



St Mary's Parish — Maungaturoto — Mangawhai — Wellsford

Saturday Vigil Mass - Maungaturoto: 4.00pm

Sunday Mass Times - Mangawhai: 8.30am Wellsford:10.30am

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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5th Sunday of Easter— 2nd May 2021

Acts 13:44-52

Psalm 22

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

the pattern of the believer's life

The community of disciples is imaged in today's gospel as branches growing from the Vine (Christ). The branches are tended and pruned by the Vinedresser (GOD). Wine is a symbol of both happiness and love. The horticultural images link life in the spirit of the risen Jesus with the role of the community of Christian disciples. The vine is the plant of love. The loving actions of a community united to Christ show the unconditional living out the commandment to love. Solidarity with the risen Jesus is the condition for bearing fruit. This bond defines us as 'the new people of GOD'.

To be united to Jesus is to be united to others – to be united in community. Though a small community, they are united to a larger community of Jesus' disciples. Just as a small branch is joined to a bigger branch – all the vine-branches together – are Christ. Branches don't bear fruit unless they're united to the whole plant. It is likewise with the disciples and the community in the spirit of Jesus. Pruning useless branches ought to be done by the people, through society's justice.

Jesus says, in this passage, that the Father does the pruning. It seems to me that the Father does it through people. Jesus is saying that he is the people and we, the people, will be united with him by being united with the people.

The Vine and branches image defines our worship. We disciples are invited to think of our sharing in the once-and-for-all sacrificial death of Jesus, as our 'pruning', in order to produce even more fruit. In the moment of worship we come to the threshold of where the unfinished work of producing the fruit of the Spirit can be renewed. Only as receivers of the gift of Jesus' spirit can we determine the extent we permit the new awareness of GOD's saving reality, to prune back our old ways of living. The liturgy and its presenters provide the material for us to cut away the deadwood. But permission to prune belongs to us, the hearers of the liturgical texts. We must host this precious moment with patient awe. It makes serious transformation – the production of more fruits of the spirit – possible. – BF

“Jesus is the vine and, through Him, the very love of God passes to us, the branches”: Pope Francis: *“Bear the fruits of membership in Christ and the Church”* — Regina Coeli Message — May 3, 2015

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.

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

- Deacon ordained in Auckland.
- Catholic agencies state priorities for the Budget.
- Papal knighthood for former diocese general manager.
- PTSD – when memories won't go away.

The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on May 16.

Jubilee Bursary

APPLICATIONS INVITED for Semester 2, 2021. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications close Thursday, 10 June 2021

For information and an application pack please contact: Michelle Jarvis

michellej@cda.org.nz. Ph:(09)360-3091

Training and formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer.

This training is being offered by the Centre for Liturgy of the Auckland Diocese, in conjunction with the Catholic Theological College. It is to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word. It will take place over 5 Saturdays: May 22nd, June 5th, 12th 26th and July 3rd, 9.30 – 3.00pm each day (bring your lunch). The venue is the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby (except for June 12th). Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register email liturgy@cda.org.nz

New Wine

8th May | Citipointe Church 9 Rylock Place Pakuranga Heights | 6pm-9pm New Wine is a night for all **youth leaders and young adults** to come together to be formed, to praise, and to be set on fire by the Holy Spirit. We're bringing together speakers and musicians to explore where we are planted in the vineyard, how God works in and

through our brokenness and uses us as vessels to bring forth New Wine. There will be prayer ministry and reconciliation available and we will end the night by adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us in the café afterwards for chats, free hot drinks and sweet treats! Registrations are NOW OPEN through Eventbrite!! Spaces are limited. Go to the ACYM Facebook Page for more info: @akcym or contact Felicity 0226352366

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 4 July is Father’s 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Watch this space for details of arrangements for this special day.

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 2 May	Sunday 9 May	Sunday 16 May
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Oskar Harding, Maureen Hancock	Gay Pride, Mary Partington	Ivan Tomas, Monica Pride
<i>Intercessions</i>	Maureen	Mary	Monica
<i>Offertory & Collection</i>	Maurice Haddon, Liz Emmerson	Kath & Des Bezzant	Manori & Eranga Amarasekara
<i>Ministers of Eucharist</i>	Eranga & Ken	Maurice Haddon, Maureen Hancock	Bob Schimanski, Marie Rambaud
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Gay & Mary Rose	Liz Emmerson	Monica Pride
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Des & Kath Bezzant	Marie Rambaud	Maureen Hancock

<p>Prayer intentions for the week</p> <p>The World of Finance Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.</p>	<p><u>Readings:</u> 5th Week of Easter</p> <p>Monday 3 May Sts. Philip & James, Apostles 1Corinthians 15:1-8 Ps.19A John 14:6-9</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, Les Chapman:</i> <i>Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Lucy Johns, Susan Tomas, Mary-Rose Jones, Maurice Haddon.</i> <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>Beatrice Jackson (5th), Brian Marquis (6th), Jim Snoswell (8th) and Paddy Izard (9th).</i> May they rest in the peace of Christ.</p>	<p>Tuesday 4 May Acts 14:19-28 Ps.145 John 14:27-31</p> <p>Wednesday 5 May Acts 15:1-6 Ps.122 John 15:1-8</p> <p>Thursday 6 May Acts 15:7-21 Ps.96 John 15:9-11</p> <p>Friday 7 May Acts 15:22-31 Ps.57 John 15:12-17</p> <p>Saturday 8 May Acts 16:1-10 Ps.100 John 15:18-21</p> <p>Sunday 9 May <u>6th Week of Easter</u> 1. Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Ps.98 2. 1John 4:7-10 <u>Gospel:</u> John 4:7-10</p>

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