



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

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time (b) – 17th November 2024

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16:5,8-11

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Mark 13:24-32

a gospel of hope

The gospel text is difficult. It is often interpreted as announcing the end of the world. The chapter, as a whole, deals with the theme of meaning rather than chronology. Mark wasn't content simply to describe these end-time events in his own vision of the last times. He drew lessons for the present from these projections about the future. One touch to his apocalyptic vision does provide us with the spark of hope. "Sky and Earth will pass away, but My (Jesus') WORDs will not pass away." It brings the whole matter back to trusting God's WORD in Jesus.

Mark introduces the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. The disciples don't understand that Jesus' practise of love replaces the temple practices. Jesus uses images of destruction. He is saying that the world is going to change profoundly. But rather than speaking about the ruin of the world, Jesus speaks about the ruin of the status quo. The present arrangements will be turned upside down. Great changes will be seen.

Earlier, he had said that humankind would suffer as never before – and would not have to suffer like that ever again. The prophets had spoken of the distress nations or governments would experience. They called it *'the weeping of conversion'*.

The distress Jesus speaks of can be understood in that way. *'All the nations will beat their breasts'*. Somewhere else he says that the only sign or miracle that he would give would be *'the sign of Jonah'*. Jonah was in the belly of the whale and came out alive – a sign of resurrection!

Although Jesus didn't want to give himself the name *'messiah'* (for the Israelites of his time the messiah was a leader with political power) in the Book of Daniel, the Human One or, *'Son of man'* defeats the beasts of political power.

'Angel', in the Israelite and Christian Scriptures, means a messenger. God has messengers. The Human One also has messengers. With these, he will gather his chosen ones. The world is not being destroyed. The Prophets had said that in the messianic era, all the oppressed Israelites, scattered throughout the world, would be gathered together from the four winds. Jesus refers to this gathering but it's not for the Israelites alone. It is for all oppressed people now. The Prophets when they announce the fall of a great enemy empire, speak of trumpets. The work of angels is to summon all to liberation, with blast of trumpets.

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"Thinking about the end, about the end of the world, about the end of one's own life, is wise. Evangelization - go and share the lives of others, to accompany them on the journey of faith, to help them grow on the journey of faith . . . you must proclaim Him with the Word — but above all with your life!" - Pope Francis

First Communicants

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

LITURGY MEETING

Tuesday 26 November 9.30am (after 9am Mass) at Wellsford.

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.

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

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 Den Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

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



NGA
TAPUWAE
JUBILEE HIKOI
2025



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



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

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>

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

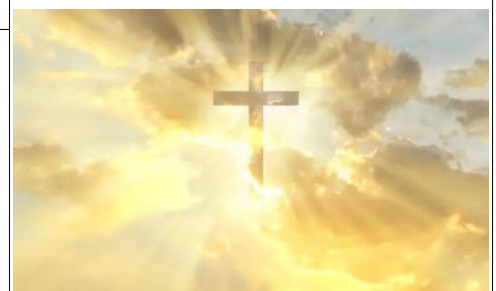
Light lunch provided. Koha on entry. To register [Advent Retreat — St. Michael's Church Remuera](#)

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.

Wellsford Roster

Sunday 17 Nov

<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Colleen Williams, Lagi Sands
<i>Intercessions</i>	Marie
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Uraura Unaia
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Gay
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Monica
<i>Leader</i>	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 Boccock, 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, 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 & members of the Brom family in Holland,* And our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *Mary Bakulich (18th), Raymond Preece (18th), Ilona Slimo (20th), Alan Jones (20th).*

Readings: 33rd Week Ordinary Time

Monday 18 Nov.

Apocalypse 1:1-4,2:1-5 Ps.1

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday 19 Nov.

Apocalypse 3:1-6,14-22 Ps.15

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday 20 Nov.

Apocalypse 4:1-11 Ps.119A

Luke 19:11-28

Thursday 21 Nov. Presentation of Mary

Apocalypse 5:1-10 Ps.149

Luke 19:41-44

Friday 22 Nov. St Cecilia V.M

Apocalypse 10:8-11 Ps.150

Luke 19:45-48

Saturday 23 Nov.

Apocalypse 10:8-11 Ps.144

Luke 19:45-48

Sunday 24 Nov. CHRIST THE KING

1. Daniel 7:13-14 Ps.93

2. Revelations 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am