



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 (b) - 3rd March 2024

Exodus 20:1-17

Ps.19:7-10

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

true worship

Adults preparing to be baptised at Easter The religious authorities couldn't undergo a first scrutiny today. The scrutiny accuse Jesus of purifying the temple of is a communal check of the baptismal corruption and exploitation, because his candidates' zeal for a new life; worshipping message was too consistent with the God in 'the spirit' and 'the truth' of 'the message of the prophets. So instead, they Living Torah' (Jesus). accuse him of trying to destroy the temple.

The readings boost our determination to They gave great importance to the temple. remove any lingering faithlessness that will But the temple authorities' attitudes were frustrate the working of God's love in our ruining people.

lives. Believing in God means we put our All the accusations made by exploiters trust in the holy ONE. The worship of in any society against Christ are similar to money is contrary to faith in God, who the accusations here; that Jesus wanted to demands genuine worship. destroy the religious temple. But Jesus

In the Book of Revelation, John says intends 'temple' to mean, not only the that, in the new Jerusalem, there will be no religious sanctuary but also the temples of temple. He goes on to say that the temple banking and power and commerce. - BF

will be the whole universe. He means that By and large we Catholics look on there is not to be any exploitation: neither in failings in regard to sexuality as real sins, church porches, nor in the streets and but we recognise few other things centres of commerce. In other words, there immediately as sin. The gospel hints that

must be no exploitation at all. our bodies must be seen not just as the

When Jesus was put on trial, sayings of focus of sin, but as temples of God's Holy his are used against him. For example, "He Spirit and that we are to embody the Spirit, said he would destroy the temple". . . but through our sense of touch; our sense of

here Jesus says, "You destroy . . ." which being lovingly present to others; of healing puts the burden of the destruction of the and tending others – that's all part of our temple on the Israelite religious authorities. bodilyness. Eugene O'Sullivan O.P.

"Jesus drove merchants from the temple precincts and stated: 'You cannot serve both God and money'. Once the economy loses its human face, then we are no longer served by money, but ourselves become servants of money." - Pope Francis, 8/10/20

Mid-week Eucharist at Mangawhai: 10.30am Thursday 7th March at the home of Noreen Anderson 0275126134 11 Kahu Drive (of Old Waipu Rd) Mangawhai Heads. ALL WELCOME

Sacramental programme

Please see Father Bill or Maureen if you have a member of your family who is interested in preparing for the sacraments this year: Eucharist (First Holy Communion) and Confirmation. The bishop is scheduled to visit in May this year so a programme of preparation will need to start soon.

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Stations of the Cross – Passion Sunday evening 7pm. Ecumenical service at Wellsford.

Reconciliation before Easter

Mangawhai Thursday 21st March 10.30am; Wellsford Friday 22nd March 7pm; Maungaturoto Saturday 23rd 3pm (before Mass).

Loaves and Fishes Foodbank Wellsford

Looking back, many thanks for all your support in previous years.

This year, however, we are already very busy trying to help those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. Any donations of basic food staples, washing powder and baby nappies would be most appreciated at any time during the year. These and any surplus garden produce can be left in the baskets in the back of the church on Sundays.

God bless you for your generosity.

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend **ONE** of these workshops from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

10th March | West (Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden)

19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

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Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue:

- St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College opens.
- Pounamu taonga for national shrine.
- Campaign for living wage for lowest-paid school workers.
- Chch Catholic women encouraged to form little communities.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/d4629192-9888-4a1c-9815-cd34d35c7953>

Enjoy a Video of NZ experiences of the Synod on Synodality. Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM, Wairarapa parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda, and Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley have shared their experiences of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. This YouTube video is a recording of a Zoom session they held with a live audience on Thursday 15 March 2024.

Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COKdE6mIojU>

Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life The landmark new Catholic bishops' teaching document *Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life* has been reprinted, with paper copies available for just \$3 each. *Te Kahu o Te Ora* contains a succinct overview of eight key moral areas including creation; the beginning and end-of-life; discrimination and abuse; poverty; war and peace; justice and correction; and information technology and artificial intelligence. Published by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference last September, it is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God. Read more about *Te Kahu o te Ora* and look at electronic and PDF copies of it here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu/>
 Order printed copies of *Te Kahu o te Ora* by sending an email with your name, the name of your parish, your postal address and the number of copies you require, to communications@nzcbc.org.nz with "Te Kahu o te Ora" in the subject line. We will invoice you with your delivered order.

Fr David Dowling appointed Rector of Holy Cross Seminary

Father David Dowling has been appointed as the new rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Fr David is at present the Human Formator at Holy Cross. He will take over the role in April from the present Interim Rector, Bishop Emeritus Colin Campbell. Fr David is a priest of the Archdiocese of Wellington whose priestly journey began when he entered Holy Cross in 2001 after a career as a Customs officer. Fr David is committed as Rector to following the example of Pope Francis in cultivating the joy of the Gospel with a sense of being part of God's people: *"I am inspired and encouraged by the teaching of Pope Francis, who sees priestly formation as service, not simply as the transmission of a body of teachings, but also the art of concentrating on others, bringing out all their beauty and all the good that they carry within."*

Further information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/rector/>

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 3 March	Sunday 10 March	Sunday 17 March
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Marie Rambaud, Bob Schimanski	Gay Pride, Lagi Sands	Mike Harris, Sam Connery
<i>Intercessions</i>	Bob	Gay	Sam
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Angelina	Uraura Unaia	Gay Pride
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Liz Emmerson	Mike & Lynette	Gay & Mary Rose
<i>Church Cleaning</i>		Monica Pride	
<i>Lay Leader</i>	Monica	Marie	Ken

Prayer intentions for the week

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Prayers for our Sick:

Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Philip Cotching, Petronella Brom & family, Lorna Bocoock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Margaret Rissman, Veronica & Iain Butler, Vicky Billing & family, Fran Cahill, Roselle & Owen McGrane,

Trevor Brljevich, Lulu & Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Bob & Julia Bland, Peter McHugh, Adolph Layec,

Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Iris Barrow, Lagi Sands,

Prayers for the Dead:

For those who have died in the current conflicts in our world and for our beloved dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *Joy Nolan (7th), Maureen McKelvie (7th), Susan Kanuka (9th).*

Readings: 3rd Week of Lent

Monday 4 March

2Kings 5:1-15

Ps.42

Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday 5 March

Daniel 3:25,34-43

Ps.25

Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday 6 March

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9

Ps.147B

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday 7 March

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Ps.95

Luke 11:14-23

Friday 8 March

Hosea 14:2-20

Ps.81

Mark 12:28-34

Saturday 9 March

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Ps.51

Luke 18:9-14

Sunday 10 March 4th Sunday of Lent

1. 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Ps.137

2. Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am