



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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3rd Sunday of Easter – 18th April 2021

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Psalm 5

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

witnesses to the Truth

The risen Jesus, who searches out stray disciples, is the same Jesus who sat down and ate with the poor and outcasts. His disciples recognise him in the act of breaking bread and eating fish with them.

This '*presence*' has nothing to do with remembering a dead hero; it is *a living presence*. Luke records very physical signs that the risen Jesus is truly present in the movement that continues on after Jesus had '*departed*'. Luke affirms that the Messianic Reign of Peace is really with the One who was crucified; that he would rise from the dead; and that, 'in his name' repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached throughout the world, starting from Jerusalem.

Death has not had the last word. The questions posed by the resurrection appearances are left for us readers to answer ourselves. The gospel accounts are open to sequels. The story isn't closed. The disciples' relationships with others is no longer that of domination; but of walking with others on a journey.

We spend energy on justifying our personal failures. We look for maliciousness in other peoples' motives, or we lament brutal developments in society that supposedly bring about our failure. We gloss over a lot of our own behaviour that contributes to our downfalls. The disciples, on the road to Emmaus, seemed to have something of this sense of failure and regret. Props need to be removed, plans interrupted, trivial pursuits stripped away, in order that we learn to place our reliance on GOD and on GOD alone.

Failures are being measured by a new kind of standard. The only failure worth the name in GOD's new world is – trying to go it alone – without a real place for GOD in our lives. Hard knocks, or failures in life, can bring us to this point of honesty. Jesus' talk to the disciples on the road to Emmaus – of the hard knocks messiahs must endure – was all the more compelling because he had experienced what it was to be with GOD in life and in death.

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*“We need to let ourselves be evangelized by the poor.
They have much to teach us.”*

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*

Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand

We invite you to join us in an online study reflection looking at Climate Change. This online study is over two weeks beginning **Tuesday 27th of April 2021**, starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm. This study will explore how climate change and degradation of the Earth impacts all our lives (as seen through the works of Mercy) and looks at choices and actions that can help us in this new reality. **Please enrol by 20th April 2021 by emailing paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com**. On enrolment, you will be sent the zoom link and reading for the first meeting.

Sisters of Mercy Centenary Celebration Epsom

As part of this year's centennial celebrations of the Parish and School, the Sisters of Mercy invite parishioners, students and parents to join with them **after 10am Mass on Sunday 2 May 2021**, on the anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy moving into the house at 104 The Drive, Epsom to start the school. This is an opportunity to come and see Cecilia Maher House and facilities, wander through the grounds, view displays and enjoy light refreshments. Come and celebrate a century of Mercy women and their helpers who have served in the parish. **For the purposes of catering please register your interest to attend. Registrations are open on the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish website <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/>**

Bishops' Forums

Bishops Pat and Michael invite you to join them at one of the 2021 Bishop Forums 5 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Joseph Takapuna, Church Hall | 9 May, 11.30am St Francis Xavier Whangarei, Church Hall | 11 May, 7.30-9.30 pm Christ the King Owairaka, Church

NZ Catholic

- Plea for more prayers for vocations.
- Theological college to move to new Auckland campus.
- 500 years of Catholic faith in Philippines celebrated in Auckland and Wellington.
- Pope condolences on death of Prince Philip.

The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on May 2.

Warkworth Homebuilders:

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

Returning to 'Normal'

