



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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2nd Sunday of Easter (b) – 7th March 2024

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 118

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is derived from the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to Our Lord's Divine Mercy. This theme links to the readings of this day. The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in today's gospel. This reading includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas. This occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter.

The call is to change our style of living as the early Christians in Jerusalem did by sharing possessions. As the author of the letter of John insists; faith in Christ and neighbour-love must keep together belief in Christ and Christian practise. As St. Faustina too insisted on living in the light of the Lord's Divine Mercy. Those who want to live trusting in the promises of Jesus, are often made to feel they are a minority group doing something on the periphery of society. Ridicule, harassment, fear, bitterness, and discouragement, all make a strong case for simply walking away from the call.

The essence of God's nature and purpose, as revealed by Jesus as the mercy of God, is to identify with the weak. While prayer, information and analysis are important, there's no substitute for personal involvement with people on the receiving end of injustice. For most of us, that means seeking ways to be alongside and available in some lively way. It means being open to be taught by victims. It means we be open to receive gifts rather than assuming we bring gifts. - BF

Our faith in the Risen Jesus is translated into works which generate life. The account of John clarifies that the resurrection does not impose itself as evidence and the Risen Jesus' appearances slowly impact on his disciples. Faith opens us all to the risen presence of Jesus among his own.

The first Christians didn't divest themselves of their wealth as if this action was a good in itself. They did so to raise the standard of living of needy members of the same community. (Acts 4:32-35).

“There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God”. - Pope Francis

LITURGY MEETING

At Wellsford 9th April 9.30am.

Parish Pastoral Council

Next meeting Wednesday 1 May 4pm at 3 Furlongs, Kaiwaka.

AGM – Sunday 26 May at Wellsford after 10.30am Mass.

NZ CATHOLIC

Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue:

- Relics of 11 saints coming to NZ.
- Hamilton bishop urges blokes to know Jesus.
- Wellington cathedral to open in June.
- Divine Mercy advert controversy surprises advertiser.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/9b10ab70-d931-4a07-9169-5930888a2cda>

Divine Mercy Feast at St Benedict's Parish

Sunday 7th April at 5:30pm. 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Free Parking at Wilson carpark & street parking is also free on Sunday.

CDA ConnectThe latest issue, a roundup of happenings in the diocese and what's coming up is now out. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Towards October 2024 Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?" The diocese is offering sessions to provide an opportunity for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

Upcoming Events at Mary MacKillop Centre

Taize Prayer Evening Friday 12 April at 7pm Mary MacKillop Chapel, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay

A Day with Henri Nouwen April 20, 10am – 4pm, Led by Eamon Butler Mary MacKillop Prayer Room, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, 20,\$35 /\$25. Please Register by 17 April

Card Crafting Workshop Saturday 20 April 10am – 3pm Mary MacKillop Centre, 26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay, Facilitated by Meg Hills RSJ, \$35 /\$25. Register by 17 April
All Registrations to Sr Jill McLoughlin MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au Mob: 021 091 15260

Building a Thriving Parish is part 2 of the *Go Make Disciples* series of presentations on Parish Renewal. We will be sharing experiences, challenges, and practical tools and insights to help you as Lay Leaders to help your parish thrive.

This will be held at 7pm – 9PM Wednesday 24th April 2024 at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough. Koha on the night. RSVP to stephenf@cda.org.nz

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. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

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/>

Join Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College for its new webinar series, A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology.

*On this week of Easter celebrations
keep us focused on the message
of joy in the resurrection.
Help our lives of service to stir up
in the hearts of your people
the question of what it means to rise from the dead.*

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 7 April	Sunday 14 April	Sunday 21 April
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Monica Pride, Mike Harris	Bob Schimanski, Lagi Sands	Gay Pride, Marie Rambaud
<i>Intercessions</i>	Monica	Bob	Marie
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Ken Hancock	Maureen Hancock	Eranga
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Liz Emmerson	Marie Rambaud	Mike & Lynette
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Maureen Hancock		Angelina & Tangi
<i>Lay Leader</i>	Marie	Ken	Monica

Prayer intentions for the week

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Pray for our Sick:

Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Philip Cotching, Petronella Brom, Lorna Boccock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen & Neville Rissman, Fran Cahill, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Richard Henry, Iain Butler, . . .

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

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

Prayers for the Dead:

For *Veronica Butler, Tyler Higginson, Benjamin Martinez, . . .* who died recently and for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *David Sands (3rd), Prue Whitehead (5th), Anne Gregory (7th), Christina Colville (8th), Audrey Jury (10th), Mary Driscoll-Richards (10th), Vincent Lipanovich (12th).*

Readings: 2nd Week of Easter

Monday 8 April Annunciation

1. Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Ps.40

2. Hebrews 10:4-10

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday 9 April

Acts 4:32-37

Ps.93

John 3:7-15

Wednesday 10 April

Acts 5:17-26

Ps.34

John 3:16-21

Thursday 11 April St Stanislaus

Acts 5:27-33

Ps.34

John 3:31-36

Friday 12 April

Acts 5:34-42

Ps.27

John 6:1-15

Saturday 13 April

Acts 6:1-7

Ps.33

John 6:16-21

Sunday 14 April 3rd Sunday of Easter

1. Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Ps.5

2. 1John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

St Mary's Parish

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am