



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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 Ordinary Time - 5th February 2023

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

being 'salt' and 'light' in the world

Today's gospel passage begins a series of three Sundays, where the gospel readings are drawn from Matthew's account of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. For disciples who hunger and thirst for holiness, there's nothing more enlightening than turning to Jesus' own words and seeing his way of teaching the truth. Pope Francis, reflecting on the Beatitudes, comments that they are like, 'a Christian's identity card'. If we were to ask ourselves, 'what must I do to be a good Christian?' – we have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus tells us to do in the Sermon on the Mount.

According to, *Isaiah 58:7-10*, the ending of exile offers those returning to Jerusalem, the opportunity to receive from the LORD's hand, a new way of living. Isaiah assumes that an alternative community will come into being and will be able to practise a form of faith that differs from an ideology which ignores and denies the existence of hungry, hurting ones. By including the hurting ones, those who are compassionate exhibit 'GOD's

Justice'.

Matthew offers a case study, which shows how Jesus trained his disciples to follow 'the Living Torah of GOD' so as to be, 'salt' and 'light'. What makes us 'salt' and 'light' is the way we relate to other people and things. Jesus reveals the way that GOD relates to all that GOD has made.

Disciples must care for the poor and for the Earth, just as the GOD of Exodus cared for the poor. The 'good life' is defined in relation to others. It's not a condition, or a property, or a state of being, but a set of actions-in-representation. Generosity towards others and the environment makes for joy in the life of faithful disciples. If we don't trust GOD's generosity, we can't practise generosity and we fail to understand the generosity of The LORD.

The righteous person is the one who knows the abundance of a Creator, who withholds nothing needful from the LORD GOD's own precious creation. Believing in GOD's generosity, permits a different social practise among Jesus' disciples. - BF

“Let us ask this grace to cling, to be rooted in the fullness of the promises in Christ Jesus who is the ‘yes’, totally ‘yes’, and to bring this fullness with the salt and light of our testimony to others to give Glory to the Father who is in heaven.”

Pope Francis – June 2017

Emergency Appeal – Flood Response Appeal

Bishop Steve launches emergency flood appeal for Auckland Diocese. With heavy flooding continuing to batter the Auckland diocese, Bishop Steve Lowe has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. His foundation, the Caring Foundation, will be accepting donations to help Catholic agencies in the diocese deliver vital help to the many families severely impacted by the floods. Donations received will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Donations can be made directly online to the Foundation

(<https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>) so that assistance can get to families quickly. With further bad weather arriving, your help is needed more than ever.

Many of the Foundation's partner agencies mobilised early to ensure that people were safe and able to quickly access help. Your generosity will help distraught families have a warm meal, compassionate care and support services to help them manage, and a safe place to sleep. **Bishop Steve's letter see below:**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*I hope you and your loved ones are safe after the devastating floods that have affected so many. Like you, I was shocked to see the destruction the floods brought in such a short time. Like you, I want to help those whose lives have been thrown into disarray. Please join me in providing support to those in need. My Caring Foundation is accepting donations to help our partner agencies deliver vital help to so many. You can make an **online donation** today so that assistance can get to families quickly. <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> Your donation will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Already, many of the Foundation's partner agencies are working around the clock to ensure that people are safe and able to get the help that they need quickly.*

If you or your loved ones are in need, please get more details on the Auckland Emergency Management website

<https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/major-incident/flooding-2023> For those who have already donated to the Flooding Relief Appeal, my heart-felt thanks to you. It is humbling to have you on this journey with us.

Please join with me in keeping those in need in our prayers as they start the process of rebuilding their shattered lives. Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd

*✠ Steve Lowe **Bishop of Auckland***

Our Parish Response

- **clothes and bedding were collected and delivered to the Mangere Emergence Centre on Saturday 4th February.**
- **The proceeds of a raffle with multiple prizes will be forwarded to Caritas after it's drawing on Sunday 12th Feb.**

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening):

Genesis – In the Beginning... **Part 1: The Creation Story** (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms. **Monday 27 February 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.**

Part 2: The Creation of Adam (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst.
Monday 06 March 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

Tour on Palestine

NZ speaking tour on Palestine by Brother Peter Bray FSC, Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University founded by Br Peter’s De la Salle Bothers in 1973. It was the first registered university established in the Occupied West Bank territory of Palestine and is the only Catholic university in the Holy Land. It currently has 3259 students (Muslim and Christian), 17,282 graduates and 214 faculty members. It celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year. Br Peter’s speaking tour follow the New Zealand Catholic bishops publishing a statement last July urging action to solve the decades-old Israel-Palestine issue.

