

**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>	11/04/2026 Sat 5:30pm	12/04/2026 Sun 09:00am	18/04/2026 Sat 5:30pm	19/04/2026 Sun 09:00am
<b>Name of Week</b>		2nd Sunday of Easter		3rd Sunday of Easter
<b>Commentators &amp; PoF</b>	Theresa Bennett	Greg Carl	Anitha Fernandes	Blue Holmes-Kinsella
<b>1st Reader</b>	Ming Deng	Judy MacMenigal	Tilla Miranda	Sheila D'Souza
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Ryan Castelino	Margaret Burke	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Anne Casey
<b>Communion</b>	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgram plus volunteer	Rolinda D'Souza	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbitts plus volunteer
<b>Altar servers</b>	Shavidhu Fernando & Migha Rose	Vincent Lafaele, Ragnar Ordone, Simi Haungatau & Adara Bridge	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Tiana Thilakaradne	Lalith Pudota, Richie & Lavinia Haungatau & Ethan Yong
<b>Collectors</b>	Finau Family	Felcy & Andrew Kurukuntala	Taliauli Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
<b>Musician</b>	Charmaine & Claudia	Martin Ng & family	Robert & Claudia	Christian D & Theresa
<b>Laptop</b>	D'lina Family	Ng Family	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers
<b>Offertory</b>	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family	Bennett Family	Haungatau Family
<b>Counters</b>		Ivan Dsouza & Ju Lin Lim		Vibin & Andrew Sue
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
<b>Flower Arrangements</b>	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan 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](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 visit our parish website to print a copy.

Last week's collection (Inc. AP): \$2409.90  
 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: \$630.00  
 Good Friday: \$1157.80

Thank you so much for your generosity.  
 Immaculate Conception Ellerslie

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:**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday 11/ 12 April 2026**



**Mass Readings**

**1st Reading:**

Acts 2:42-47: The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

**Resp Psalm:**

Ps 117:2-4,3-15,22-24: R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**2nd Reading:**

1 Pet 1:3-9: He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia! (Jn 20:29)

**Gospel:**

Jn 20:19-31: After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

While all the Apostles initially struggled with the news of the Resurrection, John's Gospel uses Thomas to dramatize this doubt. Known for his loyalty and questioning nature, Thomas famously demanded physical proof, declaring he would not believe unless he could touch the wounds of the Crucified Christ. His scepticism reflects the very human desire for certainty that many of us feel today.

When Jesus appeared a week later, He did not rebuke Thomas but met him with profound compassion. This encounter perfectly aligns with Divine Mercy Sunday, as Jesus reached out to the one who felt furthest away, offering His wounds as a bridge to faith. In this moment, Christ's mercy transformed Thomas's doubt into the highest profession of faith in the Gospels: "My Lord and my God!"

Interestingly, Thomas likely never actually touched the wounds. The narrative suggests that simply being in the presence of the glorified Lord was enough. He realized that physical sight and touch are limited; true belief is a gift of the Holy Spirit that transcends our senses. By moving from a demand for "proof" to a confession of "faith," Thomas becomes the link between the first disciples and all future believers.

As we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, we remember Jesus' promise: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." This blessing is for us. Whether we are firm in our faith or struggling with "Thomas-like" questions, Christ's mercy remains open, inviting us to see Him not with our physical eyes, but with the eyes of the Spirit.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

12<sup>th</sup> Apr – Divine Mercy Sunday

20<sup>th</sup> Apr – School Term 2 begins

25<sup>th</sup> Apr – Anzac Day

28<sup>th</sup> Apr – St Peter Chanel

2<sup>nd</sup> May – Sacra Prog restarts

## 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/discipleship/our-courses/>

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

## Parish News

**Divine Mercy Novena:** In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12th, a nine-day Novena is currently being held in our Church from 03<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April immediately before Mass. All are encouraged to join us.

**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**.

**Catholic Resources** Ever got burning questions and do not know who to ask or where to go? Catholic Enquiry Centre has a selection of helpful resources for those new to the faith and those who are curious to grow their faith deeper. For more info, visit [www.catholicdiscovery.nz](http://www.catholicdiscovery.nz)

## Catholic The Holy Spirit – Out Helper seminar

The ACCPGN has organised a Life in the Spirit Seminar especially for Auckland City Deanery, but parishioners from all parishes are most welcome. This is a 7 week Seminar, The Holy Spirit-our Helper. Tuesday evenings, Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby, 7.30pm, with cuppa from 7.15pm.

