

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	16/05/2026 Sat 5:30pm	17/05/2026 Sun 09:00am The Ascension of the Lord	23/05/2026 Sat 5:30pm	24/05/2026 Sun 09:00am Pentecost Sunday
Name of Week				
Commentators & PoF	Rolinda D'Souza	Alekhya Kondaveeti	Charmaine D'Lima	Niu Haungatau
1st Reader	Tilla Miranda	Tina D'Souza	Theresa Stowers	Sr Bridget
2nd Reader	John Szczepanski	Andy Tibbitts	Anitha Fernandes	Taiapo Lafaele
Communion	Rolinda D'Souza	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbitts plus volunteer	Jacinta Chow	Andy Tibbitts & Sheila D'Souza
Altar servers	Rachelann D'Lima, Miguel Pereira & Tiana Thilakaradne	Lalith Pudota, Richie & Lavinia Haungatau & Ethan Yong	Shawidhu Fernando, Ramona & Simona Fernandes	Benjamin Lo, Vito & Mele Haungatau, Nevon Naranqoda
Collectors	Taliauli Family	Katrina & Amanda Yuen Lo	Lourdes & Christian Domilies	Haungatau family
Musician	Robert & Claudia	Martin Ng & family	Lara Miranda	Tongan Comm
Laptop	Jacinta Chow	Martin Ng & family	Brendan Liddington	Tongan Community
Offertory	Bennett Family	Haungatau Family	Domilies family	Kafa Family
Counters		Vibin & Andrew Tsue		Tony Morcom & Denis Dsouza
Church Cleaning	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Tongan Comm		Vietnamese Comm	

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 andytibbitts@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): \$1996.10

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

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

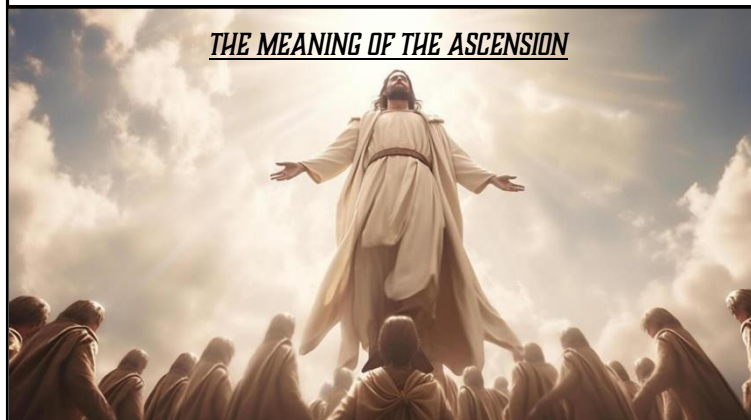
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Ascension Of the Lord

16 /17 May 2026



THE MEANING OF THE ASCENSION

The Ascension of Jesus, as recorded by St. Luke (Acts 1:1-11), represents a profound mystery where the humble Christ who suffered and died is now glorified at the right hand of the Father. This event was not a journey into outer space, but a "journey home," marking Jesus' elevation as the Lord of creation and the head of the Church. We celebrate his transition from earthly limitations to a state of eternal glory.

Crucially, the Ascension does not signify Jesus abandoning his followers; rather, it marks his liberation from the restrictions of time and space. While his earthly ministry was confined to specific locations, his union with God allows him to be present everywhere God is. He remains intimately with us, transcending physical boundaries to share in our lives in a new, universal way.

Before ascending, Jesus commissioned his Apostles to take the Gospel to all nations—a task far greater than his own localized ministry to Israel. The survival of the Church for over 2,000 years, despite human failings, serves as a testament to his promise: "I will be with you always; yes, to the end of time." Today, that baton has been passed to us to act as his witnesses in the world.

Finally, this feast reveals the ultimate goal of our own earthly journey. The Ascension provides an eternal dimension to our lives, showing us a destiny that defies the imagination. Just as Jesus reached glory through struggle and suffering, we are reminded that our current paths lead toward a shared divine inheritance and a permanent union with Him.



