



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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3rd Sunday of Lent (A) - 12th March 2023

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 95:1-2,6-9

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

John 4:5-42

living water at Jacob's Well

In *Exodus 17*, the LORD works a newness out of disruptions and disorientations of the journey out of Egypt to liberation. The account affirms that it is in GOD's power not to let those die who would live in hope. Though they have no resources to manage they do have the covenant gifts of quail, manna and water! The gifts are given at the very time that the people know they are totally vulnerable.

Today's gospel reading from John reveals an important facet of Jesus' mission, that *'The Water'* he is offering will quench the human thirst for fullness of life. Jesus speaks of *'the power of the Spirit'*. The Father must be worshipped *'in spirit and truth'*. The worship at stake reaches far beyond the worship of Jews and Samaritans. It is addressed to a GOD who is close and loving – a Father.

The conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has to do with an alternative way of viewing life. It is unlike anything the woman had known or experienced before. She meets someone who is not intimidated by the natural barriers of race and gender; who treats her as a human being! She hears Jesus speak about a mysterious, *'living water that leads to eternal life'*. When Jesus points out her personal situation, she does not dismiss him as a meddler

but acknowledges him as a prophet.

Eventually she tells others the story of this conversation and arouses the curiosity of the Samaritans at Sychar that leads to their surprising admission about Jesus. *"It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."*

The WORD of GOD led Moses to act; and water flowed in the desert. Jesus' speech about *'living water that leads to eternal life'* and about worship that is freed from the narrow confines of the religious establishment, causes the woman to question her familiar world. This conversation continues for us in the moment of Eucharistic worship. We stand at a threshold between our old faithless, arrogant, self-sufficient ways and the new way of faithfulness demanded of us through Moses, Jesus and the apostle Paul. The moment of worship is a precious moment which we must host with respect and patience. Serious change becomes possible when the visible signs of the invisible reality of GOD's Spirit and Truth are manifested. We come to the Eucharist with the strange expectation that being subverted by GOD's Spirit and filled with GOD's Truth, we will be liberated by the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. - BF

"Those who thirst for salvation can draw freely from Jesus", he said. "The promise of living water that Jesus made to the Samaritan woman becomes a reality in His Passion".

Pope Francis.15/03/2020

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

All Fridays in Lent, 7.30pm at Wellsford. Father will 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 15 March 4pm at 3 Furlongs, Kaiwaka.

Mid-week house Mass at Mangiwhai – Thursday 16th March – 10.30am at the home of Kath and John Brockliss, 293 King Road, Ph. 0275430856. **All welcome.**

Divine Renovation (DR) is a framework for **parish growth and renewal** - a tool for missionary discipleship. DR NZ are excited to announce an upcoming online event, [*Clothed in Power: Transforming Parishes Through the Holy Spirit*](#), which will take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 9 AM. Fr John Adams of Christchurch diocese is one of the panel of speakers.

Lenten Reflections Earth Stations - two contemplative evenings on Zoom where the Stations of the Cross will be interwoven with Pope Francis' Encyclical, "Laudato 'Si". Tuesdays 21st of March and 28th of March 7.00 p.m.- 7.45 p.m. with Lyndall Brown rsj Registrations to lyndallb19@gmail.com 021 185 6750 Details for Zoom will be sent on the day.

Lenten Retreat St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga. 4th & 5th April 2023 7.00pm – 9.00pm Theme: Finding God in All the Wrong Places. Led by: Fr Johnny Go SJ. Join us on Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week in the Parish centre. Refreshments will be served. You can also join us via our Facebook page @OfficialStMarksPakuranga and YouTube channel @StMarkPakuranga

Encounter God in awe and wonder in the Mass: each Wednesday during Lent, Zoom 7 – 7.40pm to reflect on Pope Francis' letter: *Desiderio Desideravi*. To register, contact Dianna Fouhy – diannaf@cda.org.nz

Pray with the Sunday Gospels this Lent: each Sunday during Lent, join us on Zoom 7 – 7.40pm to reflect on Pope Francis' letter: *Desiderio Desideravi*. To register, contact Dianna Fouhy – diannaf@cda.org.nz

Marriage Educators

If you are able to volunteer 2 hours per week and willing to train as Marriage Educators, then you are just the married couple we are looking for to join our Marriage Educators Team. We are looking for couples married for more than five years with strong Catholic faith to journey with couples preparing for marriage. We are especially interested in couples fluent in English or Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Mandarin, French or Spanish. For more information contact gerrys@cda.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

- 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

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>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 12 March	Sunday 19 March	Sunday 26 March
Min/s of Word	Ivan Tomas & Sam Connery	Ken Hancock, Monica Pride	Lagi and Marie
Intercessions	Sam	Monica	Marie
Offertory	Liz, Lynette & Mike	Angelina & Tangi	Manori & Randaya
Minister of Eucharist	Maureen Hancock	Mary Rose Jones	Ken
Morning Tea	Angelina & Tangi	Maureen Hancock	Marie
Church Cleaning	Monica		Maureen
Commentator	Ken	Marie	Monica

<u>Prayer intentions for the week</u>	Readings: 3rd 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.	Monday 13 March 2Kings 5:1-15 Ps.42 Luke 4:24-30
Prayers for our Sick: <i>Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Philip Cotching, Paul & Aloysius Brom, Rose Quigley, Dan van Jaarsveld, Helen Bremford, Jocylen Dahl, Tina Meehary, Lorna Boccock, Judy Nieuwendyk, Kevin Robertson,</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>	Tuesday 14 March Daniel 3:25,34-43 Ps.25 Matthew 18:21-35
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>Mary Casey (15th), Bryan Casey (16th), Tai Symons (16th), Leon Suvalko (15th), Tim Curtin (16th), Mavis Joseph (17th) and Ike Harrop (18th).</i>	Wednesday 15 March Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Ps.147B Matthew 5:17-19
	Thursday 16 March Jeremiah 7:23-28 Ps.95 Luke 11:14-23
	Friday 17 March St Patrick 1. Jeremiah 1:4-9 Ps.106 2. Acts 13:46-49 <u>Gospel:</u> Luke 10:1-2,17-20
	Saturday 18 March Hosea 5:15-6:6 Ps.51 Luke 18:9-14
	Sunday 19 March 4th Sunday of Lent 1. Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Ps.23 2. Ephesians 5:8-14 <u>Gospel:</u> John 9:1-41

St Mary's Parish

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