

**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
<b>Date/Time</b>	7/03/2026 Sat 5:30pm	8/03/2026 Sun 09:00am	14/03/2026 Sat 5:30pm	15/03/2026 Sun 09:00am
<b>Name of Week</b>	3rd Sunday of Lent		4th Sunday of Lent	
<b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b>	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Andy Tibbitts	Russell D'Lima	Sr Bridget
<b>1st Reader</b>	Theresa Stowers	Tina D'Souza	Sabrina Freitas	Anne Casey
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Theresa Bennett	Heather Kelly	Tilla Miranda	Greg Carl
<b>Communion</b>	Rasika Kalaha Watteda	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfram	Sabrina Freitas	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbitts
<b>Altar servers</b>	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Adrian Blesson	Vincent Lafaele, Ragnar Ordone, Simi Haungatau & Adara Bridge	Christian D, Shavidhu Fernando & Migha Rose	Lalith Pudota, Richie & Lavinia Haungatau & Ethan Yong
<b>Collectors</b>	Theresa & John Bennett	Felcy & Andrew Kurukuntala	Finau Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
<b>Musician</b>	Emmanuel Group	Martin Ng & family	Charmaine & Claudia	Christian D & Theresa
<b>Laptop</b>	Lara Miranda	Ng Family	D'Lima Family	Theresa Stowers
<b>Offertory</b>	Talisuli Family	Yuen Lo Family	Miranda Family	Haungatau Family
<b>Counters</b>		Ivan Dsouza & Ju Lin Lim		Vibin & Andrew Tsue
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
<b>Flower Arrangements</b>	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
<b>Morning Tea</b>		0		PPC

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](mailto:andytibbittsnz@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): \$2422.80

Bishop's Lenten Appeal: \$200.00

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  
**Assistant Parish Priest:**  
 Fr. Sijo John, C.Ss.R  
**Vietnamese Comm:**  
 Mr. Tu Ngo 021851746

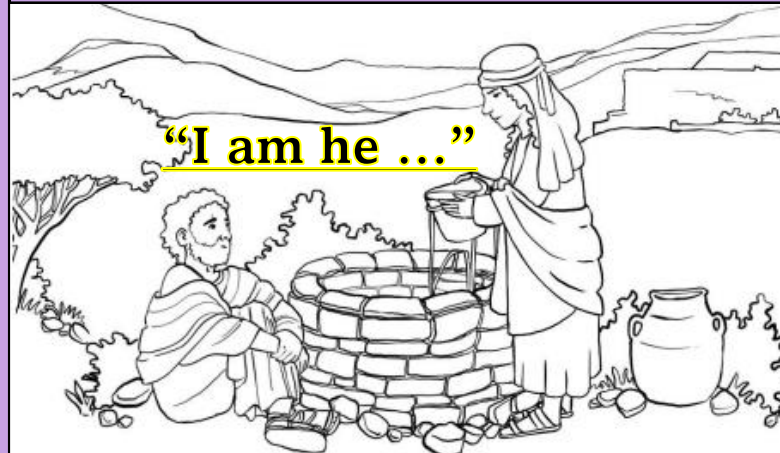
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**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**7 / 8 Mar 2026**



*The Samaritan woman meets Jesus at the well, illustrated by Fran Denton*

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (Jn.4:5-42) invites us to rethink how we relate to one another. They met as equals, engaging in a dialogue that transcended societal norms and challenged their respective perspectives. This spirit of mutual sharing teaches us that our differences—whether of race, gender, age, or ability—are not obstacles, but opportunities to widen our horizons. By breaking down these barriers and overcoming the divide of judgment, we learn that we truly belong to one another in a harmony that integrates our lives.

After hearing Jesus' life-giving words, the woman was transformed from a stranger into a powerful advocate for change. She became a joyful messenger, eager to share the "living water" she had discovered. Just as God worked through her, He works through us today to be His hands, feet, and voice. We are called to actively quench the spiritual thirst of those around us, recognizing that God's presence is not confined to a single building, but is found wherever we meet in spirit and truth.

Finally, we might reflect on the humble, silent bucket—a simple yet strong vessel vital for drawing water. For those who lack the means to reach the well, such a tool is invaluable. Let us ask ourselves how we can be "vessels" for one another by offering our support, kindness, and time. By being a life-giving presence, we ensure that no one in our parish goes thirsty for compassion or belonging. Like the woman at the well, may we leave our old jars behind and become carriers of the news that transforms lives.



