



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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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Easter Sunday — 4th April 2021

Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm 118

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

Jesus' death announces the end of the world that promotes death. He takes death into his own person. His work in Galilee had no sooner begun that Mark tells the reader that Pharisees and Herodians plotted to destroy him. Three times Jesus predicts his own violent death; yet each time his disciples didn't understand. This criticism and ignorance of Jesus' power to transform with GOD's power for life-giving, comes to a climax when Jesus arrives at Jerusalem and purifies the Temple. He declares the temple to be, 'a house of prayer for all the nations'. According to Mark that declaration led the religious powers-that-be to plot to destroy him.

Mark underlines the completeness of Jesus' abandonment. The outlook on death inherited from the Israelite tradition, for example, in the theology of Genesis, is that humankind is created to enjoy GOD's presence in this life and not to die. Death was an evil imposed on humankind and ultimately it came to be seen as a realm of alienation from GOD. The Christian tradition, even after Jesus' victory, speaks of death as, "the last enemy to be overcome".

For Jesus the struggle with death is part of the great trial, or temptation, of the last times; and he is faithful to the Israelite tradition when he tells his disciples to pray not to enter into this temptation.

Our attitude to death lies in not underplaying Jesus' apprehensions. It lies in emphasising the importance of the power for life-giving in our world, so that the power of death can be seen as a distortion rather than as a welcome deliverance. Death as an enemy. But because of Jesus' victory, death can't win. Death is an enemy, nonetheless! The obedience that Jesus showed to GOD's will and the trust that this obedience demanded of him, are all the more impressive when it is realised how powerful an enemy he was encountering. Being alive is not the same as not wanting to die. If we are ever to live we need to be rescued from our fear of dying and, more immediately, we need to be rescued from the endless precautions we take against death. Jesus shows us that acceptance of GOD's will in the face of this sort of vulnerability, is transformative.

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"Jesus' hope is different. He plants in our hearts the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave He brings life." Pope Francis

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

- **Holy Saturday 3rd April: Easter Vigil Mass**, 7.30pm Mass starts 7.45pm. At St Mary's Wellsford.
- **Easter Sunday 4th April:**
 - 8.30am **Mass of the Resurrection** at Mangawhai
 - 10.30am **Mass of the Resurrection** at Maungaturoto

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NZ Catholic

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.

The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on April 18.

Job Opportunities

- **Care of the Poor Advocate** Full time 1-year fixed term contract. role of Care Applications close 26 March 2021.
- **Administration Assistant – Part Time** Applications close 9 April 2021
- **Ministries to Young People Full time, Applications close 9 April 2021.**

For more details, and full position descriptions on the above, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>

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

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

We pray for the Commission and their continued work on this significant and important process in seeking truth and justice for survivors of abuse. *Want to know more about how the Catholic Church has been involved so far, what work is being done, or how you can stay in the loop? Visit www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz for online resources and links.*



On the 10th of April, Curry's bush and the trail is reopening. We are inviting the community to come and walk with us through the trail. Gathering and parking are at 10 am at Community Centre with Rodney College minivans to shuttle those that need. After that, there will be free lunch for everyone and free coffee. Timeline: **starting 10am** Acknowledgments Make our way down to Curry's Bush either walking or minivan, Blessing by local iwi before entering, Enter via driveway entrance, Return after for free refreshments at Wellsford Community Centre by 12pm. Curry's Bush has been closed for nearly two years and we have followed through with local schools to utilize this space as a living classroom and education hub, plus local iwi and Rodney College

have a carved Waharoa Project.

The organization of the event helped by Wellsford Lions and Ma'Keto Kitchen.

Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday 11th April 7:00pm Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave. Mt Eden. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Praise & Worship, Benediction, Holy Mass & Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your images & artefacts to be blessed. All Welcome

Wellsford Roster			
	Saturday 3 April Easter Vigil	Sunday 11 April	Sunday 18 April
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	OT-Maureen, Marie, Bob, Monica	Ken Hancock, Mary Rose Jones	Gay Pride, Maurice Haddon
<i>Gospel Readers</i>	Psalms – Gay		
<i>Intercessions</i>	Epistle – Oskar	Mary Rose Jones	Ken Hancock
<i>Offertory & Collection</i>	Mike & Lynette Harris	Kath & Des Bezzant	Angelina, Tangi & Liz Emmerson
<i>Ministers of Eucharist</i>	Ken Hancock	Maurice Haddon	Uraura
<i>Morning Tea</i>		Maureen Hancock	Monica Pride
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Marie Rambaud	Gay & Mary Rose	Maureen Hancock

<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>Easter Octave</u></p> <p>Monday 5 April Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps.16 Matthew 28:8-15</p> <p>Tuesday 6 April Acts 2:36-41 Ps.33 John 20:11-18</p>
<p>Prayers for our Sick:</p> <p><i>Petronella & Dolf Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Vivienne Hill, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Lynn Pricor, 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, Paddy Hallissey:</i></p> <p><i>Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Don Matheson, Lucy Johns, Susan Tomas.</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: <i>Makaia Broughton (5th), Kate Urlich (7th), Christina Colville (8th) and Mary Driscoll-Richards (10th).</i> May they rest in peace.</p>	<p>Wednesday 7 April Acts 3:1-10 Ps.105 Luke 24:13-35</p> <p>Thursday 8 April Acts 3:11-26 Ps.8 Luke 24:35-48</p> <p>Friday 9 April Acts 4:1-12 Ps.118 John 21:1-14</p> <p>Saturday 10 April Acts 4:13-21 Ps.118 Mark 16:9-15</p> <p>Sunday 11 April <u>2nd Week of Easter</u></p> <p>1. Acts 4:32-35 Ps.118 2. 1John 5:1-6 <u>Gospel:</u> John 20:19-31</p>

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Reconciliations:

**Wellsford: Sat. 8.30 – 8.55am Maungaturoto: Sun:3.30 – 3.55pm. Mangawai:
Sun: 8.00-8.25am**