



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

Holy Thursday – 17th April 2025

1. Exodus 12:1-8

Ps.116:12-13,15-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Mass of the Lord's Supper

In the Gospel of John there's a prophetic gesture made by Jesus that's not recorded in the synoptic gospels. Jesus gets up from the table and washes his disciples' feet. The focus is on Jesus' initiative and action. Foot washing expressed hospitality and humble service towards someone of higher status. Jesus makes such a gesture of service towards his own followers! The act of washing another's feet was one that could not be required of the lowliest Jewish slave. It is an allusion to the humiliating death of the crucifixion. 'Bathed' suggests that this passage is a symbolic reference to baptism.

Paul claims the authenticity of his interpretation of the meal, in terms of the revelation he has received from the risen Lord. For Paul, Christ is not only the founder of the community of believers. Christ is the community! Because it is through the community that the saving reality of Christ is made effective in the world. What Paul has received from the community, therefore, he has received from Christ. "Proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes" (Col.3:26) takes place through the action of eating and drinking. The action is the statement. What is, 'said' is the death of Christ. It makes 'the remembering' something more than a glance towards the past. Paul links his understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ, to a demonstration of how authentic humankind should live.

God's ways are not the way that the world, or the disciples, are now thinking! Jesus is THE Ruler and Teacher who instructs disciples, past and present, in the matters that are vital to be known. The forces of death and chaos appear to have the upper hand. But in reality, "the Father had given all things into his hands . . . he had come from God and was going to God".

In the Book of Exodus' account of the release of the Israelites from slave work, there is a pause to describe God's Word of instruction to Moses and Aaron. In the passage from the letter to the Corinthians, Paul recites the tradition that he himself received and had previously transmitted to the community. This "revelation" refers to an historical event – a communal meal. The early part of John's gospel (chapters 1-12) present God's Son and Messiah, in relationship to the world and humanity. Now his "hour" had come. Chapter introduces Jesus' teaching, before his arrest and seeks to locate the full meaning of the events that follow.

The tradition Paul conveyed to the Corinthians had interpreted the event in the light of the resurrection. The supper's proper purpose now, is a ritual of anticipation. An occasion of instruction and proclamation. It both identifies and directs the community to its mission – until the completion of time – and the fullness of God's reigning. - BF

"A new path leads through the empty tomb, "the path that none of us, but God alone, could open. The Lord opens the path of life in the midst of death, of peace in the midst of war, of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, and of fraternity in the midst of hostility". Pope Francis

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING CELLPHONES DURING MASS

It's been noticed that there are some church attendees on their phones during Mass. Using phones during Mass is disrespectful and upsetting for other church goers.

Offertory gifts and procession

There is no roster for this because we want to involve as many as possible, especially those who are not rostered as readers or in other roles. People seated in the rows nearer the back of the church area will also find it easier to access the offertory gifts or collection basket. So you don't need to wait to be asked! Please just stand up and take a turn.! Thank you all.

Thursday 17th April: HOLY THURSDAY • 7.00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Mary's Wellsford.

Friday 18th April: GOOD FRIDAY

• **3.00pm Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, & Holy Communion:** at St Mary's, Matheson Road, Wellsford.

• **7.00pm Service of the Shadows (Tenebrae)** at Christ the King, Anglican Church, Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village.

• **Saturday 19th April: HOLY SATURDAY • 7.30pm** – **EASTER VIGIL Mass:** starting with the Lighting of the Easter fire at St Mary's Wellsford.

• **Sunday 20th April: EASTER SUNDAY • 8.30am** – **MASS OF THE RESURRECTION** – at Kagan Place, (Senior Citizens' Building) Mangawhai Heads. • **10.30am** – **MASS OF THE RESURRECTION** – at 9 Griffith Road, Maungaturoto

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 27th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish

1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day".

Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays

Divine Mercy Conference May 23-25 2025 Auckland - Fr Chris Alar - Keynote Speaker.

Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US plus several other international speakers. Divine Mercy Conference 2025 will be in a real sense an encapsulation of all that has gone before, and yet more, and to the point – how that is lived out, witnessed, in the Third Millennium. Please join us for this important event in the Jubilee Year. Registrations are essential; www.divinemercuryconference2025.co.nz Pat Barrett 03 359 2087 info@divinemercury.co.nz

The latest edition of **Jubilee Jottings** is now available

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/JJ-APRIL-2025.pdf>

St Joseph’s Hāwera - 150 Years St Joseph’s Parish & School, Hāwera, will be celebrating 150 years over Labour Weekend, **24–26 October 2025**. All past and present members of the parish and school community are invited to participate in the Jubilee celebrations.

Registration Forms & Event Calendar are available at

www.stjoeshawera150celebration.co.nz. For further details email:

stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com.

The Upper Room | Wednesday 7th May 2025 | 6:30pm Good George Mission Bay

Young adults, you don't want to miss the first Upper Room of 2025! This event is an awesome opportunity to grab a drink, chat to other young adults, and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday mass homily! And did we mention free bar snacks? We are excited to be joined by Fr Frank Bird as our guest speaker! Talk topic to be released soon. Stay tuned for more details on our socials! Join us for an unforgettable evening of fellowship and formation! Free on-street parking is available nearby. *Event is 18 years and over* Tickets: https://events.humanitix.com/upper_room

Invitation to join with Bishop Steve on a Special Jubilee Pilgrimage. Te Ara o te Tūmanako - The Way of Hope - 29th September 2025 to 19th October 2025

Every 25 years the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God’s people. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is “Pilgrims of Hope.”

I invite pilgrims to join me on a pilgrimage from Lyon to Rome as we celebrate Jubilee 2025. On the way we will meet pilgrims of the past, who we now know as saints, but were once pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church and who will inspire us in hope as journey to the Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica in Rome. For further information and bookings please contact Harvest Journeys NZ Call free 0800 819 156 – harvestjourneys.com/pv2566 or info@harvestjourneys.com

Prayer Retreat for Women: 'Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 9th May 6pm to

Sunday 11th May 3pm 2025 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Early bird registration till 18th April. Details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Wellsford Roster				
	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Sunday 27 April
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Lagi & Maggie	Bob & ? <i>Passion:</i> Marie, Ken, Mike, Maurice	<i>OT:</i> Marie, Mike, Bob, Maureen <i>NT:</i> Ken	Marie, Sam
<i>Intercessions</i>	Ken	Michele & Jenni		Sam
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Maureen	Eranga	Uraura Unaia	Eranga
<i>Morning Tea</i>				Kath & Des
<i>Church Cleaning</i>				Maureen
<i>Leader</i>	Ken		Marie	Gay

Prayer intentions for the week

For the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Prayers for our Sick:

Matteo Gray, Petronella Brom, Lorna Bocoock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Ann & Richard Henry, Theresa & Barry McCarthy, Emelia Brockliss, Stuart Brown, Chris Ohlson, Gina Benade (Aust), Rosilene Finnegan, Richard McGrane (SA), Kathleen McInerney,

Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Adolph Layec, Matthew Gould, Nanette Matheson,

Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Iris Barrow, Tim Emberson, Caroline Milner, Theresa Graham, Clare Jones,

Prayers for the Dead:

For those who have died in the current conflicts in *Gaza and Ukraine*, for *Kylie Treadwell* who died recently and for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time, including: *Ronald Whyne (22nd)*, *Colleen Bartlett (22nd)*, *Joseph Lambert (23rd)*, *Lei Korewha (24th)*.

Readings: Easter Octave

Monday 21 April

Acts 2:14:22-23 Ps.16

Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday 22 April

Acts 2:36-41 Ps.33

John 20:11-18

Wednesday 23 April

Acts 3:1-10 Ps.105

Luke 24:13-35

Thursday 24 April

Acts 3:11-26 Ps.8

Luke 24:35-48

Friday 25 April

Acts 4:1-12 Ps.118

John 21:1-14

Saturday 26 April

Acts 4:13-21 Ps.118

Mark 16:9-15

Sunday 27 April

2nd Week of Easter

1. Acts 5:12-16 Ps.118

2. Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am