

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

	Thurs	Friday	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
Date/ Time	02/04/2026 19:00pm	03/04/2026 15:00pm	04/04/2026 19:00pm	05/04/2026 Sun 09:00am	11/04/2026 Sat 5:30pm	12/04/2026 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday of the resurrection of the Lord		2nd Sunday of Easter
Commentators & Po	Liturgy committee			Filipino Community	Lourdes Domities	Greg Carl
1st Reader	Liturgy committee			Filipino Community	Ming Deng	Judy MacMenigal
2nd Reader	Liturgy committee			Filipino Community	Ryan Castelino	Margaret Bourke
Communion	as arranged			Heather Kelly & Sr Bridget plus volunteer	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgram plus volunteer
Altar servers	as arranged			Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge, Maggie Galvez & Imogen Gimblett	Christian D, Shavidhu Fernando & Migha Rose	Vincent Lafaele, Ragnar Ordono, Simi Haungatau & Adara Bridge
Collectors	Liturgy committee	Baskets on stands	Liturgy committee	Filipino community	Finau Family	Felcy & Andrew Kurukuntala
Musician	as arranged	Solemn mass	Martin Ng and Team	Filipino Comm & Bambi	Charmaine & Claudia	Martin Ng & family
Laptop	as arranged	Liturgy committee	as arranged	Filipino Community	D'lina Family	Ng Family
Offertory	RCIA / RCIC	NO Offertory	RCIA / RCIC	Filipino Community	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family
Counters				Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe		Ivan Dsouza & Ju Lin Lim
Church Cleaning					Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Liturgy committee		Liturgy committee		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea				LITC		0

If you would like to be removed from the Mass rosters OR like new roles, please contact Andy.

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 visit our parish website to print a copy.

Last week's collection (Inc. AP): \$2406.90
 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: \$440.00
 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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Easter Sunday

04 / 05 April 2026



The Dawn of New Life

The Gospel reading for Easter Sunday (John 20:1-9) begins the story of the Resurrection not with a blinding light, but in the quiet, lingering "darkness" of the early morning. Mary Magdalene's journey to the tomb reminds us that even when we feel overshadowed by grief or uncertainty, God is already at work. The stone has been rolled away—not to let Christ out, but to let us in to witness the miracle of His victory over death.

When Peter and the other disciple heard the news, they did not hesitate; they ran toward the mystery. This holy urgency speaks to the longing in all our hearts for something greater than the finality of the grave. As they entered the tomb and saw the burial cloths lying there, they encountered a profound silence that changed the course of history. It was the first sign that the bonds of death had been permanently broken.

John tells us that when the other disciple reached the tomb and saw the empty space, "he saw and he believed." Even before they fully understood the Scriptures foretelling the Resurrection, the physical evidence of Christ's absence became the foundation of their faith. For us today, Easter is an invitation to see with the eyes of the heart—to recognize that the "empty" spaces in our own lives are exactly where God's glory is most ready to be revealed.

As a parish family, we are called to be witnesses to this empty tomb. Like the first disciples, we may not always understand the full depth of God's plan, but we are invited to trust in the promise of the Risen Lord. May this Easter fill you with the same awe and joy that stirred in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. Let us carry that light into our community, proclaiming with confidence that Christ is truly risen!

Happy Easter!



Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 10:34, 37-43: We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Resp Psalm:

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23: R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (or Alleluia!)

2nd Reading:

Col 3:1-4: Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!** (1 Cor 5:7-8)

Gospel:

Jn 20:1-9: The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Holy week schedule refer below

5th Apr – Easter Sunday

6th Apr – Easter Monday Mass @ 9am

12th Apr – Divine Mercy Sunday

20th Apr – School Term 2 begins

25th Apr – Anzac Day

28th Apr – St Peter Chanel

2nd May – Sacra Prog restarts

Kids Korner

There will be NO Children's Liturgy this Sunday. These will resume on Sun, 26th 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.aucklancatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

For more info, contact Gerry Gerrys@cda.org.nz M:021 0224 7442

We warmly welcome and congratulate

Anh Kim, Evelyn, Prinsrika, Zara, Grant, Sylvie, Shane Small, Harrison, Kim, Summer, Lola, Molly, Sienna, Stella, Jena-Maree, Elsie, Rosa, Shane Finney, Leah, Matilda, Amelia, Eli, Christopher, Lance, Sarah-Jane, Cedric, Samantaha, Amelie, Jason, Katie, Nicole, Julia, Helen,

all 33 candidates and catechumens who will be received into the Catholic faith at our Holy Easter Vigil, following their participation in the Rite of Christian Initiation.

Prayer Retreat for Women

Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 17th April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

WYD 2027 Webinars

In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

The Graduate Choir NZ

FRANCISCVS - a special recital presented by The Graduate Choir NZ that commemorates the papacy of Pope Francis in song and spirit. Tuesday 21 April 2026 - 7:30 PM - St Michael's Catholic Church, Remuera, Auckland
Whether you're a longtime choral lover or looking for a profound musical experience this autumn, this evening of reflection and exquisite harmony is not to be missed. Tickets from NZ\$30-\$40 + booking fees (grab yours on iTICKET now!)

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

Baptism Course (<7yo)

Baptism@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Divine Mercy Novena

Sheila D'Souza

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Faith Sharing Group

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Food Bank Delivery

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Marian Mothers Grp

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Parish History Group

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RCI Programme

RCI@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Sacramental Prog

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Complaints

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Safeguarding

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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 or call 0800 22 10 22.

2026 HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday – 2nd 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 – 3rd 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 – 4th April.

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

Easter Sunday Mass – 5th April

Sun – 9:00 am

Easter Mon Mass – 6th April

Mon – 9:00 am

He is Risen!

Frs. Joseph and Sijo and the Parish Council wish you and your families a blessed and joy-filled Easter, praying that the light of the Risen Christ remain in your hearts forever.

Parish News

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

Tax receipts for Apr 2025 – March 2026 will be ready by **end of April/ early May.**

Divine Mercy Novena In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday (12 April), a nine-day Novena will be held in our church from 3 to 11 April, immediately before Mass. All are encouraged to join us.

Holy Week Resources

Available As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, Catholic Enquiry Centre has a selection of helpful resources for parishes and dioceses. These include Easter invitation images for social media and a Catholic Enquiry Centre advert that can support those exploring or returning to the faith. Feel free to use or adapt these materials for your local context or share them in the weeks following Easter, a time when many people are open to reconnecting. For more info, visit www.catholicdiscovery.nz

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

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:

James Murphy, William Pitts, Samuel Go, Julia George, Cliff Casey, Joanne Cawte, Mary Cohen, O'Reilly Family, Gordon Tooman, Margaret Tooman, Leopino Foliaki, Victorino Teodoro, Margaret O'Donnell, Thomas Donaghy, Walter Voordouw, Jane Aisher, Dennis McKenna, Jack Forsman, Fr. Joe Shepherd, Leo Foliaki, Richard O'Donnell, John Hitchen, Ester Tooman, Nicholas Sokolich, Charles Stoneham, Mona Hallam, Fr. Andrew Faith, Anne Nazareth, Eric Gimblett, John Bew, Cecil Lynch, Graham Family, Phillip Gould, Dave O'Carroll. their souls and the souls of all the faithful