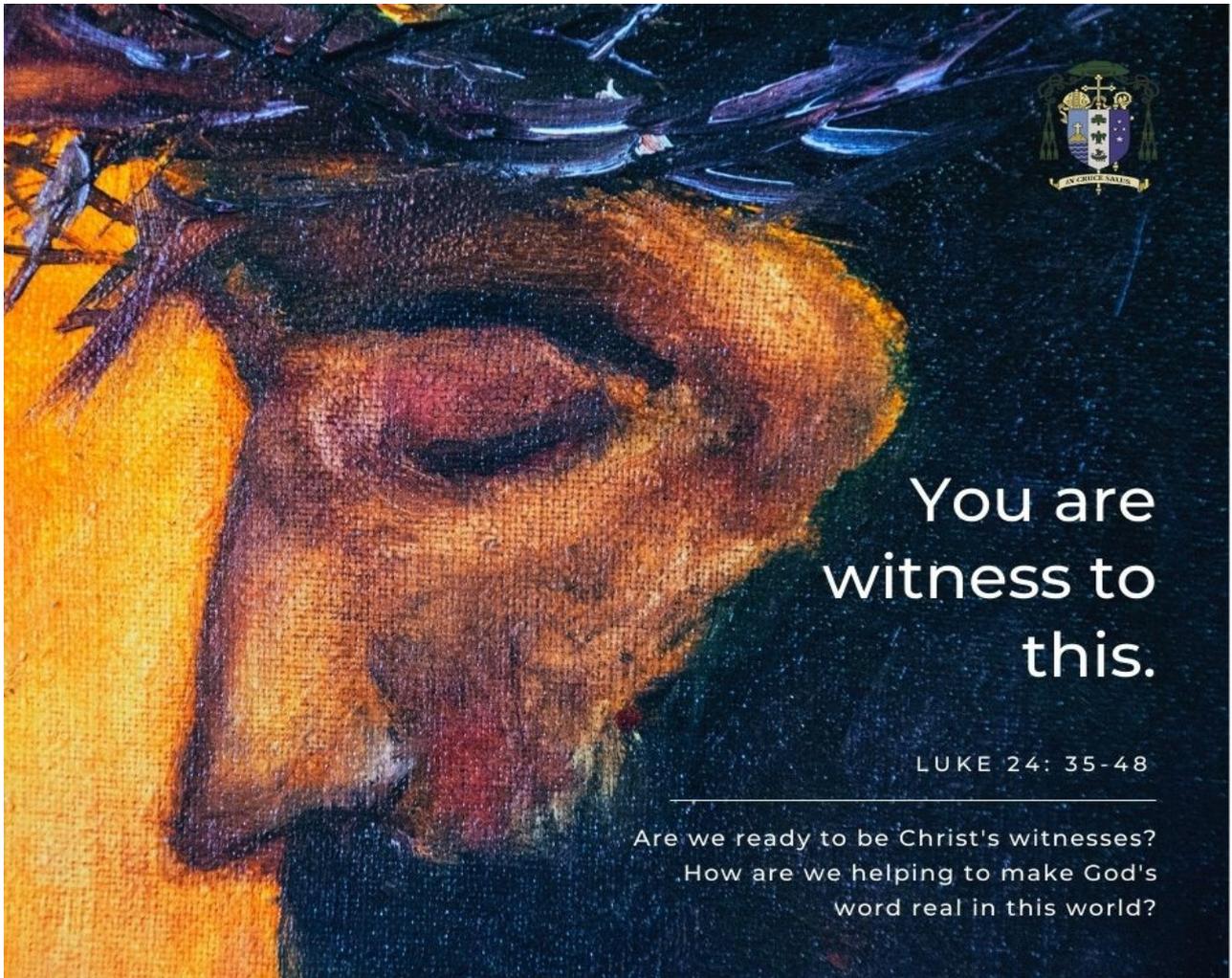
1. **Blessing oneself with Holy Water** on entering the sacred space: will resume but is **optional**.

2. **Holy Communion from the Chalice (Cup)** is again **optional**

The Parish Pastoral Council decided to resume Communion under both kinds. Receiving from the cup is always optional even when the threat of transmission of infection by the corona virus is low. The same caution applies to the possible transmission of the seasonal influenza.

- Please ensure that appropriate hygiene practices continue:

- Please use the provided hand sanitiser **on arrival at Mass**
- Please refrain from taking communion from the chalice if you are feeling unwell.
- Please continue to scan or sign in.



Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 18 April	Sunday 25 April	Sunday 2 May
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Gay Pride, Maurice Haddon	Ivan Tomas, Marie Rambaud	Oskar Harding, Monica Pride
<i>Intercessions</i>	Maurice	Marie Rambaud	Monica
<i>Offertory & Collection</i>	Angelina, Tangi & Liz Emmerson	Manori & Eranga Amarasekara	Maurice Haddon, Liz Emmerson
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Uraura	Bob Schimanski	Eranga Amarasekara
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Monica Pride	Marie Rambaud	Gay & Mary Rose
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Maureen Hancock	Angelina & Tangi	Des & Kath Bezzant

<p>Prayer intentions for the week</p> <p><u>Fundamental Rights</u> 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><u>Readings:</u> 3rd Week of Easter</p> <p>Monday 19 April Acts 6:8-15 Ps.119G John 6:22-29</p> <p>Tuesday 20 April Acts 7:51 – 8:1 Ps.31 John 6:30-35</p>
<p>Prayers for our Sick:</p> <p><i><u>Philippa Dobbs, Margaret Ohlson, Petronella & Dolf Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Vivienne Hill, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Lynn Prictor, Tony Vale, Philip Cotching, Paul Brom, Veronica Grigg, . . .</u></i> <i>Allison Poninghouse, Peter Matheson, Pamela Gallagher, Anne Jackson, Maggie Everett, <u>Alister Bland</u>, Rose Plunkett, . . .</i></p> <p><i>Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Lucy Johns, Susan Tomas, Vincent Clarke, Mary-Rose Jones, . . .</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: For those whose death anniversaries occur about now including: <i>Warwick Taylor (19th), Ronald Whynn (22nd), Margaret Collings (23rd) and Lei Korewha (24th).</i> May they rest in the peace of Christ.</p>	<p>Wednesday 21 April Acts 8:1-8 Ps.66 John 6:35-40</p> <p>Thursday 22 April Acts 8:26-40 Ps.66 John 6:44-51</p> <p>Friday 23 April Acts 9:1-20 Ps.117 John 6:52-59</p> <p>Saturday 24 April Acts 9:31-42 Ps.116B John 6:60-69</p> <p>Sunday 25 April Anzac Day – National Day of Remembrance 1. Acts 4:8-12 Ps.118 2. 1John 3:1-2 <u>Gospel:</u> John 10:11- 18</p>

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Sun: 8.00-8.25am