

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	09/05/2026 Sat 5:30pm	10/05/2026 Sun 09:00am	16/05/2026 Sat 5:30pm	17/05/2026 Sun 09:00am The Ascension of the Lord
Name of Week		6th Sunday of Easter		
Commentators & PoF	Eugene Miranda	Margaret Burke	Rolinda D'Souza	Alekhyia Kondaveeti
1st Reader	Ming Deng	Greg Carl	Tilla Miranda	Tina D'Souza
2nd Reader	Lourdes Domilies	Albert Wolfram	Blue Holmes-Kinsella	Andy Tibbits
Communion	Sabrina Freitas	Sheila D'Souza & Albert Wolfram plus volunteer	Rolinda D'Souza	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbits plus volunteer
Altar servers	Christian D, Shavidhu Fernando & Migha Rose	Vincent Lafaele, Ragnar Ordono, Simi Haungatau & Adara Bridqe	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Tiana Thilakaradne	Lalith Pudota, Richie & Lavinia Haungatau & Ethan Yonq
Collectors	Finau Family	Feloy & Andrew Kurukuntala	Taliauli Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo
Musician	Charmaine & Claudia	Christian D & Theresa	Robert & Claudia	Martin Ng & family
Laptop	D'lima Family	Ng Family	Jacinta Chow	Theresa Stowers
Offertory	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family	Bennett Family	Haungatau Family
Counters		Ivan Dsouza & Ju Lin Lim		Vibin & Andrew Tsue
Church Cleaning	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Vietnamese Comm		Tongan 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 andytibbitsnz@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): \$2645.80
 Seminary Appeal: \$595.00

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

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

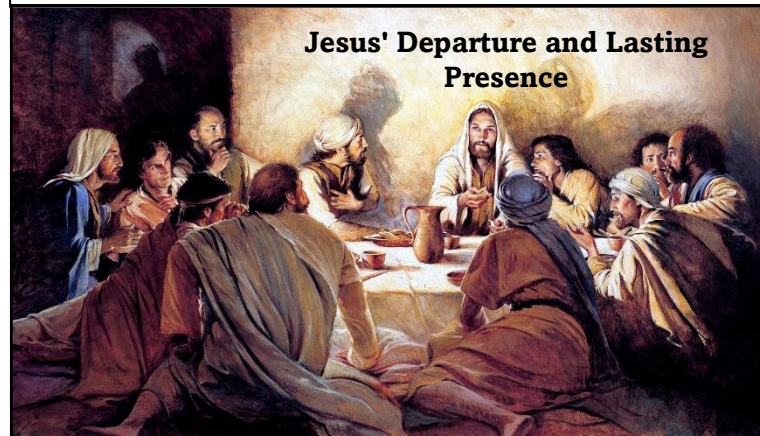
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6th Sunday of Easter

09 /10 May 2026



Jesus' Departure and Lasting Presence



Mass Readings

1st Reading:
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17:
 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Resp Psalm.
 Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20: R.
 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2nd Reading:
 1 Pet 3:15-18: In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Alleluia, alleluia!
 All who love me will keep my words and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia! Jn 14:23)

Gospel:
 Jn 14: 15-21: I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

The parting of friends is never easy, especially when faced with the finality of death. On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke openly to his apostles about his departure. While they felt the sting of impending loss, Jesus did not describe his death as an end, but as a "going away" to the Father—a return to his true home of honour and glory.

Unlike a leaving that implies abandonment or rejection, Jesus' departure was not an act of desertion. He assured his followers that he was not leaving them as orphans. Instead, his leaving was necessary and beneficial for both him and his disciples. By returning to the Father, he cleared the way to send the Holy Spirit, ensuring they would never be without support or guidance.

Jesus provided consolation by promising to return to his friends. This was realized first through his Resurrection appearances and later through the enduring presence of the Spirit. Although he ascended and was no longer visible to the eye, he remained with them through a loving communion fueled by faith and obedience, promising to stay with them until the end of time.

Today, Jesus remains a real, life-giving presence rather than a distant memory. We experience this most intimately in the Eucharist, where communication becomes a "holy communion." Through this nourishment, he strengthens our hearts with his love, transforming us and giving us the grace to live as his disciples in the world.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

10th May – Mother's Day
(Morning tea served after Sun Mass)
17th May – Ascension of the Lord
24th May – Pentecost Sunday
1st June – King's birthday.
Mass at 9 a.m.
7th June – ICP AGM

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.aucklandecatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/):

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

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. "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 diannaf@cda.org.nz

Mission Hub

Accompanying Others in Faith - Thresholds of Conversion & Evangelising Conversations How do we journey with others as they move closer to Christ? This May, Mission Hub will explore a practical and hope-filled approach to accompanying others in faith. Carly Mulqueen will guide us through the "thresholds of conversion" — helping us recognise where someone might be on their journey and how to enter into meaningful, evangelising conversations with sensitivity, courage, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This session is in collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre.
Monday 18 May - 7:00–8:30pm (NZT) – Online - All are welcome.
Register: bit.ly/missionhubmay2026

Mission Hub is a monthly online space where people from across Aotearoa gather to be formed, inspired, and equipped for mission in their everyday lives. For more info and past sessions: <https://missionhubnz.com/>

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>



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.

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

Message from George Tooman's family.

Thanks to all those who attended the Rosary and funeral for George Tooman.
Thanks to all who visited him and prayed for him.
Sincerely,
Evelyn, Joe, Matt, and Camile

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.

ATTENTION Date Change for 2026 Parish AGM

Please note that the Parish AGM has been POSTPONED from May 31 to Sunday, June 7. It will take place in the Parish Hall shortly after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We encourage all parishioners to attend.

Tax receipts for Apr 2025 – March 2026 are now available in church foyer for collection.

Thank you for your patience.

Volunteers needed

Our Onehunga Vinnies Op shop needs people to help us process and sell our interesting donations. Are you retired / looking for work / wanting to meet new people? Come join our friendly team and help us in our busy shop and storeroom. Please contact Wanda to find out more. Ph: 09 634 2697, 021 248 0629 or vinniesopshop.onehunga@gmail.com.



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 pray for those who are sick, especially:

Evelyn Leech, Andy Tibbitts, Fran Duncan, Dolores Custodio, 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:

Louisa Wotherspoon, Margaret Gibson, Mabel Clark, George Eaton, Graham Carroll, Ling Guico Hewold, William Hogg, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Marie Mole, Gladys Smith, Solina Wallmark, Eva D Cubitt, Margaret Stone, Frank Corrigan, Claire Ryan, Margaret Webb, James McNeill, Salanda F A Salamone, Mateki Afeaki, Win O'Dea, Bernie Miskell and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please contact the Parish Office