

**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>	28/03/2026 Sat 5:30pm	29/03/2026 Sun 09:00am	4/4/2026 Sat 5:30pm	5/4/26 Sun 09:00am
<b>Name of Week</b>		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		Easter Sunday
<b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b>	Jacinta Chow	<b>LITC arranged</b>	<b>LITC arranged</b>	Filipino Community
<b>1st Reader</b>	Eugene Miranda	<b>LITC arranged</b>	Theresa Stowers	Filipino Community
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Lourdes Domilies	<b>LITC arranged</b>	<b>LITC arranged</b>	Filipino Community
<b>Communion</b>	Jacinta Chow	Albert Wolfgram & Sr Bridget	Theresa Bennett	Heather Kelly & Sr Bridget
<b>Altar servers</b>	Shavidhu Fernando, Ramona & Simona Fernandes	Zara MacMenigal, Alvin & Edwin Tiby, Ragnar Ordone & Gemma Aldrich	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Adrian Blesson	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge, Maggie Galvez & Imogen Gimblett
<b>Collectors</b>	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	<b>LITC arranged</b>	Theresa & John Bennett	Filipino community
<b>Musician</b>	Lara Miranda	<b>LITC arranged</b>	Martin Ng and team	Filipino Community
<b>Laptop</b>	Movez & Esmeria	<b>LITC arranged</b>	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community
<b>Offertory</b>	Domilies family	<b>LITC arranged</b>	Taliauli Family	Filipino Community
<b>Counters</b>		Andy Tibbits & Ivan Dsouza		Andy Tibbits & Ian McCombe
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	St Marys Parents		Vietnamese Comm	
<b>Flower Arrangements</b>	<i>Volunteer Req</i>		Vietnamese Comm	
<b>Morning Tea</b>		PPC		LITC

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.

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 visit our parish website to print a copy.

Last week's collection (Inc. AP): \$2445.00

Bishop's Lenten Appeal: \$420.00

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**

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**Palm Sunday**

**28 / 29 Mar 2026**

**Hosanna to the Son of David**



This Palm Sunday, we gather to commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, a scene filled with both vibrant celebration and profound humility. As recounted in Matthew 21:1-11, Jesus chooses to enter the city not on a warhorse of a conquering hero, but on a borrowed donkey. This deliberate choice fulfilled the ancient prophecy of Zechariah, signalling to all that His kingdom was not built on earthly might or political revolution, but on peace, service, and the quiet strength of divine love.

The atmosphere in Jerusalem was electric as the crowds spread their cloaks and cut branches from the trees to pave His path. Their shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David!" reflected a deep, aching hope for a saviour. Yet, even in their joy, many did not fully grasp the nature of the salvation Jesus was bringing. They looked for a king to change their circumstances; Jesus came to change their hearts. As we hold our palms today, we are invited to consider what kind of "Hosanna" we are crying out in our own lives.

The Gospel tells us that as Jesus entered, the whole city was stirred, asking, "Who is this?" It is a question that remains just as vital for us today. Is He merely a historical figure, a wise teacher, or is He truly the Lord of our lives? Palm Sunday serves as the gateway to Holy Week, transitioning us from the exuberant cheers of the crowd to the sombre silence of the Cross. It challenges us to remain steadfast in our faith, even when the "Hosannas" of the world fade into the trials of life.

As we carry the palm branches home, let them serve as a living reminder of our commitment to follow Christ through the coming week. Let us walk with Him through the Last Supper, into the Garden of Gethsemane, and along the Way of the Cross. By joining our voices with the crowds in Jerusalem, we renew our promise to welcome Jesus into the "cities" of our own hearts, acknowledging Him as our King and our Redeemer. May this Holy Week be a time of deep reflection and renewed grace for our entire parish family.



**Mass Readings**

**Entrance:**

Mt 21:1-11: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

**1st Reading:**

Is 50:4-7: I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed

**Resp Psalm.**

Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24: R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**2nd Reading:**

Phil 2:6-11: He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! (Phil 2:8-9)**

**Gospel:**

Mt 26:14 - 27:66: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Working Bee @ 10.30am  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Palm Sunday  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar – Alpha Prog @ 6.30pm  
**Holy week schedule refer RHS**  
5<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Sunday  
6<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Monday Mass @ 9am  
20<sup>th</sup> Apr – School Term 2 begins

## Kids Korner

There will be NO Children's Liturgy this Sunday. These will resume on Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> April.

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/disciplineship/our-courses/>

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



A Massive THANK YOU to everyone who attended the ICP Lenten Pilgrimage. We had such a great turnout (over 40) and the fellowship and Parish Spirit certainly uplifted us all.

