



St Mary's Parish — Maungaturoto — Mangawhai — Wellsford

Sunday Mass Times

Mangawhai: 8.30am Wellsford: 10.30am Maungaturoto: 4.00pm

Weekday Mass Times

Wellsford: Tues & Sat 9.00am & Fri 11.30am

Maungaturoto Wed 10.00am Mangawhai Thurs 10.30am (private home)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wellsford: Fri. 10.45—11:20am. Maungaturoto: Wed 9.30—9.55am

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2nd Sunday of Easter— 11th April 2021

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 118

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Divine Mercy Sunday

After Jesus was executed, his disciples were dispirited, fearful and in hiding. According to John, on the first day of the week, the risen Jesus appeared to Mary of Magdala with a message to, "go and tell the others". Mary did as the risen Jesus had commanded her. In the evening of the same day, Jesus came and stood among the disciples in the closed room and said: "Peace be with you" and, after saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were overjoyed at seeing Jesus and he said to them again; "Peace, be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you". Shalom (peace) means much more than our word, 'peace'. It means not only an absence of war but harmony; the enjoyment of an abundance of material goods; and a freedom from all kinds of slavery.

The record of the appearances in John leaves us readers with a choice. Either we settle for the marvellous: Jesus the wonder worker. Or the other choice, as dramatised in the story of Thomas; of penetrating beyond the signs to see what the signs reveal. The disciples choose the second option. They believe that Jesus is, "LORD and GOD!"

The call is to change our style of living as the early Christians in Jerusalem did by sharing possessions. As the author of the letter of John insists; faith in Christ and neighbour-love must keep together belief in Christ and Christian practise. As St. Faustina too insisted on living in the light of the LORD's Divine Mercy. Those who want to live trusting in the promises of Jesus, are often made to feel they are a minority group doing something on the periphery of society. Ridicule, harassment, fear, bitterness, and discouragement, all make a strong case for simply walking away from the call.

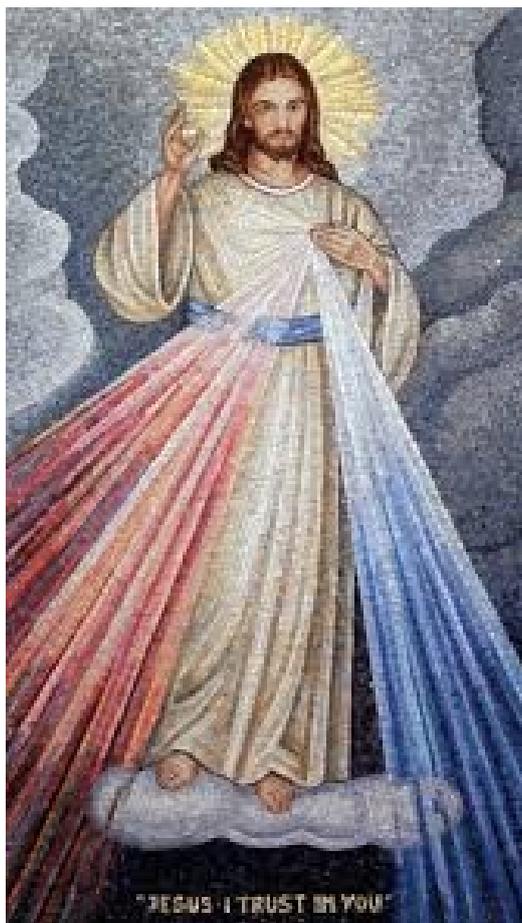
The essence of GOD's nature and purpose, as revealed by Jesus, as the mercy of GOD, is to identify with the weak. While prayer, information and analysis are important, there's no substitute for personal involvement with people on the receiving end of injustice. For most of us, that means seeking ways to be alongside and available in some lively way. It means being open to be taught by victims. It means we be, open to receive gifts, rather than assuming we bring gifts.

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"God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish." Pope Francis

Parish Pastoral Council

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 April 7pm at Wellsford Catholic Presbytery.