- **Wednesday, 8 February**, 7pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby, **Auckland**
- **Thursday 9 February**, 7pm St Francis Xavier Catholic School staff room, **Whangarei**, 1 Percy Street, Kensington

In preparation for his speaking tour, Br Peter has made three videos based on his daily work with Palestinians and Palestinian students at Bethlehem University. The videos are online here: <https://www.youtube.com/@nzcbc2977>

NZ CATHOLIC

Some headlines from the latest issue of NZ Catholic:

- Remembering Pope Benedict XVI – young Kiwis reflect on WYD2008.
- Holiday Masses on NZ islands.
- Catholics in New Year honours.
- Polish links to Otago church.

NZ Catholic - \$4 per issue. www.nzcatholic.org.nz

Online Sessions from Study and Joy (Evening) :Genesis – In the Beginning...ZOOM.

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Working together in Faith to help save the environment

12 February 11.00am meet at Mayfield Park, Hills Road, Otara. Tikkun HaYam, The Auckland Interfaith Council (AIFC) and Youth Leadership Council (YLC / LinkedIn) are joining forces to take action on the environment. An invitation to join in as people of faith.

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 5 Feb.	Sunday 12 Feb.	Sunday 19 Feb
Min/s of Word	Bob Schimanski, Monica Pride	Ivan Tomas, Mary Rose Jones	Gay Pride, Ken Hancock
Intercessions	Monica	Mary Rose	Ken
Offertory	Angelina & Tangi	Liz, Mike & Lynette	Benji & Reino
Minister of Eucharist	Maurice Haddon	Eranga Amarasekara	Maureen Hancock
Morning Tea	Maureen Hancock	Liz Emmerson	Gay & Mary Rose
Church Cleaning		Gay Pride, Mary Rose	
Commentator	Ken	Monica	Marie

Prayer intentions for the week

For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Prayers for our Sick:

Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Philip Cotching, Aloysius Brom & family, Rose Quigley, Dan van Jaarsveld, Helen Bremford, Jocelyn Dahl, Tina Meehary, Lorna Boccock, Laurel Ensor, Noel Paget, . . .

Trevor Brjlevich, Tony Ruiterman, Lourdes Crisostomo, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Peter Aukett

Dallas Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Maree Cameron, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Noo & Paerangi Tainiau, Bill Jones, . . .

Prayers for the Dead:

For all who have died recently: *Mgr John Carde, Marie Davie, . Those who died in the Auckland flood; in the Ukraine, . . .* And for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *Clara Cruickshank (1st), Murray Hare (1st), Peter Grace (5th), Alister Bland (5th), Maggie Everett (6th), James Costello (7th), Bill Partington (8th) Michael Lyndsey (9th).*

Readings: 5th Week Ordinary Time

Monday 6 February Waitangi Day

1Kings 2:1-4,10-12 Cant.1Chron.p.168
Mark 6:7-13

Tuesday 7 February St Paul Miki & Comps.

Genesis 1:20-2:4 Ps.8
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday 8 February

Genesis 2:4-9,15-17 Ps.104
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday 9 February

Genesis 2:18-25 Ps.128
Mark 7:24-30

Friday 10 February St. Scholastica

Genesis 3:1-8 Ps.32
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday 11 February

Genesis 3:9-24 Ps.90
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday 12 February 6th Sunday Ordinary
Time

1. Ecus. 15:15-20 Ps.119A
2. 1Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

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Mangawhai - Maungaturoto – Wellsford

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Reconciliations:

Wellsford: Sat. 8.30 – 8.55am Maungaturoto: Sat. 3.30 – 3.55pm.

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am