

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE



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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday 9.00am
Syro Malabar Com. (Sun) 5.00pm
Vietnamese (Sun) 11.00am
Monday 8.00am
(Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday to Thursday 8.00am
Friday 9.00am
Saturday 9.00am
Public Holidays 9.00am

SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday & Saturday 8.00 – 9.00am

Rosary:

Tuesday 7.40am & Saturday 8.45am
Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Saturday 9.20am

Divine Mercy prayer: Friday 8.30am

Confession/Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.35am
Confraternity: Prayers of Devotion after 9.00am
Mass (Third Sunday of the month)

St. Mary's Parish Hall Hire

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ROSTER

	7th October Saturday 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8th October Sunday 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14th October Saturday 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15th October Sunday 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commentator	Sine Foulger	Margaret Burke	George Tooman	Samoan Community
Ist Reader	Theresa Bennett	Filipino Community	Sr. Margaret Mary-Hunter	Samoan Community
2 nd Reader	George Tooman	Filipino Community	Sine Foulger	Samoan Community
Offertory	Liddington Family	Filipino Community	Domilies family	Confraternity
Collectors	Peter Mendis Theresa Bennett	Volunteer Brian Casey	George Tooman Lourdes Domilies	Lotofusi Tuisaemo Valerian Luis
Communion Ministers	John Bennett Jacinta Chow Janet Liddington	Leonila Teodoro Heather Kelly Andy Tibbits	Bernard Liddington Theresa Bennett Sabrina Freitas	Mary Pudota Lorna Stowers Heather Kelly
Servers	Sydney Faiga	Isabela MacMenigal Thomas Turnock	James Hill Christian Domilies	Saia Tonga'uiha Thomas Mallavarapu
Musicians	Emmanuel Group	Tupo Tunupopo	As arranged	Samoan Community
Data Projector	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	Brendan Liddington	Samoan Community
Children's Liturgy		As arranged		As arranged
Counters		Margaret Burke and Aloisia Hooper		Kirstie and Dean Wearmouth
Church cleaning	Syro Malabar Mothers		Vietnamese	
Flowers	Filipino Community		Vietnamese	
Church Linen		Gae'e family		

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 at the entrance of the church in the foyer. You can hand them in to Fr. Joy or in the parish office after filling them up.

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7/8 OCTOBER 2017

Peter and Anne raised four children but are now alone. They feel disappointed and sad. Anne tells us why.

'We did everything we could for those children. We wanted them to have the things we didn't have. Times were hard. Life was a constant struggle. Still, those children never lacked anything. Many night I didn't get a wink of sleep because of them. They had a lot of illnesses when they were young but, thank God, in time they grew out of them. Peter and I never went out. We saw others going abroad for their holidays, something we couldn't afford. But we gladly sacrificed these things for the sake of the children. We sent them to good schools. We taught them good values. We taught them their religion, and we tried to give them good example. And just look at how they have repaid us.

'John (the oldest) quit university and went into the pub business. He works hard, and by all accounts is doing well. But money has become his god. Though he sends us a couple of bottles at Christmas, we hardly ever see him. 'Anne, a teacher married a fellow with a big job. They don't believe in having children. They rarely come to see us, though we get cards from them from exotic places such as the Costa de Sol and Hawaii.

'Peter has three children and seemed to be happily married. But then he suddenly left his wife, and went to live with a younger woman. He never shows up.

'Paul, our baby, is still unmarried. He's touring the world like a hippie. Doesn't believe in working or settling down. Last time we heard from him, he was somewhere in Australia.

'Of course, none of them darken the door of a Church. What more could we have done for them that we have not done?

Today's readings seem to suggest that even God sometimes feel like this. The people of Israel had been treated in a privileged manner by God. But privilege brings responsibility. God looked for peace from his people, and got war; for true worship, and got idolatry; for justice in their dealings with one another, and got injustice, corruption, and exploitation of the poor and the weak; for goodness, and got evil; for caring and sharing, and got greed and acquisitiveness; for temperance, and got excessive eating and drinking; for community, and got exclusiveness and snobbery; for humility, and got pride; for wise and godly living, and got a pagan lifestyle.

