

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	02/05/2026 Sat 7:00pm	03/05/2026 Sun 09:00am	03/05/2026 Sat 5:30pm	10/05/2026 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		5th Sunday of Easter		6th Sunday of Easter
Commentators & PoF	John Szczeplanski	Filipino Community	Eugene Miranda	Margaret Burke
1st Reader	Ryan Castelino	Filipino Community	Ming Deng	Greg Carl
2nd Reader	Russell D'Lima	Filipino Community	Lourdes Domilies	Albert Wolfgram
Communion	Theresa Bennett or Rasika Kalaha Watteqa	Heather Kelly & Sr Bridget plus volunteer	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfgram plus volunteer
Altar servers	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Adrian Blesson	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge, Maggie Galvez & Imogen Gimblett	Christian D, Shavidhu Fernando & Migha Rose	Vincent Lafaele, Ragnar Ordon, Simi Haungatau & Adara Bridge
Collectors	Theresa & John Bennett	Filipino community	Finau Family	Felcy & Andrew Kurukuntala
Musician	Emmanual Group	Filipino Comm & Bambi	Charmaine & Claudia	Christian D & Theresa
Laptop	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	D'Lima Family	Ng Family
Offertory	Taliauli Family	Filipino Community	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family
Counters		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe		Ivan Dsouza & Ju Lin Lim
Church Cleaning	St Marys Parents		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Filipino Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea				Alpha Father's/ men of Parish

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): \$2690.30
 Seminary Appeal: \$330.00

Thank you so much for your generosity.
 Immaculate Conception Ellerslie
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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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 Fr. Joseph V.J., C.Ss.R
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5th Sunday of Easter

02 / 03 May 2026



True faith is rarely tested when life is smooth; it is in moments of darkness and confusion that we discover the depth of our trust in God. While it is easy to claim strong faith when life is "plain sailing," a true crisis reveals the depth of our trust in God. Many mistakenly believe that divine love guarantees a life without storms; consequently, when trouble strikes, they feel abandoned, experiencing a profound crisis of faith.

The apostles faced such a crisis during the Last Supper, filled with upheaval and terror as Jesus spoke of His death. Seeing their distress, Jesus told them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me." He assured them that His departure was not a desertion, but a preparation for their future home. His message was clear: even when the path ahead is obscured by grief, we must go on stubbornly believing.

In the midst of a crisis, faith serves as the conviction that we are never truly alone. It is not so much that we "keep the faith," but rather that the faith keeps us, providing a source of comfort and support that prevents us from falling into total despair. As Gandhi suggested, even a grain of faith allows us to maintain hope because it rests on the ultimate triumph of truth.

Ultimately, while not everything that happens to us is determined by God's will, everything is encompassed by His love. The words of Jesus continue to bring light to darkness, offering a divine power that consoles the spirit in ways human words cannot. By trusting in Him who conquered death, we find the assurance that life is precious and that good will eventually triumph over evil.



Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 6:1-7: They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19: R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading:

1 Pet 2:4-9: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia! (Jn 14:6)

Gospel:

Jn 14:1-12: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd May – Sacra Prog restarts
10th May – Mother's Day
31st May – ICP AGM
1st June – King's birthday

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:
[5th Sunday of Easter Story of Hope](#)



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
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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND MIGRANT CHAPLAINCIES *Rise Up & Shine Festival* Saturday 30th May 2026 | 10:00am - 3:00pm

Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture!
30th of May Starts at 10am – 3pm with Thanksgiving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment. 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.

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

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.

WNP is open to all and could be a welcoming place for those who have come through RCIA and Alpha to gather in communion with other parishioners. For details, contact Dianna Fouhy

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. Owhairaka and Three Kings parishioners encouraged to attend. It is our calling to be synodal, to 'reshape' our ways to be Catholic.

Rebuild My Church - Dr Mary Healy
Join internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy in Hamilton for a 3-night formation series at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Hamilton (June 9–11, 2026).

Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture and the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice more clearly and grow in confidence in the gifts He gives for the building up of the Church. Explore the power of God's Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, and our call to live our faith today.

Alongside the evening mission there will also be: • A clergy workshop – Awakening the Gifts of the Faithful (Wed 10/6) • A leadership formation day for clergy, diocesan staff, and parish leaders (Thurs 11/6)

This is a wonderful opportunity for clergy, parish leaders, and anyone seeking to deepen their faith and grow in service to the Church.

<https://www.eventzilla.net/e/rebuild-my-church-dr-mary-healy-2138676397>

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
lenorafoliaki@gmail.com

Marian Mothers Grp
Anne Casey
tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz

Parish History Group
Claudia Forycki
cforycki@water.co.nz

Jnr & Snr Youth Group
Taiaopo Lafaele
taiaopo774@gmail.com

RCI Programme
RCI@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Sacramental Prog
SacraProg@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Complaints
Complaints@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Safeguarding
Safeguarding@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Parish News

Passing of George Tooman

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of our long-time and beloved parishioner, George Tooman (96), at 2:35 p.m. on Thursday, 30th April 2026.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Evelyn Leech and the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

- Vigil Rosary will be held this Monday 4th May, 7.30pm in our church.
- Funeral Mass will be held on Tues 5th May, 10.30am in our church.



Mother's Day

We celebrate Mother's Day on **Sunday, May 10th**. Please join us for Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by morning tea in honour of mothers in the Parish Hall.

Syro-Malabar Community Day

The Syro-Malabar community is celebrating its Community Day on **Sunday, May 10th, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Malaola Community Centre, Mangere. The celebration begins with Holy Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by a meeting, cultural programme, and food fest. All are cordially invited to join the celebration.

Tax receipts for Apr 2025 – March 2026 will be ready by next week. Thank you for your patience.

Hearty Congratulations Fr. Joseph

We extend our warmest congratulations to Fr. Joseph as he celebrates the 30th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on Saturday, 2nd May.

We thank God for his three decades 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.



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:

Harold Mendis, Thomas Blake, Jane Braden, Gladys Wilkinson, William Forde, Edward J Doherty, Eileen Hansen, Fr. John Keating, Francesco Grasso, Barry Milbourn, Stephen White, George Monaghan, Clarence Winks, Bridget George, Cathren Crosby, Annie Maloney, Fr. Harry Jillings, Edward Murphy, Marianne Foster, Segunda Santos, Claude Ritchie, Len Hedger, John Kelly, Rose Poland, Fr. Maurice Drumm, Fr. Benedicto Pelias, Philip Turnock, Reginald Turnock, Mabel Olsen, Agnes Greygoose, Gregory McTigue, Charlie Greygoose, Fr. Michale Daly, Stephen A Misi, Norman Olegario, Alice Jones, Edward Webb, Mary Metcalf, Margaret Trowland, James Lloyd Ah Sam and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.