



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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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (b) – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Psalm 4:1-8

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

### *Life in the Spirit of the Risen Jesus*

The appearances of the risen Christ to his disciples seek to confirm them in their faith and to awaken them to their responsibilities. Luke reiterates the unity between the historical Jesus and the risen Christ. Now they understand him better and their minds are opened to the Scriptures. They see their task is to be witnesses to the message and resurrection of the Lord, 'beginning from Jerusalem'. For Luke, it is from there, that the victory over death is to be proclaimed.

Luke records Jesus appearing to Simon Peter; to two disciples on the road to Emmaus; and to the Eleven joined by the disciples from Emmaus. The risen Jesus, who searches out stray disciples, is the same Jesus who sat down and ate with the poor and outcasts. His disciples recognise him in the act of breaking bread and eating fish with them. This 'presence' has nothing to do with remembering a dead hero; it is a living presence. Luke records very physical signs that the risen Jesus is truly present in the movement that continues on after Jesus

had 'departed'. It is the dawn of the new day. The day that had been promised in Israel's Scriptures. The disciples need to proclaim this new reality, beyond the Holy City, by their own liberating practise. On the road to all the nations, the story of Jesus' practise gets re-woven. Death had barely laid the body of Jesus to rest in the Earth than it was "raised up". Death has not had the last word. Death couldn't stop the story being told. The questions posed by the resurrection appearances are left for us readers to answer ourselves. The gospel accounts are open to sequels. The story isn't closed. The disciples' relationships with others is no longer that of domination; but of walking with others on a journey. The seeing and hearing of the liberating practise of Jesus is to be found in our own practise. For disciples after the resurrection, the question was, and still is: "what is our *practice on the level of love, hope and faith?*" rather than, "do we have the *faith?*" - BF

***"The evil so present in the world does not have the final word.***

***See Jesus as happy, overflowing with joy. Rejoice with him as with a friend who has triumphed. They killed him, the holy one, the just one, the innocent one, but he triumphed in the end. Evil does not have the last word. Nor will it have the last word in your life, for you have a friend who loves you and wants to triumph in you. Your Saviour lives". Pope Francis***

**Bishop Steve Lowe** will visit our parish during the weekend of 4/5 May and will say Mass at Maungaturoto on Saturday 4 May 4pm, Mangawhai Sunday 5 May 8.30am (with confirmation) and Wellsford 5 May 10.30am (with confirmation). The Bishop is keen to meet with parishioners where possible. There will be a shared lunch after 10.30 Mass at Wellsford, all welcome, please bring a plate of food to share.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

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

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

**Pilgrims of Hope** - Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 –The NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

### **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>

**The Fifth Gospel Project** Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz) More information on this <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

**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/> ***Please pray for the Synod Process***

**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](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology).

**Relics Tour** From **26 April to 5 May** there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/)

**Upcoming Events at Mary MacKillop Centre**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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). ***So far four from Wellsford attending, please ph. Marie 0210544772 if you wish to attend.***

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

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

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 14 April	Sunday 21 April	Sunday 28 April
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Bob Schimanski, Lagi Sands	Gay Pride, Marie Rambaud	Ken Hancock, Sam Connery
<i>Intercessions</i>	Bob	Marie	Sam
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Maureen Hancock	Eranga	Gay Pride
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Marie Rambaud	Mike & Lynette	Gay & Mary Rose
<i>Church Cleaning</i>		Angelina & Tangi	
<i>Lay Leader</i>	Ken	Monica	Marie

## 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.

### **Prayers for our Sick:**

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

*Trevor Brljevič, 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 *Philip Cotching & Veronica Butler who died recently*, for those who have died in the current conflicts in our world and for our beloved dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *Warwick Taylor (19<sup>th</sup>) and Benjamin Martinez.*

## Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

### **Monday 15 April**

Acts 6:8-15 Ps.119G  
John 6:22-29

### **Tuesday 16 April**

Acts 7:51-8:1 Ps.31  
John 6:30-35

### **Wednesday 17 April**

Acts 8:1-8 Ps.66  
John 6:35-40

### **Thursday 18 April**

Acts 8:26-40 Ps.66  
John 6:44-51

### **Friday 19 April**

Acts 9:1-20 Ps.117  
John 6:52-59

### **Saturday 20 April**

Acts 9:31-42 Ps.116B  
John 6:60-69

### **Sunday 21 April** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

1. Acts 4:8-12 Ps.118

2. 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

## **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**