Yet God didn't give up on them. He sent messenger after messenger to them (the prophets). But far from listening to them, they abused some of them and killed others. God was disappointed in them, not for his own sake, but for their sake. They squandered the blessings he wanted them to enjoy. Sadly, the vineyard was destined to become a wilderness.

This to some extent is our story too. God wants us to make use of the gifts and opportunities he has given us so that we can grow as his children. But often, we fail to respond to his love. And yet God doesn't write us off, but gives us chance after chance.

This Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.
Psalms 79:9,12-16,19-20
The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
Philippians 4:6-9
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.
Matthew 21:33-43
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalm 22
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

NZ CATHOLIC - \$4. – The Oct. 8 – 21 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: In Rome, NZ expert speaks out on abuse. Current of Grace conference in Palmerston North. Historic Catholic Maori hui for Auckland. Spirit flows at Wellington's sixth synod.

Columban Calendar- \$12 available at the parish office. Please come and get your copy. Thank you.

Pastoral Care Support- the Sisters of Mercy in New St. Ponsonby have a part time vacancy for a person who will support the pastoral care team for three days a week Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 to 15:30 for 3 weeks out of 4 per month. The purpose of the role is to assist with health and pastoral needs of the Sisters in St. Mary's Convent and support the pastoral care team. For more details, phone Joan Roberts Receptionist Nga Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy NZ (09)3608009 Or email jroberts@somauck.org.nz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OCTOBER CELEBRANTS especially to our Parish Administrator **MARGARET BURKE**



Last Sunday's Collection: \$1,038.10
Thank you for your generosity

UPCOMING EVENTS

8 October -Commissioning of PPC Members
18 November- St. Mary's School Christmas Craft Market
25 November - Working Bee for the Church before the Parish Feast Day
3 December - Parish Feast Day combined with Vietnamese Community to continue with lunch & festivities hosted by PPC
8 December- Parish Feast Day Mass Friday) @ 7pm combined with Syro Malabar followed by Adoration

GIFT Centre Room Vacancy - Growth and Faith Together (GIFT) is an Apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. We are a Not-for-Profit organisation established as a Ministry and to provide 24 hour residential facility for adults with Intellectual Disabilities. We are currently looking for the right person to live in one of our houses located in Mt. Eden. If you know of someone who is looking for a residential care facility for their family please send enquiries to mylene@giftcentre.org.nz

Divine Retreat Centre NZ an apostolate of the Auckland Diocese is conducting retreats at the venue as per detail below.
Fr Augustine along with Glen, Teresa and Colin will be facilitating the retreat,
8th Oct 11am to 6pm St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough Rd
9th Oct 7 – 9pm For Youth - St Patrick's Cathedral Church, Auckland CBD
10th Oct 10.30am For Sick & Elderly - St Mary's Church, Avondale -
10th Oct 7-9pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden
11th Oct 7 – 9pm St Joseph's Church, Takapuna
12th Oct 7 – 9pm Christ the King Church, Owairaka.
Please contact Arthy: 0223193621 / Leila: 0210447337/ Vanessa: 0211433703. ALL WELCOME!

15th October 12.30pm - 7.30pm (mass @ 6.30 - 7.30pm) – Life Teen heart of God Retreat at St Mark's Catholic Church, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga. Contact Ana Marie Sullivan:576-2888 or Jean Lim: 021383080or email st.marksitc@gmail.com

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the Parish of Immaculate Conception Eilerslie 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

TAKATU KI TE MAU I TE RONGO PAI- CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND FIT FOR MISSION PASTORAL PLAN 2014-2019

Hope is really like a sail; it collects the wind of the Holy Spirit and transforms it into a driving force pushing the boat, depending on the case, offshore or to shore," Pope Francis said. "The Spirit is the wind that drives us forward, that keeps us on the road, makes us hear pilgrims and strangers, and does not allow us to sit and become a 'sedentary' people."
Which way is the Spirit blowing you?