**Mass Readings**

**1st Reading:**  
 Ex 17:3-7: Give us water to drink.

**Resp Psalm.**  
 Ps 94:1-2, 6-9: R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**2nd Reading:**  
 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8: The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

**Gloria to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**Gloria to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! (Cf Jn 4:42, 15)**

**Gospel:**  
 Jn 4:5-42: The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Alpha Prog @6.30pm  
 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – St Patricks Day  
 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – St Joseph's Day  
 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – ICP Lenten Pilgrimage@10am  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Lenten Reconciliation @7pm  
 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Working Bee @10.30am  
 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Palm Sunday

## 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@ceda.org.nz](mailto:Gerrys@ceda.org.nz) M:021 0224 7442

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

**Wed, 11th March, 7pm – 9pm.**  
 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. 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 Registration is essential <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/res-haping-in-the-spirit-of-synodality/>

## NZ Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) Retreat and Seminar

The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on March 20 and 21. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

## LENT 2026 with FOOD FOR FAITH.

Visit [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)  
 Sign up to receive daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor. Prepared especially for those seeking greater maturity of faith.

## Mission Hub

Ephesians 4: The Five Gifts for Building the Church. Every member of the Church has a role to play in building up the Body of Christ. This March, join us at Mission Hub as we reflect on Ephesians 4 and the five gifts Christ gives His people: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd, and Teacher. Together, we'll explore how to recognise these gifts in ourselves, how they strengthen the Church, and how we can respond with courage and faith.

**Mon| 9 March| 7:00–8:30pm, Online Zoom.** Prayer, inspiring content, discussion Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/march9webinar>

## Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention

13-15 March| Sacred Heart College, AKL 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>

## 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](mailto:celinsheids@gmail.com)

**Faith Sharing Group**  
[icpellerslie@gmail.com](mailto:icpellerslie@gmail.com)

**Food Bank Delivery**  
 Lenora Foliaki  
[lenorafoliaki@gmail.com](mailto:lenorafoliaki@gmail.com)

**Marian Mothers Grp**  
 Anne Casey  
[tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz)

**Parish History Group**  
 Claudia Forycki  
[cforycki@water.co.nz](mailto:cforycki@water.co.nz)

**Jnr & Snr Youth Group**  
 Taiaopo Lafaele  
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**RCI and Sacramental Prog**  
 Theresa Stowers  
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**Safeguarding Complaints**  
 Ian Mccombe  
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## Bishops' Lenten Appeal 2026

"The beginning of Lent marks the start of the Bishops' Lenten Appeal. Money raised through this appeal helps Caritas fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. It also helps the poor and marginalised communities around the world.

Donations can be made to Caritas directly via direct debit or credit card through the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand website <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>.

The bank account for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is 03-0518-0211216-003. Please use "Lent" as the Code and your first and last name as particulars.

Freepost envelopes are available at Mass throughout Lent. Please take an envelope today if you prefer to give in that way. OR **hand in your cash in the envelopes provided** during the parish offertory collection.

Donations received by Caritas by 31 March will be sent a receipt for the 2025/26 tax year. Any donations received in the Caritas office after April 1st will be sent a receipt for the 2026/27 tax year.

## Parish News

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

**Stations of the Cross** will be held on Friday at 6:00pm during Lent.

**Alpha Programme:** it is not too late for you to be a part! Come visit us from 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings in the parish hall!

**ICP Lenten Pilgrimage:** Join us on **Saturday, March 21**, for a special Lenten Pilgrimage. We will walk and pray the Stations of the Cross together as we head to the top of **One Tree Hill (Maungakiekie)**.

This is a powerful way to follow the Lord's journey and be together as a parish family. We will meet at the **parish car park at 10:00 a.m.** All are welcome! Please wear walking shoes and bring water.

**Lenten Reconciliation:** will be on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm



## 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:

*Mary Neeve, Edna Tyson, Ellen Scott, Sheila Henderson, Brix Bagano, Margaret Ganley, Bob Delany, Josephine Choat, Fred Handforth, Vince Walters, Velma Liddington, Brigia Angiana, Dorothy Kilgour, Tom Broome, Phillip Gould, Mary Blake, Dianne Woods, Vicki Skeen, Francis Sandin, Jennifer Skeen, Reg de Thierry, Charles Corin, Frank Aplin, Edmond Nicholls, Patrick Kennedy, Rose Laurie, Mary Monaghan, Joseph Williams, Eileen Langham, Felisa Tan, Thomas Patrick Monaghan, Bill Watt, Andrea Pucinelli their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.*