



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

### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (b) – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm 18:1-3,46,50ab

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

#### ***Listen; if life is to continue, loving is the only way to go!***

There is not one major commandment, there are two: love of God and love of neighbour. But both are preceded in Mark by a statement taken from Deuteronomy, which is found as the beginning of all: *"the Lord God is one"*. Biblical faith is a process through which we acknowledge God as the absolute in our lives. God is not some 'thing' an abstraction; but SomeOne whom we must love, *"with all our minds, and with all our strength"*. This is the reason for the outright rejection of all forms of idolatry. Idolatry means putting our trust in some thing or some one other than God. That's a danger all believers have to face.

The Israelites were tempted to serve gods, other than the Lord, at the time they took possession of a new land. Jeremiah and Ezekiel lament that pagan cults were being practised in the temple at Jerusalem. To this day pious Israelites recite verse 5, (*the Shema* from the command, *"Listen"*) three times a day. It's a reminder for them to keep alive hearing the Torah of Moses and for awareness of their duty to serve the Lord with undivided hearts.

The work of Jesus as high priest is contrasted with the Levitical priesthood. The Levitical priest works from an earthly sanctuary, offers annually the blood of other creatures. Christ works from the heavenly sanctuary, offers once-for-all and it's his own blood.

To love God is to value liberation and justice. Its the same as loving neighbour. The commandment is that there isn't any other God than love. The second commandment is the same – what love could we offer our neighbour if we are loving God with all the love we have? Love God and love neighbour like yourself (including foreigners), were already commandments in the Israelite Scriptures. Jesus scandalised many, by joining the two – saying one was similar to the other. It's possible to say that those who don't love God, because they don't believe in God, but love their neighbour, according to Jesus, is like saying they are obeying the first commandment. In other words, it is like saying that God is the love that unites people. When Jesus says the second commandment is like the first, he stresses the equality of the two by adding: *'There is no commandment greater than these.'*

Peoples' salvation depends on their relationships with other people rather than on religious rites: *'I was hungry and they fed me.'* Forgetting this can do great harm. Traditional religion, relying on rituals, forgets that love of our neighbour saves us. It forgets that God's heavenly reigning is love among neighbours here and now. Jesus tells the scribe that he isn't far off it. -BF

***"Love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable. They are two sides of the same coin: lived together they are the true strength of believers!"***

Pope Francis

### **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

### **Mid-week Eucharist: Muaungaturoto Church Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am**

**On the ‘Wings’ of the Spirit!** Gather with others in your parish to explore your faith through the Scriptures and to grow in your relationship with Jesus. Get **Wings. Nga Parira** in your parish today, the **NZ Catholic Faith Formation programme**.

Contact Dianna: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### **Delexit Nos – He Loved Us**

Pope Francis has just released his latest encyclical, “*Delexit Nos*” - “*He loved us*”. I will host a series of 3 sessions on this in Advent, 4th, 11th, 18th December, 7 – 7.30pm on Zoom. Contact Dianna: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### **Wake and Pray**

Tuesday mornings in Advent, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th December, a half hour Meditation on Zoom 6.15-6.45am Contact: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### **Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels**

Sunday evenings 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December, on Zoom, 7-7.30 pm. Contact: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### **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!!*

### **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](#)

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is accepting **enrolments** for first semester 2025 from **23<sup>rd</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations.

### **SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study**

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email:

[scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz). **The closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024**

<b>Wellsford Roster</b>			
	<b>Sunday 3 Nov</b>	<b>Sunday 10 Nov</b>	<b>Sunday 17 Nov</b>
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Maurice Haddon, Sam	Bob Schimanski, Colleen Williams	Marie Rambaud, Lagi Sands
<i>Intercessions</i>	Sam	Bob	Marie
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Gay Pride	Maureen Hancock	Uruura Unaia
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Liz Emmerson	Marie	Gay
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Kath & Des		Monica
<i>Leader</i>	Ken	Monica	Gay

### Prayer intentions for the week

#### **For anyone who has lost a child**

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

#### **Prayers for our Sick:**

*Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Sheita Mehary, Pamela Downes, Petronella Brom, Lorna Bocoock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Ann & Richard Henry, Bob Walters, Theresa McCarthy, Emelia Brockliss (Mexico), Val Rusher, Bill Warren, Jan Blamey, Stuart Brown, . . .*

*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, 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: **Edward Jennings (5<sup>th</sup>), Jillian Corboy (8<sup>th</sup>).**

### Readings: 31<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time

#### **Monday 4 Nov.** St Charles Borromeo

Philippians 2:1-4 Ps.131

Luke 14:12-14

#### **Tuesday 5 Nov.**

Philippians 2:5-11 Ps.22

Luke 14:15-24

#### **Wednesday 6 Nov.**

Philippians 2:12-18 Ps.27

Luke 14:25-33

#### **Thursday 7 Nov.**

Philippians 3:3-8 Ps.105

Luke 15:1-10

#### **Friday 8 Nov.**

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Ps.122

Luke 16:1-8

#### **Saturday 9 Nov.** Dedication of St John Lateran

1. Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps.46

2. 1Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

#### **Sunday 10 Nov.** 32<sup>nd</sup> Week Ordinary Time

1. 1Kings 17:10-16 Ps.146

2. Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

## **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**