Divine Mercy Sunday is derived from the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to Our LORD's Divine Mercy. This theme links to the readings of this day. The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room after the Resurrection when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in today's gospel. This reading includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas. This occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter. It also refers back to the appearance of Jesus to the disciples on Easter evening, a week earlier, in which he empowered them to forgive or retain sins.

How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

You can use regular Rosary beads or your fingers for this prayer.

Step 1: Intro Prayer – Make the Sign of the Cross, then say the following prayer:

“You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Repeat three times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!”

Step 2: First Three Prayers – On the first three beads above the crucifix pray, one Our Father, one Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

Step 3: Eternal Father Prayer – On the first Our Father Bead say the Eternal Father prayer: “Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Thy dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”

Step 4: Sorrowful Passion Prayer After each Eternal Father prayer, on the ten Hail Mary Beads say the following prayer: “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for all five decades).

Step 5: Holy God Prayer Say the Holy God prayer, repeated three times: “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

Step 6: Concluding Prayer Conclude with the closing prayer: “Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.”

Warkworth Homebuilders: Is an organisation working in North Rodney dedicated to helping local families by walking them through hard times. Call (09) 425 7048

NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The April 4 - 17 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: * Samoan couple celebrate 60 years of married life. * Bishop reflects on calling out evil. * Pope says family ministry needs more than just repeating doctrine. * Abortion facility safe area bill called an overreach.

St Mark Catholic Mission Parish is celebrating its **50th Jubilee Year** (1971-2021) on 18 April 2021, Sunday, 10AM, with an outdoor Mass at the Parish School Ground with Bishop Michael Gielan as the main presider. We invite all priests and parishioners who served at St Mark to join us on this celebration of thanksgiving. For further information, please call the office 09 576 7959 or email us at admin@stmark.org.nz

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 11 April	Sunday 18 April	Sunday 25 April
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Ken Hancock, Mary Rose Jones	Gay Pride, Maurice Haddon	Ivan Tomas, Marie Rambaud
<i>Intercessions</i>	Mary Rose Jones	Ken Hancock	Marie Rambaud
<i>Offertory & Collection</i>	Kath & Des Bezzant	Angelina, Tangi & Liz Emmerson	Manori & Eranga Amarasekara
<i>Ministers of Eucharist</i>	Maurice Haddon	Uraura	Bob Schimanski
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Maureen Hancock	Monica Pride	Marie Rambaud
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Gay & Mary Rose	Maureen Hancock	Angelina & Tangi

<p>Prayer Intentions for the week</p> <p><u>Fundamental Rights</u></p> <p>We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.</p>	<p>Readings: <u>2nd Sunday of Easter</u></p> <p>Monday 12 April Acts 4:23-31 Ps. 2 John 3:1-8</p> <p>Tuesday 13 April Acts 4:32-37 Ps.93 John 3:7-15</p>
<p>Prayers for our Sick:</p> <p><i>Petronella & Dolf Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Vivienne Hill, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Lynn Prictor, Tony Vale, Philip Cotching, Justine Duigan, Paul Brom, Veronica Grigg, Philippa Dobbs, Margaret Ohlson:</i></p> <p><i>Allison Poninghouse, Peter Matheson, Pamela Gallagher, Anne Jackson, Maggie Everett, Alister Bland, . . . , Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Lucy Johns, Susan Tomas, Shaun Du Presue,</i></p> <p><i>Please contact Marie to have names added to or removed from the above, 0210544772.</i></p> <p>Prayers for the Dead:</p> <p>For those whose death anniversaries occur about now including Sister Gabrielle Foley (13th). May she rest in peace.</p>	<p>Wednesday 14 April Acts 5:17-26 Ps.34 John 3:16-21</p> <p>Thursday 15 April Acts 5:27-33 Ps.34 John 3:31-36</p> <p>Friday 16 April Acts 5:34-42 Ps.27 John 6:1-15</p> <p>Saturday 17 April Acts 6:1-7 Ps.33 John 6:16-21</p> <p>Sunday 18 April <u>3rd Week of Easter</u></p> <p>1. Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Ps.5 2. 1John 2:1-5 <u>Gospel:</u> Luke 24:35-48</p>

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Sun: 8.00-8.25am