



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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Second Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2023 Year A

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms 33

2Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

the radicalness of faith

Jesus is approaching his 'exodus' – his 'passover'. His death won't mark the end of his mission. We are to understand his death in light of his resurrection. That's what the so-called 'transfiguration' episode in today's gospel reading, invites us to do. Jesus transfigured – his face radiant and his clothes dazzling white – anticipates the Passover light. His death will not be the triumph of darkness! The power of death has been overcome.

Life and death, hardship and immortality, remain inextricably mixed in the present world. For the author, (*2Timothy 1:8-10*) apostles and believers are to firmly face the struggles which arise from this. Jesus, before them, knew of such struggles. An authentic apprenticeship into the skills of faithful living, in Jesus' way, is rendered impossible if a teacher/preacher of the good news does not accept her share of the hardship of an apostles' calling. Such is the authentic response of would be teachers/preachers, to GOD's saving activity and call to be holy.

The cloud in the Scriptures is an image of GOD's presence. GOD accompanied the people in the shape of a cloud during the Exodus. In Sinai, GOD appeared surrounded by clouds.

When the Temple in Jerusalem was established, it was said that GOD's presence filled the Temple like a mist. That's also the reason the gospels report that at Jesus' ascension, he was enveloped by cloud. The cloud is something visible and yet limits visibility. That is why it's an image of GOD, who is revealed to us and at the same time is hidden from us. Or, rather, it is revealed to us as mystery.

The voice from the cloud repeats the baptismal proclamation about Jesus, with the addition of the command "listen to him". The latter is a reference to *Dt.18:15* in which the Israelites are commanded to listen to the prophet like Moses whom the LORD will raise up for them. The command to listen to Jesus is general, but in this context it probably applies particularly to the preceding predictions of his passion and resurrection, and of his coming.

The passage says the disciples were enveloped by the mystery of GOD. Jesus is the WORD of GOD made flesh on earth. The message of GOD that we should love one another. That's the WORD that the cloud says we must hear. The disciples found out that Jesus was the messiah (vv.6-8). Afterwards, he revealed to them that the messiah must suffer and die. It seems that Jesus makes them see that, through his death, he would have a glorious transformation. - BF

“Listen to Jesus and follow Him. That’s the message of the transfiguration”.
Pope Francis

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Friday 3 March to Friday 31 March 7.30pm at Wellsford. Father will also be available at this time for anyone who wishes to have one on one Reconciliation. Rite 2 Reconciliation will be available on a date to be confirmed.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8 March 4pm at 3 Furlongs, Kaiwaka.

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby warmly invites you to the blessing of the remediated Seminary Buildings on **Saturday, 11 March 2023**, starting with Mass at 11:00 am. Cardinal John Dew has kindly accepted our invitation to preside over the celebrations. A special invitation is extended to all those who may be interested in vocation and religious life to priesthood. All are welcome!

Bishop Steve has launched an **emergency cyclone relief appeal** to support the dioceses of Palmerston North and Hamilton and the communities so badly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in Gisborne/Tairāwheti and the Hawkes Bay region. The Caring Foundation will be accepting donations for this appeal. If you are able to make a donation, please visit our website www.caringfoundation.org.nz OR online to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 (Particulars: your surname and initials, reference CYCLONE.) Please email info@caringfoundation.org.nz for a tax receipt. Or phone: (09) 360 3045 To read Bishop Steve's emergency appeal letter: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial parish and personal **Lent resources**, as well as a link to the important Caritas Lenten Appeal. Go here for the resources: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/lent-week-one-2023/>

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 your 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.**

RED CROSS APPEAL FOR VICTIMS OF CYCLONE GABRIELLE

When disaster strikes, we ask people to donate money instead of goods or services. By donating money, you make sure local communities get help in the most effective way.

New Zealand Red Cross Incorporated is a registered charity (CC21860), making you eligible for a tax refund of up to a third of your donation. All transactions are billed in New Zealand dollars. New Zealand Red Cross operates from 69 Molesworth Street, Thorndon, Wellington 6011, New Zealand. There are 6 ways you can make a one-off donation.

- Online using a credit or debit card (preferred) <https://www.redcross.org.nz/>
- Talk to us on the phone. Call: 0800 RED CROSS (0800 733 276), Via internet banking.
- Visit a Red Cross shop or office.
- Visit any ASB branch.

Training & Formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer offered by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre, to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest. It will take place over five Saturdays... Day 1: 18th March | Day 2: 29th April | Day 3: 27th May | Day 4: 24th June | Day 5: 29th July. *Day 1 will be held at Pompallier Diocesan Centre (30 New Street, St Mary's Bay)* Lunch provided – please bring a one-off koha of \$10 on the 1st Day session. Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register or for more information, please follow the link:www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer or contact us: liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland presents, **“A journey through History”**. 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 maybe 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>

PRO-LIFE PRAYER

The Auckland Voice for Life committee would like to invite all to join us for ecumenical pro-life prayer on March 10th at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Reformed Church of the North Shore, at 74 Trias Road Totara Vale Auckland. Every pro-life person is welcome to join us to pray about this important issue.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 16 April 5.30pm Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Mt Eden. Poster with details on noticeboard.

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 5 March	Sunday 12 March	Sunday 19 March
Min/s of Word	Bob Schimanski, Mary Rose Jones	Ivan Tomas & Sam Connery	Ken Hancock, Monica Pride
Intercessions	Mary Rose	Sam	Monica
Offertory	Angelina & Tangi	Liz, Lynette & Mike	Angelina & Tangi
Minister of Eucharist	Eranga Amarasekara	Maureen Hancock	Mary Rose Jones
Morning Tea	Mike & Lynette	Angelina & Tangi	Maureen Hancock
Church Cleaning		Monica	
Commentator	Marie	Ken	Marie

<u>Prayer intentions for the week</u>	Readings: 2nd Week of Lent
For victims of abuse We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.	<p>Monday 6 March Daniel 9:4-10 Ps.79 Luke 6:36-38</p> <p>Tuesday 7 March Isaiah 1:10,16-20 Ps.50 Matthew 23:1-12</p> <p>Wednesday 8 March Jeremiah 18:18-20 Ps.31 Matthew 20:17-28</p> <p>Thursday 9 March Jeremiah 17:5-10 Ps.1 Luke 16:19-31</p> <p>Friday 10 March Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Ps.105 Matthew 21:33-43,45-46</p> <p>Saturday 11 March Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Ps.103 Luke 15:1-3,11-32</p> <p>Sunday 12 March <u>3rd Sunday of Lent</u> 1. Exodus 17:3-7 Ps.95 2. Romans 5:1-2,5-8 <u>Gospel:</u> John 4:5-42</p>
Prayers for our Sick: <i>Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Philip Cotching, Aloysius Brom & family, Rose Quigley, Dan van Jaarsveld, Tom Gardener, Helen Bremford, Jocynen Dahl, Tina Meehary, Lorna Boccock, Laurel Ensor, Noel Paget, Fonz & Judy Nieuwendyk.....</i> <i>Trevor Brjlevich, Tony Ruiterman, Lourdes Crisostomo, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Peter Aukett</i> <i>Dallas Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Maree Cameron, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Rob Lennon, Bill Jones, Brett Haddon</i>	
Prayers for the Dead: 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>Joy Nolan (7th), Maureen McKelvie (7th), Susan Kanuka (9th), Kathryn Collins (11th) and Vi Dickson (12th).</i>	

St Mary's Parish

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am