



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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7th Sunday Ordinary Time - 19th February 2023

Leviticus 19;1-2,17-18

Psalm 103

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

discipleship and the Living Law

Jesus preaches non-violence and a refusal to reciprocate evil, but he goes even further. The First Testament already enjoined that a person should love their neighbour as oneself. But for Jesus, neighbour extends to everyone; even an enemy or persecutor.

The second half of *the Book of Leviticus* is a collection of commandments that has been called, *'the holiness code'*. Chapter 19 is a vision for communal welfare in Israel. The love of neighbour is shown as the key component of a vision of holiness. We are commanded to be holy like GOD. An expression of our holiness will be our refusing to hate others.

When Jesus proposes that his disciples must learn to love their enemies, this doesn't imply an insipid *"be nice to all"*. Nor does it imply being timid and a willingness to always back down when confronted. Jesus is the kind of lover who disturbs the status quo. He makes enemies. When Jesus refers to *"loving one's enemies"*, it must mean initially to act benevolently towards those blood relatives who oppose one's new calling. Jesus himself, was opposed by his relatives. The Pharisees also became his *'enemies'*. Jesus trains disciples in a functional holiness.

It consists of them harmonising their attitudes and their performance standards. *'In this way you will be sons and daughters of your Father in heaven'*.

Jesus teaches that would-be disciples, and not only GOD, are destined to be holy! We are called to approximate our performance to GOD's. We are invited to acquire and practise the quality of holiness that characterises GOD by doing works of love and justice. Knowing GOD means doing justice. The Talmud, or books of interpretation of the Torah of Moses, explicitly state that we are able to imitate GOD's actions – *"It is possible to imagine that human beings can be as holy as GOD"*.

The Talmud, in answer to its own question about the meaning of the text, *"You shall walk after the LORD your GOD"* answers that the meaning is *"to follow the attributes of the holy One, blessed be He: as He clothed the naked, so do you clothe the naked, and as He visited the sick, so do you visit the sick"*.

Holiness isn't purely a matter of ritual purity, but requires a correspondence to what GOD's people must do for each other in their secular context. There's a parallel between what people do for GOD and what people do for each other. - BF

"This holiness to which the LORD calls you, will grow through small gestures" – Pope Francis 2016

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES – 22 FEBRUARY

Maungaturoto 10am

Wellsford 7.30pm

Mangawhai Thursday 10.30am, distribution of ashes during house Mass at 17 Kedge Drive Mangawhai Village.

LITURGY MEETING

Wednesday 22 February (ASH WEDNESDAY) at Maungaturoto following 10am Mass.

Fundraising Raffle will be drawn today, Sunday 19 February. Proceeds will go to Caritas to be used to support victims of the recent floods. Thank you to those who donated prizes and for all who supported the raffle by purchasing tickets.

Living on the Wings of the Spirit -Explore and learn about your faith so that you can integrate and share it with others. An afternoon session of formation in faith on Wings Nga Parirau to be held at: Pompallier Diocesan Centre – 30 New St – Ponsonby, Sunday 26th February 2023 from 1pm to 4pm. Afternoon refreshments provided. Please RSVP to diannaf@cda.org.nz or 021 261 2189. More information at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/living-on-the-wings-of-the-spirit/>

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/>

NZ CATHOLIC

Some headlines from the latest issue of NZ Catholic:

- Auckland Bishop starts appeal to help flood victims
- Replica of Fatima chapel planned for Samoa.
- Crisis of love is crisis of vision.
- **The ‘HELLO PROJECT’** featuring Greg Partington’s dedication of the project to the memory of his mother, **Mary Josephine Partington**
NZ Catholic - \$4 per issue. www.nzcatholic.org.nz

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

Part 1: The Creation Story (incl. study material) Kieran Fenn fms. Mon. 27 Feb. 7-8.30pm.

Part 2: The Creation of Adam (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Mon. 6

March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions

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Synod on Synodality - the journey towards the October Synod of Bishops on Synodality continues. Our diocese and our country continue to participate with listening hearts. To keep up to date with this historic event on the diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland presents, **“A journey through History”**. Over two Saturdays, we will walk through the journey of our salvation history, exploring biblical milestones from Genesis to Revelation. 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. |Saturday, 4 March & 11 March 2023. POMPALLIER DIOCESAN CENTRE - 30 NEW ST – PONSONBY. Please Register By 28th February 2023 |To Deacon Steve on Stephenf@cda.org.nz Or Engelbert on englebert.dsouza@yahoo.com

Responding to the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

We join the rest of the global community in shock and horror reading about the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We pray that the love of God may be seen in the care and concern of the international family in responding to their needs. Caritas are in contact with partners on the ground as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs at this time. They are also accepting donations for this <https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>

Caring Foundation Emergency Flood Response Appeal

Bishop Steve has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. 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.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs

are available for the Bishops’ 2023 Lenten appeal. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return you donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2023 will be sent receipts for the 2022/23 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2023/24 tax year. **Thank you for your generous support.**

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 19 Feb	Sunday 26 Feb	
Min/s of Word	Gay Pride, Ken Hancock	Marie Rambaud, Bob Schimanski	
Intercessions	Ken	Bob	
Offertory	Benji & Reino	Kath & Des Bezzant	
Minister of Eucharist	Maureen Hancock	Uraura Unaia	
Morning Tea	Gay & Mary Rose	Liz Emmerson	
Church Cleaning		Marie	
Commentator	Marie	Ken	

<p align="center"><u>Prayer intentions for the week</u></p> <p><u>For parishes</u> - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.</p>	<p align="center">Readings: 7th Week Ordinary Time</p> <p>Monday 20 February Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10 Ps.93 Mark 9:14-29</p> <p>Tuesday 21 February Ecclesiasticus 1:1-11 Ps.37 Mark 9:30-37</p>
<p align="center">Prayers for our Sick:</p> <p><i>Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Philip Cotching, Aloysius Brom & family, Rose Quigley, Dan van Jaarsveld, Tom Gardener, Helen Bremford, Jocylen Dahl, Tina Meehary, Lorna Bockock, Laurel Ensor, Noel Paget</i></p> <p><i>Trevor Brjlevich, Tony Ruiterman, Lourdes Crisostomo, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Peter Aukett</i></p> <p><i>Dallas Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Maree Cameron, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Noo & Paerangi Tainiau, Bill Jones, . . .</i></p> <p align="center">Prayers for the Dead:</p> <p>For those who lost their lives <i>during the cyclone, the earthquake in Turkey and Syria</i> and all who have died as a result of <i>the war in Ukraine</i> and for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: <i>Myrtle Lambert (20th), Cyril Joseph (22nd), John Peacock (24th) and Jacinta Schicker (24th).</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 22 February ASH WEDNESDAY Joel 2:12-18 Ps.51 2Corinthians 5:20-6:2 <u>Gospel:</u> Matthew 6:1-6,16-18</p> <p>Thursday 23 February Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Ps.1 Luke 9:22-25</p> <p>Friday 24 February Isaiah 59:1-9 Ps.51 Matthew 9:14-15</p> <p>Saturday 25 February Isaiah 59:9-14 Ps.86 Luke 5:27-32</p> <p>Sunday 26 February 1st Week of Lent 1. Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Ps.51 2. Romans 5:12-19 <u>Gospel:</u> Matthew 4:1-11</p>

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