



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

24th Sunday Ordinary Time (b) – 15th September 2024 the Season of Creation: Week 3

Isaiah 50:5-9

Psalms 116:1-6, 8-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

the cost of discipleship

Jesus begins teaching his disciples that he too must suffer, be rejected and killed. He rejects Peter's insistence that God would not let that happen to the Messiah. Jesus knew that he was preaching God's Word of Truth to a divided and hostile world. His Word threatened the control and social status of those in positions of religious and political power.

Jesus is to be a suffering messiah and anyone who wishes to follow him must tread his way of suffering. Jesus was not merely announcing the realm of God, as the prophets had done before, but with him, the realm of God has come about! The cross makes clear what is demanded of the disciple. Just as Jesus saw himself as coming to his glory through suffering, ". . . and after three days rise again", so with disciples who are prepared to lose themselves for Jesus and the Gospel.

People around the world who are raising their prophetic voices for Care of Earth and Care of the Poor, in these times are enduring the resistance, persecution, suffering, and death

They make up a community of human martyrs of this age, joining the plants, animals and other species suffering extinction from the effects of humanly generated climate change. Real faith, like Jesus' own faith, links involvement with others; feels their conditions; and communicates frankly with them in the name of faith. Real faith keeps things real.

Are we ready to speak out and stand with vulnerable communities under attack for their work and witness for eco-justice? Indigenous communities? Communities of the poor and communities resisting environmental racism? Are we conscious of those who have been killed or have suffered great violence for their work responding to 'the Cry of Earth and the Cry of the Poor?' Who are these prophets in our region? How do their courage and witness affect us? How can they inspire and encourage us to express our faith in God's mission to us to heal Earth in urgent

"It is Jesus himself who is beside us on our journey through life, always. Journeying - our life is a journey and when we stop moving, things go wrong. Joy - Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst" – Pope Francis

Rest in Peace

**The Most Reverend Bishop Denis George Browne DD
21 September 1937 – 1 September 2024**

**Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII GCCT KStJ KCLJ
(born Tūheitia Paki)
21 April 1955 – 30 August 2024)
crowned as Kīngi Tūheitia**

Sunday 29th September is the 5th Sunday

There will be one Mass only for the whole parish during that weekend.

Mass will be at **Wellsford Sunday 29 September at 10.30am.**

Please bring a small plate of food to share at morning tea after Mass.

Also on Sunday 29th September: there will be an address during Mass, by **Deacon Sanele Poluleuligaga**, about the Diocese's **Justice and Peace Commission**.

Information Session at St Francis Xavier Parish!

Have you considered the opportunities available for your son's Catholic education? Sacred Heart College Hostel invites you to our **Information Session on Saturday, 21st September**, from **11am to 1pm** at **St Francis Xavier Parish**, 63 Park Avenue, Kensington, Whangārei. We will gather in Eymard House (the brick house). Please enter via 63 Park Avenue, turn right, and parking is available by Eymard House.

What to Expect:

- Meet our Headmaster, Mr Patrick Walsh, and Deputy Headmaster, Boarding, Mr Nick Croxford
- Learn about our facilities and academic programmes
- Q&A session to address all your queries.

We look forward to meeting you!

To register and for more information, [visit our website](#) or contact Mr Nick Croxford at ncroxford@sacredheart.

The Season of Creation 2024 has the theme: '*Hope and act with Creation*'. The season extends from 1st September (the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th October (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The latter date marks the beginning of the Second session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome. The designated Lectionary readings, for the five Sundays of the season, can be read with '*ecological eyes*'. With the world's current environment crisis there's a pastoral need to address the crisis in prayer. Sunday worship is the common way we Catholics come to know and experience God's will.

One Day Retreat for Men

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.

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland promotes for strong and inclusive communities for missionary discipleship. Come to the **Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival** to be held on **Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September** | at the Malaeola Samoan Catholic Community Centre |16 Waokauri Place, Mangere | A time of celebration with Food, Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS – The Slippery Slope of Euthanasia The latest review of assisted suicide / euthanasia Annual Report June 2024 Among the key findings:

- 5% increase in assisted deaths in the last 12 months.
- 11% increase in applications.
- 83% NZ European. Pasifika <0.5%. Maori <4%. Asian 2%. Other 12%.
- 12% of applicants had a disability.
- Less than 7% of applicants are for neurological conditions

A public consultation questionnaire is easy to access and use, with fifteen questions and CLOSES at 5pm on Thursday 26 September 2024. You can access the questionnaire here: <https://consult.health.govt.nz/regulatory-policy/public-consultation-for-the-review-of-the-end-of-l/consultation/intro/>

<p>A Prayer for Our Earth <i>All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the</i></p>	<p><i>world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.</i></p>
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Wellsford Roster

	Sunday 15 Sept	Sunday 22 Sept	Sunday 29 Sept
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Maureen Hancock, Lagi Sands	Mike Harris, Gay Pride Gay	Bob Schimanski, Marie Rambaud
<i>Intercessions</i>	Maureen	Uraura Unaia	Marie
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Eranga Amarasekara	Lynette & Mike	Eranga Amarasekara
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Maureen	Marie	Shared lunch
<i>Church Cleaning Leader</i>	Ken	Maureen	Ken

Prayer intentions for the week

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Prayers for the Sick:

Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Tina Mehary, Sheita Mehary, 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, Jayden Wilson, Kathy Brockliss (Hokianga), Emelia Brockliss (Mexico) Lee McCarthy,

Trevor Brijevich, 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.....

Prayers for the Dead:

For *Bishop Denis Browne* and *Kingi Tuheitia* and our beloved dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including *Mary Partington (16th)*, *Delpie Browne (17th)*, *Victor Pereira (21st)*.

Readings: 24th Week Ordinary Time

Monday 16 Sept. Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
1Corinthians 11:17-26,33 Ps.40
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 17 Sept.
1Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31 Ps.100
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday 18 Sept.
1Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Ps.33
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday 19 Sept.
1Corinthians 15:1-11 Ps.118
Luke 7:36-50

Friday 20 Sept. Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Hasang & Comps.
1Corinthians 15:12-20 Ps.17
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday 21 Sept. St Andrew Apostle
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps.19A
Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday 22 Sept. 25th Sunday Ordinary Time
1. Wisdom 2:12,17-20 Ps.54
2. James 3:16-4:3
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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Mangawhai - Maungaturoto – Wellsford

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am