



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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1st Sunday in Lent - 26th February 2023

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Psalm 51

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

the temptation to power

The Lenten Sunday Eucharistic liturgies are the focus for taking seriously our formal re-commitment to our baptismal promises at Easter. The autumn season's lessening daylight & cooling temperatures image for us GOD's presence checking and pruning back our extravagant growths – bringing about effects which may go unnoticed now, but which will, in time, produce surprising new growth.

Matthew's account dramatises the sort of testing that Jesus must have undergone (vv.1-4). It reminds the listening community of the Israelite's desert experience. Soon after crossing the Sea of Reeds the people were hungry and tempted to go back to the regular work and security of Egypt. Matthew places Jesus in the same situation. But in a sharp contrast with the Israelites, Jesus trusts in GOD.

The 'temptation' of the Devil is to perform a miracle that would be good news only for Jesus himself. Later Jesus performs the sign of giving bread to many thousands of people. In the testing scene, Jesus is dealing with a selfish, useless gesture. While bread is food, people need the bread of love; the WORD of Scripture and the Food of Eucharist.

The WORD of GOD is our bread too. In our society some have food and others do not. If there is love and true community, the food is shared and all eat. If there isn't any love, although there may be a lot of food, people go hungry because some people will hoard. Hearing and acting on the WORD of GOD transforms that reality.

Who do we listen to? Is it easier to hear the voice of the tempter than to listen to the voice of Christ? Do we hear our own needs, or do we discern the voice of the poor? Jesus was alone in the desert. In our context, being alone in the desert might be equivalent to existing in the midst of other people but feeling isolated or disconnected. What voices do we listen to in our society? How do we remain open to the authentic voice of the Spirit? How do we consider more deeply and more carefully what GOD is saying to us? How do we make time for careful listening to GOD? As followers of Jesus, we are committed to put our faith into action. What is the one action I commit to undertake, either by myself or together with other members of the community, as a result of our reflection and discussion on the WORD of GOD in this the beginning week of the Lenten season? -BF

“Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience”. - Pope Francis

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

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Part 1: The Creation Story (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday 27 February 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

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<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

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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/>

FLOOD RELIEF FUNDRAISER

The raffle to raise money for victims of the recent floods has been drawn. Winners are:

Single quilt – Nikita (Mangawhai)

Wooden bowl – Noreen Anderson (Mangawhai)

Gourmet cooking utensils – Margaret Pride (Wellsford)

Child’s quilt – Michele Oliver (Mangawhai)

Platters and cake stand – Manori Amarasekara (Wellsford)

Thank you to those who donated prizes, bought tickets and donated money towards this worthy cause. The amount raised will be published in next week’s newsletter and will be sent to Caritas.

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

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Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 26 Feb	Sunday 5 March	Sunday 12 March
Min/s of Word	Mike Harris, Marie Rambaud,	Bob Schimanski, Mary Rose Jones	Ivan Tomas & Sam
Intercessions	Marie	Mary Rose	Sam
Offertory	Kath & Des Bezzant	Angelina & Tangi	Liz, Lynette & Mike
Minister of Eucharist	Uraura Unaia	Eranga Amarasekara	Maureen Hancock
Morning Tea	Kath & Des	Mike & Lynette	Angelina & Tangi
Church Cleaning	Marie		Monica
Commentator	Monica	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: 1st Week of Lent</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, Helen Bremford, Jocynen Dahl, Tina Meehary, Lorna Boccock, Laurel Ensor, Noel Paget, Fonz & Judy Nieuwendyk, . . .</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, Bill Jones, Rob Lennon, Brett Haddon, . . .</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>Cosina Dyer (3 March)</i>.</p>	<p>Monday 27 February Lev. 19:1-2,11-18 Ps.19B Matthew 25:31-46</p> <p>Tuesday 28 February Isaiah 55:10-11 Ps.34 Matthew 6:7-15</p> <p>Wednesday 1 March Jonah 3:1-10 Ps.51 Luke 11:29-32</p> <p>Thursday 2 March Esther 4:17 (Esther's Prayer) Ps.138 Matthew 7:7-12</p> <p>Friday 3 March Ezekiel 18:21-28 Ps.130 Matthew 5:20-26</p> <p>Saturday 4 March Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Ps.119A Matthew 5:43-48</p> <p>Sunday 5 March <u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u> 1. Genesis 12:1-4 Ps.33 2. 2Timothy 1:8-10 <u>Gospel:</u> Matthew 17:1-9</p>

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am