

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 (Lit. of the word only) 8.00 am
Tuesday 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	18/04/2026 Sat 5:30pm	19/04/2026 Sun 09:00am	25/04/2026 Sat 5:30pm	26/04/2026 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		3rd Sunday of Easter	Anzac Day	4th Sunday of Easter
Commentators & PoF	Anitha Fernandes	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Theresa Stowers	Niu Haungatau
1st Reader	Tilla Miranda	Sheila D'Souza	Rolinda D'Souza	Leonard Casey
2nd Reader	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Anne Casey	Eugene Miranda	Heather Kelly
Communion	Rolinda D'Souza	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbitts plus volunteer	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'Souza plus volunteer
Altar servers	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Tiana Thilakarathne	Lalith Pudota, Richie & Lavinia Haungatau & Ethan Yong	Shavidhu Fernando, Ramona & Simona Fernandes	Benjamin Lo, Vito & Mele Haungatau, Nevon Naranogoda & Toby
Collectors	Taliauli Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo	Vol Req	Haungatau family
Musician	Robert & Claudia	Christian D & Theresa	Lara Miranda	Tongan Comm
Laptop	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community
Offertory	Bennett Family	Haungatau Family	Vol Req	Kafa Family
Counters		Vibin & Andrew Sue		Tony Morcom & Denis Dsouza
Church Cleaning	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
After Mass refreshments			Tina de Souza	0

For latest updates and changes, kindly refer to the One Drive file sent via email.

If you are not getting rosters via email, contact the Parish office to be included. If you would like to a role change in the Mass rosters, please email Andy andytibbittsnz@outlook.com and copy in the Parish office.

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): \$1918.30

Bishop's Lenten Appeal: \$1165.00

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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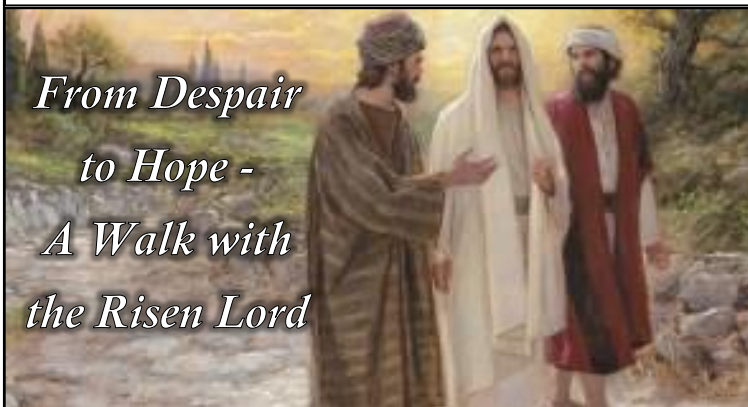
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3rd Sunday of Easter

18 / 19 April 2026



*From Despair
 to Hope -
 A Walk with
 the Risen Lord*

The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) is perhaps the most captivating narrative in the Gospels. Walking in the shadow of the crucifixion, these followers were discouraged, their hopes shattered by what seemed to be a definitive end. Yet, their journey reminds us that even when we feel most alone in our grief or confusion, the risen Christ is often walking right beside us, even if our eyes are "kept from recognizing him."

When Jesus joined them, he did not simply perform a miracle to prove his identity; he opened the Scriptures to them. He revealed how the entire story of salvation led to his suffering and glory, setting their hearts "on fire" within them. This teaches us that faith is often nurtured through a deeper understanding of God's word and a willingness to listen to the stranger who joins us on our path.

The climax of the story occurs not on the road, but at the dinner table. In the simple, hospitable act of breaking bread, their eyes were finally opened. This moment underscores the profound importance of the Eucharist and community. It is in the "breaking of the bread" that the presence of the Lord becomes tangible, transforming a somber evening into a moment of radical revelation and joy.

The disciples did not keep this encounter to themselves; despite the late hour, they immediately rushed back to Jerusalem to share the news. Their transformation from despair to mission is the heart of the Easter message. As we reflect on this passage, let us be encouraged to recognize the Lord in our daily walks and in our shared meals, allowing that same fire to compel us to share the Good News with others.



Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 2:14, 22-33: It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11: R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2nd Reading:

1 Pet 1:17-21: The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Alleluia,

alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia! (Cf Lk 24:32)

Gospel:

Lk 24:13-35: They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

20th Apr – School Term 2 begins
25th Apr – Anzac Day
28th Apr – St Peter Chanel
2nd May – Sacra Prog restarts
31st May – ICP AGM

Kids Korner

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

Here are some links for Children's Gospel activities:

[3rd Sunday of Easter](#)

[Road to Emmaus](#)



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/discipline/our-courses/>

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

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.

Wings.Nga Parirua

Welcome to Wings.Nga Parirua, the Catholic Faith Formation Programme. We all need to feel welcomed in our Church, to understand our faith and to recognise Jesus calling each of us into an intimate friendship with him. The hospitality at the heart of "Wings" gives space and time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels, and the Catholic Church's response to this teaching in the light of the Resurrection; to walk by faith in loving communion with Jesus in prayer.

Wings.Nga Parirua is open to all and could also be a welcoming place for those who have come through RCIA and Alpha to gather in communion with other parishioners.

Please contact: Dianna Fouhy, diannaf@cda.org.nz and see the poster for details.

[Marcellin College](#) in Royal Oak enrolments for 2027 are now open for Year 7 and Year 9 girls and boys. Enrolments close on Friday, 3 July

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.

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

celinsheilds@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group

Office@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Food Bank Delivery

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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

RCI@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Sacramental Prog

SacraProg@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Complaints

Complaints@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Safeguarding

Safeguarding@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Parish News

Liturgy of the Word on Mondays

Starting Monday, 20th April, the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word will resume at 8:00 a.m. in the church.

AGM 2026

The Annual General Meeting of our Parish will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 31st May 2026, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All members of our parish are invited to attend the AGM.

[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**.

After Mass Refreshment on Saturday, 25th April 2026

Come to the Parish Hall; have a hot drink and snack with your church family. PPC has organised some light refreshments for you so do take advantage of our hospitality and opportunity to fellowship with your fellow parishioners.

Calling all who completed the 2026 RCIA programme: Mass of The Neophytes

Bishop Steve invites all those who will be initiated into the Church at Easter, their families, and friends to return to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on **Sunday 24 May 2026 at 4.30pm**. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration of the Eucharist.

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.

FRANCISCVS features an evocative programme of sacred choral works - including John Rutter's Requiem - performed in the rich, resonant acoustics of St Michael's. You'll also hear pieces by Poulenc, Howells, Harris, Artley and Duruflé, performed with soprano Elizabeth Mandeno, organist Philip Smith, and a small orchestra alongside the choir. 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!)

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2026/apr/franciscus>

Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network

Everyone is invited to 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/pDameRsdUYnhrbb7A>. For more info email aucklandccr@gmail.com

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:

Agnes Donaldson, Catherine Mooney, Marie Elliot, Bill Cheeseman, John Gavin, Mary Crookes, Catherine Wester, Pope Francis, John Shearman, Mary Kenney, Ralph Johnson, Jessie Steven, Carl Temm, Katherine M Morcom, Fr. Therry Dibble, Paul Deehan, Charles Pile, Jovelyn Saqueban, Charisse Chua, Charlize Chua their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please contact the Parish Office