



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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4th Sunday of Lent (A) - 19th March 2023

Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

Psalm 23:1-6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Jesus reveals the LORD of Life

As Holy Week approaches, the celebration of the death and, above all, the resurrection of the LORD of life – we hear John's gospel account of Jesus coming face-to-face with a man blind from birth, who has been forced to beg in order to stay alive. Instead of blaming those who are ill or poor; instead of pushing them deeper into their plight; instead of preventing them from taking appropriate actions to escape their situations, Jesus reminds us that GOD is a GOD of love and not a GOD of punishment.

Living 'in the light' produces every kind of goodness, justice and truth (*Eph.5:vv.8-9*). The author affirms that those renewed in Christ are light. But light for what? To exclusively concentrate on belonging to the church as the ultimate goal of GOD's plan of salvation in Christ, leaves out of consideration a large part of the world that is not yet renewed in Christ. The danger for the Ephesians is that they fail to deal with this 'third world' that is neither light nor darkness. What is distinctive about the Christian community is its relationship to Christ and the special holiness that flowed from that

relationship. But the task for the Christian disciple must be to not become self absorbed about personal holiness.

Jesus's single motive for healing people was compassion – to liberate people from their sufferings and their fatalistic resignation to suffering. Jesus wanted to awaken the same compassion and faith in people around him. That would enable the power of GOD to become active and effective among them. Jesus says elsewhere in John's gospel, that he is, "*the Truth, the Way and the Life*." All that is the same as saying, "*I am the Light*". When Jesus says, "*I am the Light of the world*", he is saying, that he is the essential part of this whole evolutionary process away from death and darkness, towards light and life.

GOD's work through Jesus is transformative. The texts contain the communal memory of surprising newness offered. As the speaker of the Psalm affirms, the work of GOD pushes the believer towards trustful living. It is GOD's companionship that transforms every situation and comforts in situations of threat (*cf.Ps.95:4*).

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“Sin is like a dark veil that covers our face and prevents us from clearly seeing ourselves and the world”. God’s mercy removes the “shadows and darkness”, and gives us new light.”

Pope Francis, March ‘20

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.

Mid week Mass at Mangawhai – 10.30am Thursday 23rd March at the home of Christine Thomson, 17 Kedge Road Mangawhai Village. Ph. 0210558157 **ALL WELCOME**

Inter-Church services: **GOOD FRIDAY 7th April**

- **9.45am at the Co-operating Church**, 253 Rodney St., Wellsford
- **7.00pm Tenebrae Service** at Christ the King Church, 9 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village

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

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 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.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

Thank you from Catholic Caring Foundation

The \$811.50 sent to the Catholic Caring Foundation from our fundraising raffle has been acknowledged by the foundation.

“Your donation will be supporting the cyclone relief in Tairāwhiti/Gisborne area and the Hawkes Bay region through the dioceses of Palmerston North and Hamilton. Thank you for your generous donation to my Caring Foundation in these difficult times. With every blessing, Steve Lowe, Bishop of Auckland.”

Course on Prayer and Liturgy

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering the course PM501 Prayer and Liturgy on Saturdays 01 April, 06 May and 03 June in Ponsonby, Auckland. This course is ideal for people in the ministry or wanting to grow their faith. It can be credited towards a Certificate qualification or solely for personal interest. For schedule of fees, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/Fees. Email admin@ctc.ac.nz or call 09 3611053 to enquire or register.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession On Good Friday, the Diocese will continue our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We will begin by gathering at Albert Part Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick’s Cathedral at 11am. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland.


Easter Timetable

Thursday 6 April Mass of the Lord’s Supper - **7.30pm at Wellsford**

Friday 7 April Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion – **3.00pm at Wellsford**

Saturday 8 April Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord – **7.30pm at Wellsford**

Sunday 9 April Easter Day – **Mangawhai 8.30am... Maungaturoto 10.30am**

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

<u>Prayer intentions for the week</u>	Readings: 4th Week of Lent
<p align="center">For victims of abuse</p> <p>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>	<p>Monday 20 March St Joseph</p> <p>1. Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14,16 Ps.89</p> <p>2. Romans 4:13,16-18,22</p> <p><u>Gospel</u>: Matthew 1:16,18-21,24</p>
<p align="center">Prayers for our Sick:</p> <p><i>Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Sarah Lambert, Frances Palmer, Philip Cotching, Aloysius & Paul Brom, Rose Quigley, Dan van Jaarsveld, Helen Bremford, Jocylen Dahl, Lorna Boccock, Judy Nieuwendyk, Kevin Robertson, Owen McGrane, . . . 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, Rob Lennon, Bill Jones, Brett Haddon,</i></p> <p align="center">Prayers for the Dead:</p> <p>For <i>Fr. Mario Dorado OFM Cap,</i></p> <p>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>Katerina Kinkella, Tim Curtin, Molly FullJames,</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 21 March</p> <p>Ezekiel 47:1-9,21 Ps.46</p> <p>John 5:1-3,5-16</p> <p>Wednesday 22 March</p> <p>Isaiah 49:8-15 Ps.145</p> <p>John 5:17-30</p> <p>Thursday 23 March</p> <p>Exodus 32:7-14 Ps.106</p> <p>John 5:31-47</p> <p>Friday 24 March</p> <p>Wisdom 2:1,12-22 Ps.34</p> <p>John 7:1-2,10,25-30</p> <p>Saturday 25 March Annunciation of the Lord</p> <p>1. Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Ps.40</p> <p>2. Hebrews 10:4-10</p> <p><u>Gospel</u>: Luke 1:26-38</p> <p>Sunday 26 March <u>5th Sunday of Lent</u></p> <p>1. Ezekiel 37:12-14 Ps.130</p> <p>2. Romans 8:8-11</p> <p><u>Gospel</u>: John 11:1-45</p>

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am