



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

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (b) – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126:1-6

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark: 10:46-52

### *living towards full vision*

In the context of Mark's gospel the story of Bartimaeus' healing is more than a story of the cure of the man's blindness by Jesus. It's about the process of discerning the way disciples of Jesus are to go. Bartimaeus' physical cure is only part of a more complete transformation. When Bartimaeus regained his sight, he followed Jesus – 'on The Way'.

In the account of Bartimaeus' transformation, Jesus' response even affects the onlookers who become agents of his invitation. Jesus left Jericho with the disciples and a large noisy crowd following him. Bartimaeus asked about the noise and was told that Jesus of Nazareth was passing.

Bartimaeus heard the hubbub and the excitement of the crowd and must have thought 'This is it!' When told that it was Jesus, he called out loudly because he wanted to see and he believed Jesus was a liberator. When he calls out to Jesus "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me' he is calling Jesus leader of the Israelites. He 'sees' and the crowd are 'blind'.

The blind beggar voiced an incredible act of hope and he refused to remain hopeless and silent.

Here, the crowd is compared to a blind man. Peter is earlier compared to the blind man, who at first sees a little and then at a second stage sees clearly. Mark again shows that, for discipleship, a person has to violate convention and have faith enough to risk leaving everything. This poor beggar leaves behind his begging profession, pushes beyond the abuse from the crowd, reaches Jesus and then follows him; his life transformed.

Each Sunday is our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus which reminds would-be disciples like us that we have entered new free territory. Along with the original people of the promise coming back from exile we shout the joy of deliverance: 'The Lord does great things for us!' This liberation is not for would-be disciples alone. The movement in Jesus' teaching is for the disciple to extend her compassion to others, so they too can rejoice in Jesus' divine mercy. The creation of an atmosphere of mercy and compassion is a necessary consequence of Christian discipleship, and living in such an atmosphere, as if it were the most natural thing in the world, is possible. - BF

***“By encountering Jesus, the blind man went from a beggar to a disciple”, Pope Francis said. Yet “this is also our path. All of us are beggars, all of us. We always need to be saved. And all of us, every day, have to make this step: from beggars to disciples.”***

### **Mid-Week Eucharist:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.30am at the home of Carol Pereira, 20 Longview Street, Mangawhai Village.

### **Catholic Social Teaching (CST):**

Are you interested in promoting Catholic Social Teachings(CST) in our Parish? Since the death of Veronica Butler, our strongest advocate for CST, there has been a lack of parishioner involvement. Many aspects of CST are relevant to creating a more Just and Peaceful Society – through empowerment, advocacy, faith, hope and charity-in-action. One or more of the following themes may be of interest to you: bi-culturism, housing affordability, social welfare, peace and international justice, the environment and sustainability, human life, crime and reconciliation. If you want to make ours a better society through implementing CST, we would be delighted to hear from you – Fr. Bill 0279503885

### **Join the Auckland Young Catholic groups going to The Send, Saturday 23 November!**

Be part of an epic day with thousands of Christians from across New Zealand. The Send will feature powerful international Christian speakers like Francis Chan, as well as worship led by top Christian musicians. Find out more and register at:

<https://cdathesend.eventbrite.com>

**Nga Tapuwae** Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae **10th to 12th January 2025**. Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage.

This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For more information contact Dcn Steve on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

**Anniversary Mass 2025** Registrations now open for **Coach Trip on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

We are excited to invite you to join us on pilgrimage for this one-off day trip by coach to attend the Anniversary Mass at Totara Point.

We will leave Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am and expect to arrive back at Pompallier Diocesan Centre at between 6:30pm - 7pm. For more information contact Dcn Steve on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

*Hydration and Lunch will be provided - Cost per person is \$15.00 All are welcome!!*

### **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](http://www.pregnancychoice.org.nz)

**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.

### **St Michael's Advent Retreat with Dr Robert Loretz**

St Michael's, Remuera, is hosting a Retreat to prepare us for the Incarnation of our Lord this Advent.

When: **Saturday 30 November 9.00am – 5.30pm** (You're welcome to join our Saturday Mass 8.00am - 8.30am & Confession 8.30am)

Where: **St Michael's Church, Beatrice Ave, Remuera**

Join us as we delve into the theme of 'Friendship & Virtue' enriching our understanding of hope, faith, joy and peace with Dr Robert Loretz

Light lunch provided. Koha on entry. To register [Advent Retreat — St. Michael's Church Remuera](#)

**New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA)** is an organisation that provides community support and chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa. We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us.


**Retreat and Seminar 15-16 November 2024**, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

**Details and registration:** [2024 Retreat Wellington — New Zealand Catholic Medical Association](#)

**Accommodation:** There are limited spaces on-site (use booking ref BGRP—21024). You can email or phone the Home of Compassion directly.

For updates regarding events, please email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

<b>Wellsford Roster</b>	
	<b>Sunday 27 October</b>
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Ken & Maureen Hancock
<i>Intercessions</i>	Ken
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Uraura Unaia
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Monica
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	
<i>Leader</i>	Marie



## 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 & Sheita Mehary, Petronella Brom, Lorna Boccock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Ann & Richard Henry, Bob Walters, Theresa McCarthy, Emelia Brockliss (Mexico), Val Rusher, Jan Blamey, Bill Warren . .*

*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, Justin Sands, . . . . .*

### **Prayers for the Dead**

For those who have died in the current conflicts in Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia, . . . . Our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: **Rex Parker (28<sup>th</sup>), Tanny Andrew (31<sup>st</sup>), Colleen Elliott (31<sup>st</sup>), Murray Greig (28<sup>th</sup>), Andrew Skokandich (1 Nov).**

## Readings: 30<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

**Monday 28 October** Sts Simon & Jude

Ephesians 2:19-22 Ps.19A

Luke 6:12-16

**Tuesday 29 October**

Ephesians 5:21-33 Ps.128

Luke 13:18-21

**Wednesday 30 October**

Ephesians 6:1-9 Ps.145

Luke 13:22-30

**Thursday 31 October**

Ephesians 6:10-20 Ps.144

Luke 13:31-35

**Friday 1 Nov ALL SAINTS**

1. Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 Ps.24

2. 1John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

**Saturday 2 Nov** Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Palms and readings for each Mass are selected from the Lectionary.

**Sunday 3 Nov** 31<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time

1. Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Ps.18

2. Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

## **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**