Special thanks to Jean, Riz, Judy, Sine, Anne and all our Stations of the Cross prayer leaders for making the Pilgrimage more than just a walk in the park.  
~ Robert C.

## Good Friday Stations Of The Cross

Fri| 3 April | 9am-11am | Gathering at Albert Park rotunda & Concluding at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Come and be part of this sacred tradition. For more details: Facebook @AKCYM

## Diocesan Youth Mass

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February – November @ St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info, contact Akld Cath Yth Ministry Team: [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz)  
**LENT 2026 with FOOD FOR FAITH.**  
Visit [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

## 2026 HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE



### Palm Sunday Vigil – 28<sup>th</sup> March

Sat – 5.30pm  
*Blessing of the Palms at the Grotto followed by a procession to the Church, and then the Holy Mass*

### Palm Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> March

Sun – 9.00am  
*Blessing of the Palms at the Grotto followed by a procession to the Church, and then the Holy Mass*

### Holy Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until Midnight*

### Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

2.00 pm The Way of the Cross  
3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

### The Easter Vigil Mass in the Holy Night – 4<sup>th</sup> April

Sat – 7:00 pm  
*Please Bring a candle with a wax catcher*

### Easter Sunday Mass – 5<sup>th</sup> April

Sun – 9:00 am

### Easter Mon Mass – 6<sup>th</sup> April

Mon – 9:00 am

## 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**  
[Alpha@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:Alpha@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

**Baptism Course (<7yo)**  
[Baptism@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:Baptism@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

**Divine Mercy Novena**  
Sheila D'Souza  
[celinsheilds@gmail.com](mailto:celinsheilds@gmail.com)

**Faith Sharing Group**  
[Office@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:Office@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

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

**Marian Mothers Grp**  
Anne Casey  
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**Parish History Group**  
Claudia Forycki  
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**Jnr & Snr Youth Group**  
Taiaopo Lafaele  
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**RCI Programme**  
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**Sacramental Prog**  
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**Complaints**  
[Complaints@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:Complaints@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

**Safeguarding**  
[Safeguarding@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:Safeguarding@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

## Bishops' Lenten Appeal 2026

Donations can be made to Caritas directly via

- 1) Direct Debit. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is 03-0518-0211216-003. Code: Lent and Particulars: Your first and last name
- 2) Credit Card through the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand website <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>.
- 3) Freepost envelopes are available at Mass throughout Lent. Post them, OR **hand in cash in the envelopes provided** during the parish offertory collection.

Any donations received in the Caritas office after April 1st will be sent a receipt for the 2026/27 tax year. Thank you. For more info, email: [caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:caritas@caritas.org.nz) or call 0800 22 10 22.

## 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.

**Parish Working Bee** will be on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am**. Spare a couple of hours to help spruce up the church in time for Easter. It will start at 10.30am till 1.30pm. Light lunch will be provided after.

**2026-27 Pledge Envelops** are in the church foyer ready for collection.

**Donation Tax receipts for Apr 2025 – March 2026** will be ready by **end of April/ early May**. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

## Altar Servers Needed for Holy week (2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Apr)

We are seeking Altar Servers to assist during Holy week, leading up to Easter weekend. Altar servers, kindly look at the dates below and indicate your availability. Contact **Andy Tibbits on 027 568 272 as soon as you can.**

*(Please note that this falls during the first weekend of the school holidays).*

Duties will be assigned based on the number of servers available for each time slot. We ideally require a total of 12 altar servers (6 seniors and 6 juniors) for this period.

**Dates and time servers are needed:-**

**2/4 Holy Thursday** – 6.15pm.

Min. 6 servers needed

**3/4 Good Friday Stations of the Cross** – 1.15 pm

Min. 6 servers needed

**5/4 Easter Sunday Mass** 9 a.m.

Min. 2 servers needed

**3/4 Gd Friday Passion of our Lord** – 2.15pm:

Min. 6 servers needed

**4/4 Easter Vigil Mass** - 6.00pm

Min. of 6 servers needed



## Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

*Evelyn Leech, Andy Tibbits, 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:

*Barisa Lovich, Matilda Carter, Sis Alexis, Hazel Murphy, Bill Maxwell, Edgar Hossack, Bernard Miskell, Maude Fitze, Merv Baker, Laura Gilbert, Albert Bayer, Doris Hart, Bob Gherardi, Maria V. Qubatan, Rona Turnock, Sis. Maria Szczepanski, Arthur Kirk, Christina Melican, Jean Webb, Dick Kearney, Frank Liddington, Frederick J Estick, Lilian Vail, Brian Tolich. their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please contact the Parish Office*