



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (b) – 29th September 2024 the Season of Creation: Week 5

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalms 19:7,9,11-13

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

all must be prophets

The readings for this, the fifth Sunday of the Season of Creation, warn that our ‘*sinfulness*’ is destroying our communities, the human family and Earth; the supportive and nurturing home of us all! We are challenged to be active and prophetic in working for the New Creation.

The reading from James (5:1-6) reflects the judgment, widespread through the early centuries of Christianity, that those who have more than they need are in effect stealing from those who don’t have the basics they need. Wealthy nations and wealthy communities and individuals have an urgent responsibility to address the crises their ways of living have created for the world community. These times demand human solidarity and a working together that is totally unprecedented in human history up until now.

John (Mark 9..) tells Jesus that he and the others tried to stop someone, who didn’t follow Jesus, from driving out demons in his (Jesus’ name). Like Moses, Jesus rejects exclusive ownership to good works. He urges his disciples to respect those doing these works; “*Anyone who is not against us, is for us*”. Many non-Christians, or people who don’t call

themselves Christians, do great work.

Jesus doesn’t divide people into believers and atheists. Those who show hospitality to the needy understand the meaning of God’s realm. Such actions subvert systems based on the exploitation of the weak by the powerful. Blessings are involved. Jesus is there. God is there. It is a Real Presence!

Jesus gives a grim warning about how seriously we need to take our sins and what terrible punishment will lie ahead for teaching the young our sinful ways. Jesus’s warning demands we look at how we are raising our children and how they are learning to relate to Earth. And his injunction, to cut out of our lives what causes us to sin, is vivid and effective use of Jewish hyperbole. Earlier when Jesus had been speaking about children, He meant “*all the weak and oppressed*”. Here he clearly refers to the oppressed when he shifts from ‘*children*’ to ‘*little ones*’.

We don’t always find that it is easy to assimilate new and unexpected developments when we belong to an institution as old as the Catholic Church. The readings warn us against condemning new developments too quickly. - BF

“The great biblical tradition enjoins on all peoples the duty to hear the voice of the poor. It bids us break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed scandalous, social inequalities” – Pope Francis 2015

LOAVES AND FISHES FOODBANK WELLSFORD -Update

A sincere thank you to those of you who have been supporting this worthy cause with donations of food items and baby products over recent weeks as well as those in our parish who are contributing financially through direct credit into the Foodbank account. These are helping us meet the needs of those in our community who are struggling. Already this year, until the end of August, we have made **533 food parcels** which have helped **and 969 adults and 987 children in total**.

In September, our weekly tallies have increased and I will give you the figures next time. This service is not sustainable long term unless we can get more financial support (even a couple of dollars a week would help) or food donations. Any help is very much appreciated!

Mid-Week Eucharist – Maungaturo Church Wednesday 2nd October 10.00am

Copyright Reporting Training

As part of the Risk Management plan in the Catholic Diocese of Auckland it is a legal requirement that all parishes who project lyrics or print off lyrics on a song sheet or bulletin report their use. We are offering a zoom training session for how to do this on Tuesday 1st October 2024 from 6.30pm. Registrations essential to tinac@cda.org.nz by Monday 30th September 2024. A zoom link will be sent to you along with your OneLicense login details before the start time.

Building a Fruitful Parish

If you are passionate about vibrancy in your parish, “*Building a Fruitful Parish*” is an Auckland Catholic Diocese event not to be missed.

Cathy Kennedy - Evangelisation Director of St Declan’s Parish in Sydney will be sharing practical experience and knowledge on how to help your parish grow in vibrancy by understanding “what comes next” in growing a parish and building parishioner engagement. All are welcome to join us at the St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Road Hillsborough, **14 October 7 – 9pm** to enjoy nibbles and refreshment with like-minded parish leaders.

Please register at

<https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-nz/thefruitfulparishintentionallybuildingacultureofev/585438> Registrations are essential- \$15.00 per person. If you have any questions, please contact Emily on finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or Cheryl on cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org

Masterclass Saturday 05th October 3:00pm – 8:30pm at 30 New Street Ponsonby

If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry. Registrations now open: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you!! - Vacancy for a Live-In Host interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality?? We have a vacancy for a Live-in Retreat House Host (RHH), paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests and a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day. Please see our website for more info or get in touch with us enquiry@sistereretreat.com

Pregnancy Choice & Abundance Op Shop

Opening **18th October** @ 272 Ti Rakau Drive, East Tāmaki. Demonstrating love by fully informing and supporting women to explore their options in a stress-free, nonjudgmental, safe space. For more information contact Rebecca 021 149 1320 rebecca@pregnancychoice.org.nz. Follow our progress and learn more: FB@abundanceopshopeasttamaki www.pregnancychoice.org.nz

Exploring Sacred Spaces

We are pleased to announce our next series "***Exploring Sacred Spaces***". We are planning to visit 5 Sacred Spaces this year:

Wed, 02 Oct, 7-8.30pm: Manurewa Baha'i Centre (Baha'i)

Sat, 05 Oct, 1.30-3.30pm: St John the Evangelist (Catholic)


Sat, 12 Oct, 2-3.30pm: Harkrishan Sahib Ji (Sikh)

If you want to read about our previous event in this series, you might like to check out:

<http://www.aucklandinterfaithcouncil.org.nz/events/exploring-sacred-spaces-2/> Please share the invitation attached with your networks.

Liturgy Magazine

Liturgy is a quarterly magazine, curated to support liturgical life in parishes, schools, and faith communities. The Liturgy Centre, from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland in New Zealand, has been producing this magazine for nearly 50 years. Liturgy is available online on the diocesan website. It is free: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/magazine/>.

Wellsford Roster		
Sunday 29 Sept		
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Bob Schimanski, Marie Rambaud	
<i>Intercessions</i>	Marie	
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Eranga Amarasekara	
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Shared lunch	
<i>Church Cleaning</i>		
<i>Leader</i>	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 our 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, Theresa McCarthy, Kathy Brockliss (Hokianga), Emelia Brockliss (Mexico),

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,

Prayers for the Dead:

For the deaths in Gaza, Lebanon and the Ukraine. For **Tom Ryan & Bartley Wech**, who died recently, . . . And for the death anniversaries of: **Robert Tayler (29th)**, **October: Leo Butler (2nd)**, **Tony Perry (2nd)**, **Peter Beveridge (3rd)**, **Brett Anderson (4th)**.

Readings: 26th Week Ordinary Time

Monday 30 Sept. St Jerome, priest
Job 1:6-22 Ps.17
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday 1 Oct. St Therese of the Child Jesus
Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 Ps.88
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday 2 Oct. The Guardian Angels
Exodus 23:20-23 Ps.91
Matthew 18:1-5,10

Thursday 3 Oct.
Job 19:21-27 Ps.27
Luke 10:1-12

Friday 4 Oct. St Francis of Assisi
Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 Ps.139
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday 5 Oct.
Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Ps.119A
Luke 10:17-24

Sunday 6 Oct. 27th Week Ordinary Time
1. Genesis 2:18-24 Ps.128
2. Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am