



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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5th Sunday of Lent (A) – 26th March 2023

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 130:1-8

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Jesus: the Resurrection and Life

Death is present in the journey through the desert and in many ways it is also present on our daily path. The LORD liberates us from death. Encountering Jesus in baptism is encountering the face of the GOD of the Living. Each of the readings present some human problem for which the response might be; *"What do I do here?"* None of the texts directly answers the question. These are matters in which human beings find themselves helpless to deal with.

In Paul, there's a strong link between life in the Spirit and persecution. The community in Rome had experienced the hatred of unbelievers and some repression from the government. The hope of newness enables them to endure the suffering that goes with living a spiritual life in an unspiritual world. He affirms what Ezekiel assured the exiles – that GOD gives life in the midst of a culture of death. Paul expresses the full meaning of the coming newness.

The bodies of Christians are still subject to sickness, decay and death. But the indwelling Spirit is a sign promising the beginning of a new life that cannot be destroyed by death. The same divine power which raised Jesus is active in the baptised.

The Christian believers are the community upon whom the winds of GOD's Spirit blows anew and anticipates a complete renewal of life that will come at the general resurrection.

Lazarus' sister, Martha, rebukes Jesus but affirms her faith in the resurrection of the dead. Martha was thinking of the last judgment when tombs would be opened and the dead raised up. Jesus tells her resurrection has arrived and there is little sense in waiting for a last judgment and that all who believe in him, though they die, will live. Jesus is the incarnation of the GOD of the Living. Those who believe him, believe his message of life. This is resurrection now.

Martha was saddened by the idea that her brother would rise up only to die again in a few years and then he'd have to be resurrected after all on the last day. Jesus tells her something that scandalises every religious person: *"the last judgment is the doctrine I bring for society – I am the last day!"*

In spite of Jesus being the resurrection and the life, we need to be freed from our conditioning that prevents us from understanding the new era.

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"Jesus' resurrection shows us that death does not have the last word; life does. Christ has been raised, so it is possible to have a positive outlook on every event of our existence, even the most difficult ones and those charged with anguish and uncertainty." - Pope Francis

Congratulations to Amarasekara family

St Mary's Parish is delighted to hear that Manori, Eranga and Randaya have been granted NZ Residency after 11 years of multiple applications and form filling. During that time they have been much loved, supportive members of our parish family and community and we are all very pleased for them.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 31 March, 7.30pm at Wellsford. Father will be available at this time for anyone who wishes to have one-on-one Reconciliation.

Mid-week Eucharist at Mangawhai: Thursday 30th March at the home of Jan Sosinko and Chris Ohlson, 54D Jack Boyd Drive Ph: 0272761537 – **ALL WELCOME**

INTER-CHURCH SERVICES on GOOD FRIDAY: 7th April

- **9:45am at the Co-operating Church, 253 Rodney Road, Wellsford**
- **7.00pm Tenbrae Service at Christ the King Church, 9 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village**

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Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Seminary buildings reopened. Youth evangelisation team starts in Christchurch. Catholic school hosts state school hit by cyclone. Auckland priest 'patriarch' farewelled.

Lenten Reflections Earth Stations - two contemplative evenings on Zoom where the Stations of the Cross will be interwoven with Pope Francis' Encyclical, "Laudato 'Si'". Tuesday 28th of March 7.00 p.m.- 7.45 p.m. with Lyndall Brown rsj Registrations to lyndalb19@gmail.com 1 185 6750 Details for Zoom will be sent on the day.

Reflection Day Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, Mission Bay

The Senses as Thresholds to the Soul Sr Ann Neven, Saturday 1 April 10am – 3pm \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations to Sr Julian Langton by March 30th marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au Ph: 09 528 1801

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 16 April 5.30pm Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Mt Eden. Poster with details on table at back of church.

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.**

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 26 March	Sunday 2 April (Palm Sunday)
Min/s of Word	Lagi and Marie	Mike Harris, Sam Connery Gospel: Marie (N), Ken, Gay, Maurice
Intercessions	Marie	Sam
Offertory	Manori & Randaya	Des & Kath Bezzant, Lagi
Minister of Eucharist	Ken	Uaura Unaia
Morning Tea	Marie	Maureen
Church Cleaning	Maureen	
Commentator	Monica	Maureen

<u>Prayer intentions for the week</u>	Readings: 5th 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 27 March Daniel Ch.13 Ps.23 John 8:1-11</p> <p>Tuesday 28 March Numbers 21:4-9 Ps.102 John 8:21-30</p> <p>Wednesday 29 March Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28 Canticle Daniel p.172 John 8:31-42</p> <p>Thursday 30 March Genesis 17:3-9 Ps.105 John 8:51-59</p> <p>Friday 31 March Jeremiah 20:10-13 Ps.18 John 10:31-42</p> <p>Saturday 1 April Ezekiel 37:21-28 Canticle Jeremiah p.171 John 11:45-57</p> <p>Sunday 2 April Passion Sunday Procession of Palms Matthew 21:1-11 1. Isaiah 50:4-7 2. Philippians 2:6-11 <u>Gospel</u>: Matthew 26:14-27,66</p>
Prayers for our Sick: <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, Nicky Waihi, . . .</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, Iris Barrow, George Batistich, . . .</i>	
Prayers for the Dead: For <i>Stephen Rayner</i> , (from Whanganui) whose body was brought to Oruawharo to be interred with his wife, who had predeceased him by several years; 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>Johannes Mannus (28th)</i> .	

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am