

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)
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MASS ROSTER

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
Date/ Time	28/02/2026 Sat 5:30pm	1/03/2026 Sun 09:00am	7/03/2026 Sat 5:30pm	8/03/2026 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		2nd Sunday of Lent		3rd Sunday of Lent
Commentators & PoF	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Andy Tibbitts
1st Reader	Tilla Miranda	Filipino Community	Theresa Stowers	Tina D'Souza
2nd Reader	Lourdes Domilies	Filipino Community	Theresa Bennett	Heather Kelly
Communion	Theresa Bennett	Heather Kelly & Sr Bridget	Razika Kalshu Wattedga	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgang
Altar servers	Christian D, Adrian Blesson & Tiana Thilakarane	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge, Maggie Galvez & Imogen Gimblett	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Adrian Blesson	Vincent Lafaele, Ragnar Ordono, Simi Haungatau & Adara Bridge
Collectors	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Filipino community	Theresa & John Bennett	Felcy & Andrew Kurukuntala
Musician	Claudia	Filipino Community	Emmanuel Group	Martin Ng & family
Laptop	Brendan Liddington	Filipino Community	Lara Miranda	Ng Family
Offertory	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Filipino Community	Talissuli Family	Yuen Lo Family
Counters		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe		Ivan Dsouza & Ju Lin Lim
Church Cleaning	St Marys Parents		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Filipino 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
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) \$ 2187.20
 Thank you so much for your generosity.
 Immaculate Conception Ellerslie
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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
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The 2nd Sunday of Lent

28th Feb / 1st Mar 2026



Last Sunday's Gospel presented the Spirit leading Jesus into the desert. Now, the Anointed—the Christ—leads three faithful followers up a high mountain, **reminiscent** of how Moses and Elijah met God on Earth. There, God the Father reveals to them who Jesus really is. Jesus is taking control: leading his friends up and instructing them afterward on what to do with the revelation.

When God appeared to Moses in the desert, there was thunder and lightning, and the people were afraid. This time, although the disciples are scared, Jesus says, "Get up and do not be afraid." They move out of their fear and are reassured; they will themselves be transformed, for Jesus is proof that God is here to be with us forever.

The three tents that Peter wants to set up echo the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, when the people lived in tents as a reminder of their time in the desert. However, that is not to be done here. Jesus doesn't want them to "stay," because they need to move back down the mountain into ordinary life, carrying the secret within them until the time is right to share it.

If we are open and astute, we will see and hear Jesus' presence in the ordinary things of our lives: in the people we meet and the tasks requested of us. If we ask for the help of the Spirit, we too will become—albeit slowly—more transformed and more like Jesus. "It is good for us to be here" serves as a reminder that it is good to make space for Jesus, for prayer, for growing in our faith, and for giving time to others.



Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Gen 12:1-4: The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22:
 R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading:

2 Tim 1:8-10: God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! (Mi 175)

Gospel:

Mt 17:1-9: His face shone like the sun.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Mar – 2nd Sun of LENT
 3rd Mar – Alpha Prog @6.30pm
 17th Mar – St Patricks Day
 19th Mar – St Josephs Day
 21st Mar – ICP Lenten Pilgrimage
 25th Mar – Annunciation of the Lord

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:



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

You're Invited: Synodality – "Reshaping" Formation Day

What is the Diocese seeking for the future of our Church? How can we work more closely with our parish priest and one another to strengthen our mission and outreach?

As part of Bishop Steve's Reshaping call, formation sessions are being held across the Diocese to reflect on how we communicate, collaborate, and grow as a synodal Church. Participants can expect a day of listening, discussion, and practical reflection on how we can lift our ministries to a new level of co-responsibility and outreach.

All are welcome — especially those involved in parish ministries. We encourage you to set aside one day to be part of this important diocesan journey.

Our parish is hosting one on **Wed, 11th March, 7pm - 9pm.**

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

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th March

7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by Veneration of St Faustina's relic. **All Welcome.**

Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown

St Michael's Parish is hosting a series of four weekly talks by Bishop Peter Brown during the lead up to Lent, guiding us to reunite ourselves to Christ through His gift of Reconciliation.

When: 4x Tuesday evenings beginning 3rd March 2026

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera

Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention | 13-15 March 2026 at Sacred Heart College Auckland

THE BEST place to be trained, renewed and inspired for Catholic Youth Ministry. Whether you are new to ministry, or looking for the best practices to continue your ministry, this event is designed for you. Expect incredible keynotes from the Catholic speakers, practical breakout sessions, and in addition to practical, comprehensive training, you will experience community and personal spiritual renewal. Whether you are a priest, in parish leadership, youth minister, DRS, teacher, youth leader, college chaplain, or an interested parent, we are ready to serve and train you this year at Life Teen Aotearoa's 2026 Leadership Convention. Register NOW! Earlybird prices available until 9th March: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

2026 Theology of the Body Courses and Prayer Retreats

- Registration OPEN for 2026
 Course 2: NEW Beginners TOB course – Called to Holiness - LIVE – 4-talk series. Sat 28 March (ONE DAY only)
 All adults 20 years + are welcome. To register please visit theologyofthebody.nz

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
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Parish History Group
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Parish News

Rite of Christian Initiation group: Our parish Rite of Christian Initiation group will be attending the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral.

We ask that you prayer for them, as they complete their final preparations of their faith journey to receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic faith at Easter.

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.

Wed | 4th Mar | 9:30am - 2:00pm | Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street | Auckland.

Please registration as it is important for room planning & catering. OR Phone Louisa on 09 360 3004/ louisar@cda.org.nz

ICP Carpark Fundraiser Update

Total Raised to Date: \$68,679.44 of our \$93,763.69 goal. We are still accepting donations via Online banking, Givealittle page and special envelopes at the back of the church.

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

ICP Carpark Fundraiser
 \$68,679 raised of \$93,764



ICP LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, 10am, March 21, 2026
 From ICP Carpark

Save the date!
 Easy hikoi to Maungakiekie/One Tree Hill and back

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 cash in envelopes provided** during the parish offertory

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:

Zane Robinson, Annie Smith, Fred McFall, Elsie Errey, Gwen Neville, Patrick Yates, Peggy Power, Isabella Catherine Puccinelli, Annie Healey, Mary Jacobs, Erroll Bourke, Thomas Kennedy, Hugh Oakley-Browne, Mary McAnully, Bert Keeper, Bro. John Prendergast, Louis E Cullen, Lawrence McDonald, William White, John Walsh, Ron Somers, Cyril Marceline, Doreen Tooman, Mabel Curtis, Helen Sharpe, Jorge Domilies, Mary Johnson, Eileen Leicester, Annie Arustis, Florence Cameron
their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. rest in peace.