



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St Mary's Parish - Maungaturoto - Mangawhai - Wellsford

Saturday Vigil MAUNGATUROTO – Mass 4.00pm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)
2nd & 4th Saturdays – Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion: 4.00pm.

Sunday - MANGAWHAI: Mass 8.30am (2nd & 4th Sundays).
1st & 3rd Sundays Liturgy of Word Holy Communion: 8.30am.

WELLSFORD: Mass 10.30am every Sunday
Tues 9.00am & Fri 11.30am Eucharistic Adoration Fri 10.45-11.20am

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (b) – 11th August 2024

1Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

internalising the Word of God

John builds on Mark's gospel narrative with a report on the meaning of the signs of Jesus' liberating practise. The people were searching for an answer of what they should do. They had misunderstood the earlier signs of Jesus feeding crowds with bread and fish. They hadn't understood the words and signs Jesus had given them.

In the messianic era, the Lord's Word comes down from heaven, to give food to people. Jesus wishes to show that his practise of sharing food with the five thousand, just before Passover, was messianic. It is a sign that Wisdom has come to give food to all who seek.

Jesus states he is sent by God and he is from God. That is how he can claim to have "come down from heaven." If the crowd will desist from their murmuring – which shows their refusal to believe – and if they will leave themselves open to God's movement, God will draw them to Jesus and raise them up. Jesus quotes the prophets, who speak of a future age, when the people will be taught by God – if only they will listen.

The crowd had held up to Jesus the example of their ancestors who ate manna in the desert but Jesus pointed out that this did not save them from death. Jesus says he is the sacrament necessary for eternal life. That wisdom is not only heard by the ear – it is consumed through the mouth! Belief, and coming to Jesus, is internalised.

As would-be disciples on our good days, we may allow God to be God and allow mystery to define our lives. But more than likely we want knowledge, control and goods on our own terms. This lack of trustfulness in our living; this lack of respect for the true power-for-life-giving or grace, leads us to denials and cover-ups. The same thing happened with Jesus' listeners. We, like Jesus' original audience, cannot believe or imagine things can be any other than the way they are at present. Such an attitude contradicts the virtue of hope and fails to respect other peoples' rights to enjoy the realm of God.

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"... the Body of Christ is the bread of the last times, able to give life, eternal life, because the substance of this bread is Love." - Pope Francis

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Next meeting Wednesday 14 August at Wellsford Presbytery 4.00pm

Men's Events

"AS IRON SHARPENS IRON..." Proverbs 27:17

There are some AWESOME Men's events ahead, where you can join other men to be encouraged and inspired in your journey with Christ....

1. Joshua North Shore Catholic Men's Fellowship: This great group of guys meets monthly (last Saturday of the month) for fellowship, to read the Word of God, pray and worship together. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18 August starting 7.15pm at St Thomas More , 336 Wairau Rd. Guest Speaker Jim Gribble will be speaking on "Chaplaincy:- a Vital Ministry" Contact Russell (022) 0345678 for more information.

2. A Men's Breakfast: will be held on Saturday 28 August starting 7.30am at **Holy Name Church, Warkworth**. All men are welcome for a hearty breakfast, great fellowship and an inspiring talk. We are very excited to have Simon O'Connor from Family First as our guest speaker so save the date! Please RSVP to Jerome (027) 2334380. Koha on the day, with any profit to the Holy Name Church Youth Group. We finish in time for Mass which follows at 9am for those who wish.

3. Is the Lord challenging you to draw closer to Him? If the answer is YES! then we have an amazing opportunity for you....A One-day Men's Retreat with our **Bishop Steve Lowe**, titled "**He Emptied Himself**" (Philippians 2:7), will be held on Saturday 19 October (8am-4pm) at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield.

This day will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve. Bring a packed lunch or buy from the local shops. Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs. All men are welcome. Contact Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 or Russell Sobotker (022) 0345678 to register.

World Youth Day Auckland | Saturday 17th August 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay

Save the date for this incredible experience! Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us for an unforgettable celebration of our Catholic faith.

Get ready for praise & worship, a special guest speaker, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, free kai, time to connect with other young Catholics, and so much more!

Registrations opening soon! Go to facebook.com/AKCYM for updates or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

ALONE AGAIN? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of separation, divorce, or widowhood on **6-8 September** at the Friary. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 31 JULY. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

St Patrick's Cathedral – Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 15 August - Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph are at 7 am, 12.15 pm & a special after work time of 5.30 pm. \$4.50 MASS PARKING is available for the 5.30 pm Mass only at the Wilson's car park on Hobson St using the ParkMate App. Please use the Promo Code STPATS.

On 25 July the **Royal Commission into Abuse in Care** presented its final report. Church leaders have publicly thanked the Inquiry for the work they have done in preparing this report. The Catholic bishops and congregational leaders acknowledge the Church's history and the ongoing trauma of those who have been harmed. Over the past 30 years, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa has made significant progress in responding to reports of abuse and safeguarding. Our focus on safeguarding and care is informed by the past and aims to ensure that people are safe in care today. All are encouraged to engage with the work of the Royal Commission via their website - <https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/> The Church's response has been coordinated by Te Rōpū Tautoko – Visit their website - <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/>

The Church takes all complaints of abuse seriously. Complaints of sexual abuse against church personnel in New Zealand are referred to the Church's National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS). Increased public discussion, such as with the Inquiry, can be the catalyst for people to come forward. We encourage anyone who has been abused by a priest or religious to contact NOPS, for your story to be heard and your complaint to be investigated. Alternately you may choose to go directly to the Police, and the Church will support anyone who requires assistance to do this.

Email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz

Phone: 0800 114 622

Web: <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/>

<u>Wellsford Roster</u>			
	Sunday 11 August	Sunday 18 August	Sunday 25 August
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Lagi Sands, Ken Hancock	Marie Rambaud, Colleen	Mike Harris, Gay Pride
<i>Intercessions</i>	Ken	Marie	Gay
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Angelina Nmootu	Eranga	Uraura Unaia
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Monica Pride	Gay Pride	Lynette & Mike
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Francis & Teneaki		Monica
<i>Lay Leader</i>	Monica	Maureen	Marie

Prayer intentions for the week

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Prayers for our Sick:

Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Petronella Brom, Lorna Bocoock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Richard Henry, Bob Walters, Teresa McCarthy, Tom Ryan,

Trevor Brljevic, Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Adolph Layec, , . . .

Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Iris Barrow, Lagi Sands, Tim Emberson, Caroline Milner, Theresa Graham, Anne Nightingale

Prayers for the Dead:

For *Christine Casey-Stiles* and for our beloved dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *Edmund Goldfinch (11th), Phyllis Sanders (14th), Wiremu Taurua (17th), Yvonne Hamilton (18th).*

Readings: 19th Week Ordinary Time

Monday 12 August

Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28
Matthew 17:22-27

Ps.148

Tuesday 13 August

Ezekiel 2:8-3;4
Matthew 18:1-5,10-14

Ps.119B

Wednesday 14 August St Maximillian Kolbe

Ezekiel 9:1-7,10:18-22
Matthew 18:15-20

Ps.113

Thursday 15 August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1. Apocalypse 11:19;21:1-6,10
2. 1Corinthians 15:20-26

Ps.45B

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Friday 16 August

Ezekiel 16:1-15,59-63
Matthew 19:3-12

Canticle Isaiah p.170

Saturday 17 August

Ezekiel 18:1-13,30-32
Matthew 19:13-15

Ps.51

Sunday 18 August 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

1. Proverbs 9:1-6
2. Ephesians 5:15-20

Ps.34

Gospel: John 6:51-58

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am