our Givealittle page
- **Special envelopes:** Available at the back of the church or via the Parish Office

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
\$68,329 raised of \$93,764



Parish News

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

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6:00 p.m. during Lent.

Alpha Programme: Alpha was off to a fantastic start this week - and it is not too late for you to be a part! Come visit us from 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings in the parish hall!



The 2026 Sacramental Programme begins this Saturday, February 21st at 3.30 p.m.

Food Bank requests: The foodbank is still short of basic food items (i.e. canned food, breakfast foods, dried noodles, sugar, pasta, rice, flour, salt, toiletries). Any help would be appreciated. Thank you for your continual support.

Attention all Ministers of the Word and Communion:

Catholic Diocese of Auckland (CDA) is having a Formation day for secretaries, pastoral associates /RCIA's /ministers /anyone in new leadership roles.

Date: Wed 4th March 2026 | 9:30am - 2:00pm | Pompallier Diocesan Centre | 30 New Street | Auckland.
IF you can make it please registration as it is important for room planning and catering.

Phone Louisa on 09 360 3004/ louisar@cda.org.nz

Reshaping in the Spirit of Synodality

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland will be conducting a regional formation session on "Reshaping in the Spirit of Synodality" in our parish hall on

Wed, 11th March, 7pm - 9pm.

Registration is essential
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/reshaping-in-the-spirit-of-synodality/>

Caritas Lent Webinar Series

Registrations have now opened for the Lent Webinar Series involving our Catholic Bishops, for all dates:
<https://link.caritas.org.nz/lentweb1regiamong>.

Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown

Starting 3rd Mar (for 4 x Tues)
7:00pm – 8:30pm
St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd. Remuera

Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings events

Want to deepen your faith and grow closer to God, here are two events coming up that HMWMW would invite you to.

- **Sat | 21st Feb | 9.30am-3.30pm.**

A quiet retreat day focused on Christian Meditation. Cost is \$35 or koha, BYO lunch.

- **Lent series Wed 25th Feb one at 10.30am OR one at 7.30pm,** duration is an hour each for 6 weeks. Cost is \$35 or koha.

To register or for more information, please email Rebecca office@mercywellsprings.org.nz
HWMWMW looks forward to seeing you soon here at Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings | A sacred place in the heart of Auckland.

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:

Annie Jones, Soakai Afeaki, Roma Gilmour, Mary Plant, Teodoro Patinglag, Jerry Flynn, Laura E Healy, John Malloy, Albert Bayer, Mr. Bullor, James Mooney, William Lovett, Monica Bain, Sis. Aileen Martin, Ernest Holloway, Bill Malone, Des Temm, Leo Turnock, Hugh O'Connor, Fred Peters, William Barron, Thomas Turnock, Margaret __, Machi Pacantes their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.