



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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4th Sunday of Easter (ANZAC Day) — 25th April 2021

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 118

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

giving of ourselves

Today's gospel has left a deep impression in the imaginations of the Christian community. One of the earliest representations of Jesus in Christian art was that of, a good shepherd. The good shepherd knows his sheep and even calls them by name. In the Scriptures, *'to know'* is *'to love'*. The good shepherd *'loves'* his sheep and they *'love'* the shepherd. The expression used in John, is almost that of the covenant's, *"I will be your GOD and you will be my people"*. And, the good shepherd, *'lays down his life for his sheep'*.

The Easter Season's readings focus on the positive outcome of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Our central Christian theme following Easter Day, is relevant to the mythologising of the modern ANZAC Day remembrance — the solemnising of the memory of all who made the supreme sacrifice in war-time. In our gathering today, we remember the good news of GOD's victory in Jesus, the good shepherd, over the power of death. We remember too, the Gallipoli event and how it has become one of the foundational myths of our identity as a nation, based on the sacrifice of all our servicemen and women, who made the

supreme sacrifice in time of war.

Today we remember Gallipoli, the Somme, Crete, the Western Desert, Monte Cassino, Korea, Malaysia, Afghanistan, Timor Leste, at sea, in the air; in times of war, and in times of peace-keeping, our Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel have served unselfishly and bravely. Many of us could share stories of members of our families, which stir a sense of community in us for what they did and what it meant to be together in adversity.

There's another story — the story of Easter — it is about an empty tomb. We Christians believe the empty tomb is the sign of the Resurrection of Jesus — of GOD's victory over death. We express confidence that the tombs of all those who died in the service of our country, are also empty! We believe that their sacrifice is not in vain.

To paraphrase the opening words of this morning's ANZAC dawn service parade commander: *'As the dawn has now pierced the night, the memory of those who served, inspires us to work for the coming of the new light into the dark places of the world — we will remember them'*. Amen.

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CHANGE OF MASS TIME AT MAUNGATUROTO

The new time will be a **4.00pm VIGIL on Saturday evenings** beginning immediately.

NOTICE OF PARISH AGM – Sunday 13th June following 10.30am Mass at Wellsford. Forms for nomination of Parish Council membership for 2022-2023 are now available. The forms signed by the proposer and a seconder as well as the signature of the nominee, to be returned either to Veronica Butler, or the parish administrator, by Sunday 30th May. The same procedure applies for any notices-of-motion to be put to the meeting.

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.

One Faith through One Baptism

Pope Francis affirms to the “irrevocable” commitment of the Church in promoting unity among Christian Churches. Bishop Pat is hosting 8 Churches uniting in One House, under One Faith through One Baptism in the One Lord of All to an Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held at Christ The King Catholic Church, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill on Tuesday 25th May 2021 @7:30PM. You are all invited to attend and to participate in this years’ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will also be live streaming on SHINE TV and on the various Churches Social Media. Light refreshments will be provided.

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 25 April	Sunday 2 May	
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Ivan Tomas, Marie Rambaud	Oskar Harding, Monica Pride	
<i>Intercessions</i>	Marie Rambaud	Monica	
<i>Offertory & Collection</i>	Manori & Eranga Amarasekara	Maurice Haddon, Liz Emmerson	
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Bob Schimanski	Eranga Amarasekara	
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Marie Rambaud	Gay & Mary Rose	
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	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> 4th Week of Easter</p> <p>Mon 26th April St Mark 1 Pt.5:5-14 Ps.89 Mk. 16:15-20</p> <p>Tues 27th April Acts 11:19-26 Ps.87 John 10:22-30</p>
<p>Prayers for our Sick: <u><i>Petronella & Dolf Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Vivienne Hill, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Lynn Prictor, Tony Vale, Philip Cotching, Paul Brom, Philippa Dobbs, Margaret Ohlson:</i></u> <i>Allison Poninghouse, Peter Matheson, Pamela Gallagher, Anne Jackson, Maggie Everett, Alister Bland, Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Lucy Johns, Susan Tomas, 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 <i>Vincent Clarke</i> who died recently and for those whose death anniversaries occur about now including: <i>Lei Korewha (24th) Ted McCudden (28th) and Maria Kok (29th).</i> May they rest in the peace of Christ.</p>	<p>Wed 28th April St Peter Chanel Acts 13:44-52 Ps.96 John 15:12-17</p> <p>Thurs 29th April St Catherine of Sienna Acts 13:13-25 Ps.89 John 15:12-17</p> <p>Friday 30th April Acts 13:26-33 Ps.2 John 14:1-6</p> <p>Sat 1st May Acts 13:44-52 Ps.98 John 14:7-14</p> <p>Sunday 2nd May <u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> 1. Acts 9:26-31 Ps.22 2. 1 John 3:18-24 <u>Gospel:</u> John 15:1-8</p>

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Sun: 8.00-8.25am