



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

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (b) – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

### *discerning how to secure life*

The teaching Word of Jesus penetrates – despite our tendency to transform or spiritualise it – to all aspects of power, goods and access to power and goods. The ‘*word of God*’ is not some announcement of truths. According to the writer - *it is God!* (*Heb. 4:12-13*). God is the centre. Human life revolves around the Lord God.

Jesus reminds the rich man (*Mark 10:19-20*) of the essence of the Torah, naming the social commandments – those dealing with a person’s treatment of neighbour; commandments which a powerful person would be most prone to offend. The man shows that he has a desire to go beyond the external obligations to both God and synagogue.

Jesus challenges him: ‘*whatever you have – give to them*’. Jesus offers a way to achieve a fulfilment but the man preferred his riches.

Jesus confronts the Zealot strategy which rates wealth as a blessing from God. According to Jesus what matters is not what a person has or does. Sharing wealth creates a new way of behaving in which the whole of society can fulfil what Jesus asks of this person; a system where there won’t be any more rich and everyone can enter the reigning of the Lord God.

Jesus says this isn’t impossible for those who follow him. The old economics of inequality will be subverted in the reigning of the Lord God, here on Earth.

The first Christian community in Jerusalem discovered that when they sold their possessions things tended to multiply. They didn’t sell the houses in which they lived, for they met together in one another’s houses. What they sold must have been houses they rented out to others. The result will be that, ‘*none of their members was ever in want*’. This is only possible in a community. Jesus dared to hope for ‘*a kingdom*’ or a world-wide community structured so that there would be no poor and no rich!

For disciples the movement of faith is; from secure possession of goods, power and access to the power that goods provide, towards ‘*gifted goods and power*’. People of courage are neither over-aggressive nor timid; they are angry about the right things at the right time; they are prepared to suffer patiently when it’s necessary; and are ready even to die for the sake of justice, or in witness to the gospel. Such people need not make an effort of will to behave well in the face of difficulties to be overcome – BF

**“This happens today: if the investments in the banks fall slightly... a tragedy... what can be done? But if people die of hunger, if they have nothing eat, if they have poor health, it does not matter! This is our crisis today!”** — Pope Francis, Address at Vigil of Pentecost, May 18

## **Support Life Sunday 2024**

**Saturday and Sunday 13 and 14 October** are the weekend of Support Life Sunday 2024. The theme this year is Infinite Dignity – Every person matters... always! He mea nui te ora o ngā tāngata katoa... i ngā wā katoa! Visit the NZCBC website for more information and resources.

Support Life Sunday 2024 – New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/sls2024/>

**Mid-Week Eucharist:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am at Maungaturoto

## **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 refreshments 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](mailto:finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or Cheryl on [cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org](mailto:cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:rebecca@pregnancychoice.org.nz). Follow our progress and learn more: [FB@abundanceopshopeasttamaki www.pregnancychoice.org.nz](https://www.pregnancychoice.org.nz)

### **Parish to Parish for Bed and Breakfast**

Catholics throughout New Zealand and a few in Australia host Catholics in their homes, a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics.

A contribution of \$50 for one person, and \$30 for each additional guest, this is per night. E.g. two people would pay \$80 per night. If you wish to purchase a book with the details of the hosts, the cost is \$15, includes postage, contact or order from Marie Anderson, Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, phone 027 2800 611, email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

### **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/>.

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

The **Ethnic Community Festival** was a wonderful celebration of diversity and faith. Thank you to all who contributed to making it a wonderful day. The attendees, the stall holders, the performers. You can glimpse a taste of the cultural presentation with this short video <https://youtu.be/X6FR5KViN-E> also available on the diocesan YouTube channel.

**Let's map Auckland City in prayer.** Join Christians from throughout Auckland in praying for all people of the diocese. It is simple, it is free, it is powerful. Take a walk and prayer mapping your walk with the app. Do it as an individual, or do it with friends. Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a year of prayer. Here is a practical way to participate.

<b>Wellsford Roster</b>	
	<b>Sunday 13 October</b>
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Monica Pride, Colleen Williams
<i>Intercessions</i>	Monica
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Maureen Hancock
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Marie Rambaud
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	
<i>Leader</i>	Ken



## Prayer intentions for the week

### **For a shared mission**

We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

### **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 & Ann Henry, Bob Walters, Theresa McCarthy, Tom Ryan, Kathy Brockliss (Hokianga), Emelia Brockliss (Mexico), . . . . .*

*Trevor Brjlevich, 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 those who have died in the conflicts in Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, the Ukraine and Russia,. . . And our dead whose anniversaries occur now including *Kathleen Parker (13<sup>th</sup>), Peter Cowrick (14<sup>th</sup>), Peter Davidson (15<sup>th</sup>), John Brjlevich (15<sup>th</sup>), James Gallagher (17<sup>th</sup>).*

## Readings: 28th Week Ordinary Time

### **Monday 14 Oct.**

Gal. 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 Ps.113

Luke 11:29-32

### **Tuesday 15 Oct.** St Teresa of Jesus

Galatians 5:1-6 Ps.119T

Luke 11:37-41

### **Wednesday 16 Oct.**

Galatians 5:18-25 Ps.1

Luke 11:42-46

### **Thursday 17 Oct.** St Ignatius of Antioch

Ephesians 1:1-10 Ps.98

Luke 11:47-54

### **Friday 18 Oct.** St Luke, evangelist

Timothy 4:10-17 Ps.145

Luke 10:1-9

### **Saturday 19 Oct.**

Ephesians 1:11-14 Ps.33

Luke 12:8-12

### **Sunday 20 Oct** 29<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

1. Isaiah 53:10-11 Ps.33

2. Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

## **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**