



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## St Mary's Parish - Maungaturoto - Mangawhai - Wellsford

Saturday Vigil MAUNGATUROTO – Mass 4.00pm (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays – Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion: 4.00pm.

Sunday - MANGAWHAI: Mass 8.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays).

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (b) – 18th August 2024

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:1-2, 9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

### *further teaching on the 'Bread of Life'*

For wisdom writers (*Prov.9:1-6*) the search for wisdom begins with '*fear of the Lord*'. That means letting God be God and letting mystery define human life. The role of wisdom in the Hebrew tradition is understood as the way responsible, reasonable knowledge of the world and passionate trust in the Lord God are held together. The wisdom writer answers the question of where wisdom is to be found. The Lord God is Wisdom.

To live intelligently or wisely, refers to the kind of wisdom cultivated in the Hebrew wisdom tradition – the orienting of one's values to those approved by the Lord God, rather than acquiring intellectual know-how! That means living with God's commandments, pursuing the traits which make for peaceful and harmonious life and being attentive to God's wisdom.

Jesus says that he himself is the Word that replaces the manna which the Israelites linked with Torah! (*John 6:51-58*). The only true bread that comes down from heaven is the Word of love. Jesus claims he is '*the true bread from heaven*' because he is God's Word.

The word '*flesh*' suggests a link between the Eucharist and the Incarnation. The '*Word-made-flesh*' is the food of the people. The bread Jesus speaks about is love; of giving up self-interest and seeking union, or communion, or community.

To have eternal life is to be in close communion with Jesus. Jesus is united with God and shares the life of God. Jesus insists on the genuine value of '*his flesh and blood*' as food and drink! The believer not only listens to Jesus' message – the external Word – but consumes it as real food and real drink; internalising the Word as food in the Sacramental action!

When the disciples of Jesus share the Bread of the Eucharist, they share a real union with the body of Jesus and unite with the whole people with whom he is identified – and they unite with God!

Jesus, by his practice, is saying that believing the Word and consuming that Word as food and drink – is about changing the world by replacing the system of injustice, with a system of love.

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***“Jesus is the living bread that gives life to the world. His Body is the true food in the form of bread; His Blood is the true sustenance in the form of wine. It is not a simple form of nourishment to sate our bodies, like manna; 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

## **Loaves and Fishes Foodbank**

So far this year, 474 food parcels have been provided, for the needs of 825 adults and 880 children. We really appreciate the efforts of those parishioners who have helped by generously giving us something towards this.

However, the needs continue. The Kiwi Harvest truck delivers some rescued food to Warkworth weekly, and the small food items contributed by our parish and churches do help, but the foodbank still has to purchase food staples every week. There are also overheads to pay for. These bills add up and mean that the basic work of the food bank will not be sustainable long term unless we have more support.

If you find it hard to remember to bring an item for the food bank basket at the back of the church, maybe you would find it easier to contribute a couple of dollars each week automatically by bank direct credit. Such a small amount from a few people would add up to make a big difference!

If you are interested in this, please see Maureen or ring her 0273571158. Meanwhile, please remember our food bank in your prayers.

Thank you again

## **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. 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.

**2. 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.

## **Refresher Education Sessions**

The Diocesan Faith Formation Team is offering refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the ministries of 1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation. This is open to all educators and volunteers involved in these ministries. Regional sessions in West Auckland, East Auckland, and Northshore will be occurring through August and early September Please register on

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/> to attend for your parish.

For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) or 021439407 Look forward to seeing you all there!

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](mailto:prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz) Phone: 0800 114 622


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

**Special Mass for Loss of a Child** A Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. The Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist help facilitate healing through fully knowing God's love and mercy. St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice Ave, Remuera Saturday 7th September 5.00pm Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm. For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell on behalf of St Michael's Parish, 027 6415615

**Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:**

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 3rd-12th 2025! Registrations opened July 14th at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit [heartsaflame.org.nz](https://heartsaflame.org.nz) to register or find out more.

<b>Wellsford Roster</b>			
	<b>Sunday 18 August</b>	<b>Sunday 25 August</b>	
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Marie Rambaud, Colleen Williams	Mike Harris, Gay Pride	
<i>Intercessions</i>	Marie	Gay	
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Eranga	Uraura Unaia	
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Gay Pride	Lynette & Mike	
<i>Church Cleaning</i>		Monica	
<i>Leader</i>	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 Boccock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Richard Henry, Bob Walters, Teresa McCarthy, Tom Ryan . . . .*

*Trevor Brljevich, 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 our beloved dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *Yvonne Hamilton (18<sup>th</sup>), Ross Korewha, Len Yelas (21<sup>st</sup>), Ester Karl (25<sup>th</sup>).*



## Readings: 20<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

Monday 19 August

Ezekiel 24:15-24

Cant. Deut. p.165

Matthew 19:16-22

**Tuesday 20 August** St Bernard, abbot

Ezekiel 28:1-10

Cant. Deut. p.165

Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday 21 August** St Pius X, Pope

Ezekiel 34:1-11

Ps.23

Matthew 20:1-16

**Thursday 22 August** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel 36:23-28

Ps.51

Matthew 22:1-14

**Friday 23 August**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ps.106

Matthew 22:34-40

**Saturday 24 August** St Bartholomew, Apostle

Apocalypse 21:9-14

Ps.145

John 1:45-51

**Sunday 25 August** 21<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time

1. Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Ps.34

2. Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

## **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**