



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

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time (b) – 10th November 2024

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalms 146:6c-10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

giving not less than everything!

In today's gospel, Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem where he will be arrested and executed. Here he will announce his good news in the city dominated by people who refuse to hear it. Jesus observes the well-to-do putting large sums of money into the temple treasury, giving out of their abundance and he draws the disciples' attention to the action of a widow whose modest contribution, out of her need, is worth more than the much larger contribution of the rich.

Widows represent all who are weak and vulnerable. Not only is Jesus against those who strip the poor, he is also against people who carry out a lot of religious practices. He calls the Scribes, *'thieves'*. He isn't impressed with their *'long prayers'*. He observes many rich people contributing a great deal of money to the treasury. He was saying these things within the temple, the holiest place of the Israelite religion. His words focus on the relation between the temple and money. Those in charge of the temple treasury believe in God, but they don't carry out God's purpose. They follow their own purposes. Jesus set himself in opposition to those laws about money; the state-temple complex and the God of the dead. Jesus addresses disciples about their own practise. .

He compares the temple economy with the economy of his practise: *'feed the hungry'*, and *'buy those who lack something, with what you (his disciples) have'*. The temple economy is an economy of the rich and powerful. Jesus subverts that economy along with the barren temple-treasury. He replaces the temple economy of the rich, with a new economy of the poor. In the new assembly, radical economic practise means people share all the means of life they have – the condition for receiving God's blessing.

Like the Israelites, we tend to look on material prosperity as a blessing – as a sign of divine favour. Riches give security and independence and these seem to give happiness. Throughout Israelite and Christian history, wealth and success were blessings, but very often accompanied by grave dangers, such as injustices. Therefore, it is necessary to be careful that our possessions, talents etc., do not deprive us of the supreme gift – the love and wisdom of God. We have to learn to value God's many gifts without becoming enslaved to any of them. Jesus, our Supreme High Priest, gave his whole Self. The love of true freedom and a discerning heart cost him not less than everything!

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“Jesus proposes this woman (the widow) as a teacher of the faith, instead of the scribes, because “she does not go to the Temple to clear her conscience, she does not pray to make herself seen, she does not show off her faith, but she gives from her heart generously and freely.” - Pope Francis

First Communicants

Please pray for *Tim Lacerna* and *Lesieli Maka* who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* in two weeks time, on the Feast of Christ the King, 24th November.

A SPECTACULAR CONCERT

7pm, SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER Join us at St Michael's Catholic Church for a memorable evening. Hosted by James Ioelu, Bass Baritone, with special guest Edward Laurenson, Operatic Baritone, and musician friends. Uplifting classical songs from shows, opera, instrumental pieces and traditional Christmas music. Prices \$60 to \$95, includes intermission refreshments. Buy tickets at trybooking.com. Proceeds to support the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation.

National March for Life – 2024

You are invited to love them both by attending the annual National March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 7th December. Join people of good will from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Parliament Grounds from 1pm.. The March goes out from Parliament Grounds at 2pm and returns, concluding all activities by 4pm. Learn more at: www.marchforlife.nz

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

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

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

Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels

Sunday evenings 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December, on Zoom, 7-7.30 pm. Contact: 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 is worship led by top Christian musicians. Find out more and register at:

<https://cdathesend.eventbrite.com>

Anniversary Mass 2025

Registrations now open for **Coach Trip on 12th 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

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



Online Information
Evening Wednesday 20th
November 7pm - 8pm

Registrations are open for Ngā
Tapuwae 10th to 12th January
2025

Please register at link above or contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

Ngā 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

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 **23rd September to 22nd 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.

University of Otago – Theology programme

Otago Uni offers a distance learning programme, including an undergraduate Diploma in Theology, a full Bachelor of Theology degree, a range of post-graduate Diplomas, Masters Degrees and a PhD. For further information: Theology Programme, University of Otago P.O. Box 56 Dunedin 9054. Phone: 64 3479 8639 Email: theology@otago.ac.nz

| Wellsford Roster | | |
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| | Sunday 10 Nov | Sunday 17 Nov |
| <i>Min/s of Word</i> | Bob Schimanski, Colleen Williams | Marie Rambaud, Lagi Sands |
| <i>Intercessions</i> | Bob | Marie |
| <i>Minister of Eucharist</i> | Maureen Hancock | Uraura Unaia |
| <i>Morning Tea</i> | Marie | Gay |
| <i>Church Cleaning</i> | | Monica |
| <i>Leader</i> | 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, Tina & Sheita Mehary, Pamela Downes, Petronella Brom, Lorna Bockock, 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 Brljevic, 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*, . . . *Maria Pereira and members of the Brom family in Holland*, And our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *James Lambert (12th), Mannus Benner (15th), Marguerite Gibbons (16th)*.

Readings: 32nd Week Ordinary Time

Monday 11 Nov. St Martin of Tours

Titus 1:1-9 Ps.24

Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday 12 Nov. St Josaphat

Titus 2:1-8,11-14 Ps.37

Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday 13 Nov.

Titus 3:1-7 Ps.23

Luke 17:11-19

Thursday 14 Nov.

Philemon 7:20 Ps.146

Luke 17:20-25

Friday 15 Nov.

2John 4:9 Ps.119A

Luke 17:26-37

Saturday 16 Nov.

3John 5:8 Ps.112

Luke 18:1-8

Sunday 17 Nov. 33rd Week Ordinary Time

1. Daniel 12:1-3 Ps.16

2. Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

World Day of the Poor

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