Mass Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 1:1-11: Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Resp Psalm.

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9: R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Eph 1:17-23: He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!** (Mt 28:19, 20)

Gospel:

Mt 28:16-20: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

17th May – Ascension of the Lord
24th May – Pentecost Sunday
1st June – King's birthday. Mass at 9 a.m.
7th June – ICP AGM
14th June – School Mass (St. Anthony)
20th June- SP Rehearsal
23rd June – SP Reconciliation
24th June – SP Confirmation

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: Celebrating Ascension Ascension and our Christian Vocation



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

The Upper Room

Wednesday 20 May, 6:30pm | Good George Mission Bay

Young adults are invited to an inspiring evening of faith and fellowship as James Bergin interviews Frank Ritchie about his journey from Wesleyan Methodist minister to entering the Catholic Church this past Easter.

Tickets and info: @AKCYM on Facebook or search *the-upper-room-may-2026* on Humanitix.

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.

Rebuild My Church - Dr Mary Healy 9-11 June 2026 | Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton

Join internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy for a 3-night formation series exploring Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and living our faith today. The programme also includes clergy and leadership formation events.

A wonderful opportunity for clergy, parish leaders, and anyone seeking to deepen their faith. Register:

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

Wings.Nga Parirua

"Wings" is a welcoming opportunity to grow in faith, deepen understanding of the Gospel, and develop a closer friendship with Jesus through prayer and fellowship. Open to all, it is especially suitable for those who have journeyed through RCIA or Alpha and wish to connect with other parishioners in faith. For details, contact Dianna Fouhy at diannaf@cda.org.nz

Charis NZ – Prophetic Intercession Training

Charis NZ is pleased to present a 1.5-day training on Prophetic Intercession led by Chevalier Cyril John, an internationally known Catholic speaker and member of the International Commission for Intercession.

Hosted by Current of Grace Auckland 11-12 May 2026 | Christ the King Church, Owairaka All are encouraged to attend and share this opportunity with prayer groups, community groups, and wider networks.

WYD 2027 Webinars

In prep for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

More info at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-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

Baptism Course (<7yo)

Baptism@ellersliecatholic.org.nz

Divine Mercy Novena

Sheila D'Souza

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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

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS for Apr 2025 – March 2026 are now available in church foyer for collection.



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.

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.



The Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

The 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls on **17-24 May**. Bishop Steve, the Diocesan staff, Fr John Fitzmaurice of Owairaka parish, invite you to the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity **7:00pm, Friday 29 May 2026 at St John Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill**. Let us respond to Christ' call, "that may they all be one," joining in unison with our brothers and sisters from the wider Christian communities to a time of worship. Light refreshments after the service.

You could organise ecumenical prayers in your parishes, or ministry groups, using the "Eight Days" resources provided in the link, or organise ecumenical services with your nearby Church communities around this time. Adapt to suit using the resources. Organise prayer groups to reflect on this year's theme of Ephesians 4:4 - "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." [Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations Commission \(ADCEIR\) - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](http://www.ecumenism.org.nz)



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:

Margaret Wyatt, Ralphael Ng, John Quaid, Esme Kerr, Peggy Tooman, Dirus Berkhout, Anne Larkin, Henrietta Johnston, Vincent Hickey, Joan Schade, Eric Neelay, Helen Beasley, John Holland, Annie Parsons, Bernard McDonald, Desmond Foulger, Rev Fr Brian Gore, Rev. Fr. Joseph Duffy, Michael Angland, Theo Hogan, Robert Valentin, Conrade P Duran, Catherine Hogan, Fr. Edward Bruke, Antonio Sagvisin, Moises Pimental, Peggy Bronn, Elsie Gavin, Neil McInnes, Catherine Keane, Albert Turnock, Eysibio Saquinsin, Gae'e Alaimoana, Walter P Hall, Gataileolo Lauofo, Albert Turnock, Cpt G. Sherlock, Merv Hannan, Ronnie Margulz and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.