

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)
Pastoral Council Chairman: Leonard Casey
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MASS ROSTER

	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
Date/ Time	25/04/2026 Sat 5:30pm	26/04/2026 Sun 09:00am	02/05/2026 Sat 7:00pm	03/05/2026 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week	Anzac Day	4th Sunday of Easter		5th Sunday of Easter
Commentators & PoF	Theresa Stowers	Niu Haungatau	John Szczepanski	Filipino Community
1st Reader	Rolinda D'Souza	Leonard Casey	Ryan Castelino	Filipino Community
2nd Reader	Eugene Miranda	Heather Kelly	Russell D'Lima	Filipino Community
Communion	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'Souza plus volunteer	Theresa Bennett or Rasika Kalaha Wattedga	Heather Kelly & Sr Bridget plus volunteer
Altar servers	Shavidhu Fernando, Ramona & Simona Fernandes	Benjamin Lo, Vito & Mele Haungatau, Nevon Narangoda & Toby Leech	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Adnan Blesson	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridg Maggie Galvez & Imogen Gimbli
Collectors	Vol Req	Haungatau family	Theresa & John Bennett	Filipino community
Musician	Claudia	Tongan Comm	Emmanuel Group	Filipino Comm & Bambi
Laptop	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community
Offertory	Vol Req	Kafa Family	Taliauli Family	Filipino Community
Counters		Tony Morcom & Denis Dsouza		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		St Marys Parents	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Filipino Comm	
After Mass refreshments	Tina D'Souza			

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): \$2847.30
 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: \$1185.00
 Seminary Appeal: \$95.00

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

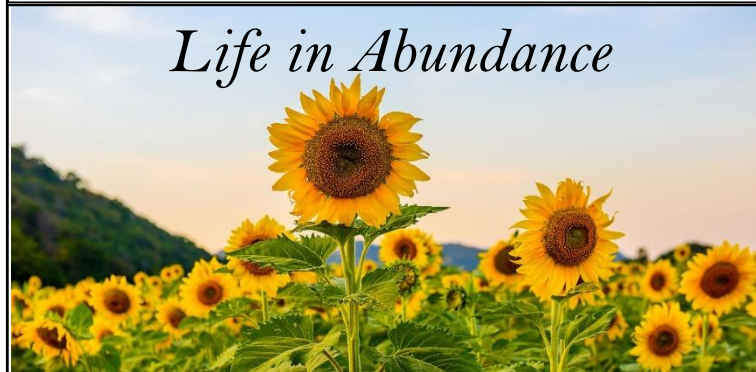
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4th Sunday of Easter

25 / 26 April 2026



Life in Abundance

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10). This is truly wonderful news! It means that God desires for us to truly live, not just exist. We are summoned to a life of depth, purpose, and spiritual richness. As followers of Christ, we should strive to live in such a way that we never look back with regret, feeling as though we have wasted the precious gift of our time.

To live "fully," however, is not the same as "living it up"—a pursuit of self-indulgence or grabbing every fleeting pleasure for oneself. True abundance is found through connection, not consumption. Because God is the ultimate source of life, it is impossible to experience this fullness if we remain disconnected from Him. When we stay close to God through prayer and the sacraments, we tap into a wellspring of grace that sustains us even in difficult times.

Living this "life to the full" also means becoming a channel of that same abundance for others. When we are truly alive in Christ, our joy naturally overflows into acts of service, kindness, and compassion. By sharing our time, our talents, and our hearts with those around us, we do not diminish our own lives; instead, we discover the beautiful paradox of the Gospel: the more of ourselves we give away, the more we truly possess. Let us strive to be a parish community that reflects this divine vitality, encouraging one another to embrace each day as an opportunity to grow in faith and to reflect the light of the Good Shepherd.



Mass Readings

1st Reading:
 Acts 2:14, 36-41:
 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Resp Psalm.
 Ps 22:1-6: R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading:
 1 Pet 2:20-25: You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia! (Jn 10:14)

Gospel:
 Jn 10:1-10: I am the gate of the sheepfold.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

25th Apr – Anzac Day

25th Apr – Post Vigil Mass
refreshments in Parish
Hall

28th Apr – St Peter
Chanel

2nd May – Sacra Prog
restarts

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

Here are some links for
Children's Gospel activities:
[4th Sunday of Easter](#)
[Listen to my Voice](#)



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
M:021 0224 7442

Hearty Congratulations Fr. Sijo

We extend our warmest congratulations to Fr. Sijo as he celebrates the 10th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on Saturday, 25th April. We thank God for his decade of faithful service and for the many blessings he has brought to our parish community. May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen him in his ministry.



Parish News

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.

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 organized some light refreshments for you so do take advantage of our hospitality and opportunity to fellowship with your fellow parishioners.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st May 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish,

20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

A **FACE-TO-FACE Safeguarding workshop** that will be hosted by the Filipino community but open to all will begin at St Benedicts Church, 1 St Benedicts Street at **1.30pm on Sunday 3rd May 2026**.

If you have anyone requiring a workshop whether Filipino or other, please pass on the information to them.

JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship – North Shore

Join us for an evening of fellowship and praise to Our Lord, as we learn how we can become closer to Him in our daily lives

Topic: The Universal Call to Holiness

Presenter: Dr John Evangelista, Director Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Venue: St Thomas More Church

Time: 7:00 pm – Fellowship. 7:30 pm – Praise & Worship followed by our presentation

All men are warmly invited

Enquiries: Contact Tet-Woo 021-0380196 & Dominic 021-1003694

Vocations Sunday

Today we celebrate Vocations Sunday. Bishop Steve Lowe invites us to support our seminarians at Holy Cross Seminary as they discern their call to the priesthood. If you are able, please consider donating at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate

and continue to keep them in your prayers. QR code below.



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 2026.



Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! **30th of May, 2026**. Starts at 10am with Thanksgiving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy.

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:

Eva Lynch, Nell Monaghan, Linda Harman, Catherine Hughes, Theresa Murphy, Ben Temm, Rofoldo Ilo, Priscilla O Santos, Alice Long, Mary Hill, Ruby O'Grady, William Gould, Joyce Wellwood, Ron Jones, Fr. Lucian Armstrong, Fila Berkovich, Fr. Stephen Conboy, Tom O'Neill, Harry Spurr, Hilda Beehre, Catherine Wellwood, Herbert G Pearman, John Zarembo, Noirin Murphy, James Cain, Isobel Conway, Mary Holland, Pat Delaney, Nora Culhane, Olive Garner, Margaret McCarthy, Emmet Sanders, Moris P. Holland, Eileen Kearney, Sr. Mary R Malone, Basil Umdurell, Paul Sotwers, Collin Callanan, George Bird, Seymour Walsh, Myrtle Landers, Parehuia Barron, Paul Stowers, Brad McGann, Basil Underell

Diocesan Youth Mass

Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm
February - November

At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43
Wyndham Street, Auckland

For more info contact the Auckland
Catholic Youth Ministry Team:
youthmin@cda.org.nz or see their
Facebook page: @AKCYM graphics
attached

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 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. Owaraka and Three Kings parishioners encouraged to attend. 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
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Parish History Group
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