

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELLERSLIE



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MASS TIMES	Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday 9.35am Confraternity: Prayers of Devotion after 9.00am Mass (Third Sunday of the month)
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	St. Mary's Parish Hall Hire Ph. 579-5458 Parish Secretary: Lourdes V. Domilies Ph. 579-5458 Newsletter: icparishellerslie@gmail.com Parish Administrator: Margaret Burke QSM Ph: 579-5458 Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00am to 1:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Contacts: PPC Chairperson: Lynda Tunupopo Mob: 027 363 3334 E-mail: ppcellerslie@gmail.com
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	

ROSTER				
	30 th September Saturday 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 st October Sunday 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7th October Saturday 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8th October Sunday 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commentator	Irene Lagocki	Darryl Batchem	Sine Foulger	Margaret Burke
Ist Reader	Tilla Mirandas	Heather Kelly	Theresa Bennett	Filipino Community
2 nd Reader	John Bennett	Tania Sharkey-Tonga'uiha	George Tooman	Filipino Community
Offertory	Miranda Family	Stowers Family	Liddington Family	Filipino Community
Collectors	Janet Liddington John Bennett	Lotofusi Tuisaemo Valerian Luis	Peter Mendis Theresa Bennett	Michael Wynne Brian Casey
Communion Ministers	Theresa Bennett Sabrina Freitas George Tooman	Mary Pudota Lorna Stowers Albert Wolfgram	John Bennett Jacinta Chow Janet Liddington	Leonila Teodoro Heather Kelly Andy Tibbits
Servers	Josh Bennett Collin Edward	Angel and Liam Tonga'uiha	Liana Anslern Adina Anslern	Isabela MacMenigal Thomas Turnock
Musicians	Pelagie Corera	Hannah, Claudia, Martin	Pelagie Corera	Tupo Tunupopo
Data Projector	Lara Miranda	Ng family	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community
Children's Liturgy		No children's liturgy		As arranged
Counters		Andy and Shelley Tibbits		Margaret Burke and Aloisa Hooper
Church cleaning	Ira Laksmono		Syro Malabar Mothers	
Flowers	Volunteer		Filipino Community	
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.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 01 OCTOBER 2017

There are two words that we use very frequently. Though they are very small words, they are very important ones. They are the words 'yes' and 'no'. Of course, it's not the words in themselves but the spirit in which they are said that makes the difference. They can be said glibly and without sincerity, or they can be said thoughtfully and with sincerity. But that's only the beginning. At the end of the day, what matters is whether or not they are acted on.

In Jesus story, when the father asked his sons to go and work in his vineyard, the first son said an immediate and definite no – 'I will not go.' We don't know why he refused to go. Maybe he thought, 'why does it always have to be me? Let someone else go for a change.' Maybe he had plans for that day. Maybe he was being rebellious. Or maybe he was just plain lazy. However, it was early morning when he said that 'no'. A lot can happen between morning and evening. At some point during the course of the day, the word 'yes' began to sound inside him – at first faintly, then loudly. A struggle ensued between it and the initial 'no'. Eventually, the 'yes' won the struggle, and he went to work in the vineyard. Of course by that time some of the day was lost. Even so, the father would have been happy to see that he changed his mind. To change one's mind here means to repent (to think again).

Now, let us consider the second son. He said an immediate and definite yes to his father – 'Certainly, sir'. But in fact he didn't go. We wonder why not. Maybe he genuinely intended to go but forgot. Maybe he postponed it, and then found it wasn't worth his while. Or maybe he said, 'They'll manage without me.'

At any rate, the day wore on, and the 'yes' he had said so loudly and clearly in the morning grew fainter and fainter. By evening it had turned into a 'no'. His case is worse than that of the first son. He had given his word. His father would have been counting on him, and would feel let down when he discovered that he didn't go.

Jesus' audience knew what he was getting at. The vineyard was the kingdom of God. The son who promised to work but didn't, represented the religious leaders. They promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so excluded themselves from the kingdom. The other son represents sinners. They originally chose to go their own way, but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the kingdom.

Many of the greatest saints in the history of the Church were sinners who initially said 'no' to God, but later changed their minds and said 'yes'? St. Augustine is perhaps the most obvious example, but there are many others.

God has given us the freedom to say 'yes' or 'no' – our 'yes' would have no value unless we were free to say 'no'. However, we may say 'yes' to God with our words, and 'no' to God with our deeds. We profess to believe, but fail to translate our belief into active obedience. Words are no substitute for deeds.

We must, therefore, constantly examine ourselves. We must try to turn our promises into fulfillment, and our words into deeds. Every day we can turn one of yesterday's 'nos' into one of today's 'yesses'.

This Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Psalms 24:4-9

Remember your mercies. O Lord.

Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus

Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 79:9,12-16,19-20

Philippians 4:6-9

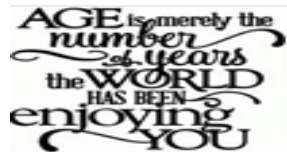
Matthew 21:33-43

Subject: Health & Safety Our parish requires a person who would be willing to lead a group in writing a health & safety risk assessment plan. If interested please contact Martin Ng or Fr Joy. Email icparishellerslie@gmail.com.

NZ CATHOLIC - \$4. – The Sept. 24 – Oct. 7 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Major conference on parish renewal for Christchurch. Kiwi deacon ordained in Boston. Pope Francis on marriage, money and sin. Bishops' role in liturgy translations emphasized.

Fun day and help needed - On Oct 3rd, a social morning of fun activities is planned for families with a child who has Down syndrome and any siblings. A parent will attend. From 10am until 1pm. Is anyone able to help with the following?
1)Supervising some simple sewing?(one person) ;2) Hospitality-a cuppa tea mid morning?(one person); 3)High school students to help the children play tee ball, or help with bike skills (4 students). Please contact Evelyn on 579 8113 or 0274 722 117.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OCTOBER CELEBRANTS



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

Thank you for your support of Caring Sunday

Our sincere thanks for your support of Caring Sunday on July 23rd. We appreciate your time and commitment to helping the Bishop's Charity on our annual appeal day. Thank you for offering your parishioners the opportunity to know a little more about how the Foundation supports local community groups to care for the vulnerable, marginalised and at-risk.

Thank you to those who have already forwarded their special donations for Caring Sunday to the Foundation. Please contact me if you haven't received your receipt and I'll make sure that one is sent out to you. If you are still in the process of collecting donations for Caring Sunday, you might find it easier to make a direct payment to our bank account: 02-0100-0242648-00 RC Bishop of Auckland Caring Foundation.

Celebrating 90 years of Marist School – 28th and 29th October. For more details , Visit www.marist.school.nz

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, 10:00to 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 information, phone Joan Roberts Receptionist Nga Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy NZ (09)3608009 Or email jroberts@somauck.org.nz

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

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

"You become a preacher of Jesus not by refining the weapons of rhetoric." Pope Francis noted that ' You can talk and talk and talk but if there is no joy, it won't be effective' Are you joyful about being a follower of Jesus? How do you show it?

The **Annual Mass for Pope Francis** on his Patronal Feast Day will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph on the 4th October 12:15 pm The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and a celebratory cake in Liston Hall. Sign the greeting card and offer prayers for the Holy Father. Normal weekday Wilson car parking rates apply.

Diocesan Rosary Procession 1 October at 7 pm - Come and join Bishop Pat for a candlelight rosary procession of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for priestly vocations at Sacred Heart College 250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes

Retreat Day for Ministers of Music—directors, cantors, instrumentalists,choir members—work hard at their ministry throughout the year. This day is offered as an opportunity to step aside, rest, pray and be nourished by the Word. St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Orewa. 11th November, 10am-3.30pm. Cost \$10 and lunch provided. Please register 09 360-3061 or liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

Parents are the first educators of faith. In order to support families in this ministry, the Auckland Diocese maintains a **Family Faith website** <http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/religious-education/family-faith/>. Explore, grow and enjoy

Last Sunday's Collection: \$1,168.00
Thank you for your generosity

30September 11- 4pm and 1st Oct 12 - 4pm, at St Marks, Pakuranga and a third retreat day at Sacred Heart Parish Ponsonby on **6th Oct 9.30 - 4pm**. Retreat Days with Aneel Aranha, an inspiring preacher from Dubai.Come for 1, 2 or all 3 days. Bring your lunch. No charge, just a love offering

6 Oct 7:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass St Mary's Church, 20 Kiteui Ave, Mt Albert.

7 October 6 pm Choral Mass for Our Lady of the Rosary at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph—

7 October 8am to 3:45 pm Marian Day –. Our Lady of the Assumption Parish 130 Church St. Onehunga. See notice board for more details

8-12 October- DRCNZ - MISSION IN AUCKLAND. Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C. and his team of Glen and Teresa from the Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India will conduct a Mission Contact: Leila: 0210447337/ Arthy: 0223193621/ Vanessa: 0211433703.Email: drcnz@hotmail.com Website: <http://www.drcnz.org>

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.

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:*Janina Anna Szczepanski, Marjorie Forbes, Joy Morcom, Rodrigo Hidalgo, Pedro Fernandes, Amorsolo Pilarta, Tom Prendergast, John Lynch, Kath Quinn, Sarah Manning, Michael Bride, John Forde, Winny Reilly, Christopher Ignitius Fletcher, Elizabeth McPherson nee Trowland, Evelyn Craddock, Gwen Veen, Tom Maloney, Sefo Afeaki, Kath Hansen, Alfred Arthur Keiv, Alexander Porter, Mareriji Underwood, Bridget James, Mary Whiting, Cyril Churchill, James Yeo, Debra Goodwin, Kevin Barry Barrett, Howard Crowley.*
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.