The Polish Catholic Chaplaincy of Auckland has acquired a **Relic of St John Paul II**. Together with the St Bernadette Parish of Mt. Wellington, the Chaplaincy is privileged to welcome the relic officially into St Bernadette's Church, where the relic will reside and remain. The welcoming of the relic will be celebrated on the Feast Day of St John Paul II on 22 October 2017, during our 9.00 am Parish Sunday Mass. It will be a joint celebration between both communities. We warmly invite you to come and join in this unique ceremony at our Church of St Bernadette's at 27 Bailey Road, Mount Wellington, Auckland. Light refreshments will be provided after the celebration. All are welcome. Please bring your family and friends.
RSVP for catering purposes by 14 October to sbparish.mtwellington@gmail.com. You are welcome to bring a plate if you wish to do so. Any queries phone (09) 279 5324.- Fr Wieslaw Pawlowski SChr (Parish Priest) with the Members of St Bernadette's Parish & Polish Catholic Chaplaincy Pastoral Councils.

The parish of St Francis Thames will celebrate **150 Jubilee of the Catholic Faith and Reunion of St Francis School** in Thames on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of November 2017. All old parishioners who would like to join the said celebration are welcome. You can register online or you may contact the 150 Committee at 0273161174 or email: 150stfrancisthames@gmail.com.

15 October 1-7pm—David Haas, well known composer of contemporary Catholic liturgical music will present workshops and share his music. Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. A light meal will be served to those who register and pay \$10 fee. Registrations close 6th October. Call Tina Coll,tinac@cda.org.nz
20-21st October — St John the Evangelist Catholic School Otara, Golden Jubilee. To register www.facebook.com/stjohnsotara . Dinner costs \$30 Mass 5.30pm.
28th and 29th October - Celebrating 90 years of Marist School. For more details , Visit www.marist.school.nz
11 November 10am-3:30 pm. – Retreat Day for Ministers of Music at St. John the Evangelist, Catholic Church, Orewa. Cost \$10 and lunch provided. Please register 09 360-3061 or liturgycentre@cda.org.nz
Family Faith website <http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/religious-education/family-faith/>. Explore, grow and enjoy. This website is maintained by the Auckland Diocese to support families.
3-7 December 6pm start – The Hikoi Rangihoua (A Kiwi Camino) Pilgrimage. See notice board for more details.
9th December at 2pm Join pro-life New Zealanders in Wellington for a National March for Life. .Be a voice for the voiceless and let New Zealand know that we love them both! More information at marchforlifenz.org.nz and Facebook or phone/text Michael Loretz 021 825 955

Please pray for those who are sick especially Allan Turnock, Terrence Culley, Noreen Manalang and all those recovering from surgery or needing our prayers.
We remember those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: GarthJohn Geoffrey Downey, Mark Thomas Longhorn, Anna Nguyen, Catherine Victoria Pye, Charles Buhagiar, Naomi Brown, Joseph Akcori, Cath Curry, Francis McDonnell, Edith Sharp, Ann Garbutt, Andrew Stowers, Audrey Williams, Aileen Winthrop, Molly Somers, Elaine Voordouci, Olive and Howard Hogg, Francis Xavier, William Wellwood, Silvana Codre, Mary and Mac McEachen, Joseph Horan, Patrick Smith, Johanna Van der Kolk, Phyllis McLaughlin, Charles Buhagiar, Patricia Bartley, Matthew McDonnell, Robert White, Kamilo Hamani **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments to the Prayers for the Sick or Anniversaries please e-mail or ring the parish. For registration forms or planned giving, check our parish website or ring or email the parish.**