**Starts April 21st.** No charge. Register at <https://forms.gle/pDameRsdUYnhrb7A>

For more info email [aucklandccr@gmail.com](mailto:aucklandccr@gmail.com)

## Mission Hub

The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission: We are excited to welcome Bishop John Adams from the Diocese of Palmerston North as our first guest speaker at Mission Hub this April.

In this special session, Bishop John will reflect on “The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission,” inviting us to rediscover how the Holy Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and empower the Church in her mission today. Together, we will explore how we can grow in openness to the Spirit’s movement in our own lives and be renewed in our call to share the Gospel. Mission Hub is a monthly online gathering that brings people together from across the country to learn, pray, reflect, and be encouraged in mission. It’s a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by others seeking to follow Christ.

Monday 13 April 7.00–8.30pm (NZ time) Everyone is welcome and invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/apr13zoom>

## Divine Mercy

**Feast Sun| 12<sup>th</sup> April | 5:30pm | St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina “My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day”. Free parking available at Wilson Carpark, including street parking on Sundays.

## St Michael's Parish Remuera

Scripture Study: 'THE EXODUS' by Dr Dan Stollenwerk. In the lead up to Pentecost Sunday, Dan will dive deep into the common themes that link Pentecost and the Book of Exodus.

Please join us at St Michael's: 4x Wednesday mornings 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May. 10:30am – 11:45am in the Parish Centre. Followed by midday Mass \* No registration required.

## Diocesan Youth Mass

**Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm** February – November @ St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info, contact Akid Cath Yth Ministry Team: [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz)

## Prayer Retreat for Women

Prayer and the Interior Life'  
**Fri- Sun| 17<sup>th</sup> April 6pm -19<sup>th</sup> April 3pm** - 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](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

## Charis NZ

Is pleased to announce that **Chevalier Cyril John** will be leading a 1.5 day, hosted by Current of Grace, Auckland (part of Charis NZ). Cyril John is a well-known speaker and serves on the International Commission for Intercession and has spent more than a decade travelling the world, teaching, and forming intercessors in the ministry of Prophetic Intercession. Please share and encourage your prayer group and community group members, and wider networks to support this event: Auckland Diocese: **11 - 12 May 2026:** Training on Prophetic Intercession by Chevalier Cyril John at Christ the King Church, Owairaka. Please see the poster for details and to Registration **graphics attached**

## The Week of Prayer

for Christian Unity falls on **17-24 May**. Gather your people, join us and the other Christian Church communities to the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity 7:00pm on Friday 29th May 2026 at St John Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill. Owairaka and Three Kings parishioners encouraged to attend. Let us respond to Christ' prayer to the Father, "That may they all be one." It is our calling to be synodal, to 'reshape' our ways to be Catholic.

**Marcellin College** in Royal Oak would like to share that enrolments for 2027 are now open. Entry mainly for Year 7 and Year 9 girls and boys. Enrolments close on Friday, 3 July 2026.

## 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

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## Faith Sharing Group

[Office@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:Office@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

## Food Bank Delivery

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## Marian Mothers Grp

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## Parish History Group

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## Jnr & Snr Youth Group

Taiaopo Lafaele

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## RCI Programme

[RCI@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:RCI@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

## Sacramental Prog

[SacraProg@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:SacraProg@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

## Complaints

[Complaints@ellersliecatholic.org.nz](mailto:Complaints@ellersliecatholic.org.nz)

## Safeguarding

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

*Gertrude Sullivan, Catherine Morris, Paul Dobbs, Terrens P McMullen, William Bain, Violet Highman, Dennis Holland, George Clarke, Hughie Duggan, Verle Page, Monica Jones, Wilfred Dowd, William Wellwood, Des Kennedy, Patrick Monaghan, Chakkappan, Shirley Brown, Ana Valentin, Caroline Duggan, Tom Flynn, Jim Molloy, Lionel White, Violet Mackie, Fr. Bill Ryan, Patrick J Keir, Des Lee, Rayleigh E Jabla, Edward Prendesgast, Hilda Jaggs, Patrick Williams, Seila Dew, Gwen Pask, Fr. Peter Battersby, Murray Moore, Lionel Silva, James Garreth, Frank Green, John Murphy, Ellen Longstaff, Eugene Lardner, Joseto F Antonio, Fred Mansor their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For*