



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

2nd Sunday of Easter (c) – 27th April 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16

Psalm 118:2-4,22-27b

Revelation 1:9-13,17-19

John 20:19-31

“blessed those who have not seen and yet have come to believe”

Divine Mercy Sunday is derived from the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to Our Lord's Divine Mercy. The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in today's gospel.

The 'good news' in Acts concerns not only what God has done in the past, through the earthly Jesus, but also what God continues to do in the spirit of the risen Jesus through his present-day disciples.

The 'signs and miracles' that accompanied the disciples' announcement on their daily visits to the temple in Jerusalem evoke in their listeners memories of the signs of the power of God to make things new.

The signs and miracles worked by Peter and the apostles after Jesus' death/resurrection, reaffirm God's transforming 'now' in relation to this new community. They show God's work of blessing, on humankind's behalf, didn't end with Jesus' death and resurrection, but continues in the life of the first Christian community.

There is an essential continuity between Jesus' practise and that of the new community.

Throughout his account, John weaves themes of blindness and seeing. Some 'see' but they really don't. Some who are 'blind' come 'to see'! Some can pick up the signs, while others miss what's right under their noses. The issue behind the signs is: 'What do we make of Jesus? Is he the chosen one of God, the hinge of history, the point to which erratic Israelite wanderings lead? Is he perhaps even more than all these things?'

The characteristic greeting of the Risen Jesus to his followers is, "Peace be with you;" a liturgical greeting rich in Israelite and early Christian tradition. Coming from the Risen Jesus, it expresses the new covenant's benefits.

Thomas comes to faith during the assembly. Two points are emphasised. First, although the Risen Jesus has a mode of being that is unrelated to time and space, he is the same person who died on the cross. Second, with or without seeing, faith is absolutely required to confess God's presence in the Risen Jesus.

The call is to change our style of living as the early Christians in Jerusalem did by sharing possessions. As the author of the letter of John insists; faith in Christ and neighbour-love must keep together belief in Christ and Christian practise. – B F

He is risen Alleluia, Alleluia. Happy Easter. As we mourn and remember Pope Francis at this time may we recall that he lived Micha's challenge to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" and try in our sphere of influence to do the same.

Sr Siân Owen rsj Leader of Pastoral Services Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Loving God, we give you thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis.

In him you gave us a man of humility,
one who valued listening to the voices of the voiceless,
compassion for the undervalued,
mercy for sinners and justice for the oppressed.

You gave us a pastor
who led through the example of his love
for your people and your creation,
who was not ashamed to smell like his sheep.

Comfort all who mourn his passing,
and may the angels now lead him to paradise with you
to rest in your peace for eternity.

May your Spirit guide the future successor to your servant Francis
to continue the work you have begun through him,
for the good of the Church and the world.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen

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TODAY IS VOCATION SUNDAY

Bishop Steve asks us to support seminarians studying towards their vocations at Holy Cross seminary. Your contributions will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate Please pray for our seminarians.

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.

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

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

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.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz Pat Barrett 03 359 2087 info@divinemercy.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>

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

Liturgy Notes - For Festival Of New Life - Sixth Sunday Easter, 25 MAY 2025

It is approaching ten years since the NZ Roman Catholic / Lutheran Dialogue Commission was established. Through prayer, research and conversation, a firm partnership has evolved. A major outcome is the joint declaration, Baptised Together in Christ (2023), celebrating our common life through our faith in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter season honours this faith and Catholic and Lutheran parishes in Aotearoa New Zealand are invited to focus their worship on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, with thanksgiving and praise in a festival of new life.

Wellsford Roster	
Sunday 27 April	
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Marie Rambaud, Sam Walkin
<i>Intercessions</i>	Sam
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Eranga Amarasekara
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Kath & Des
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Maureen
<i>Leader</i>	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 our beloved *Pope Francis* and those who have died in the current conflicts around the world and for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time, including:

Ted McCudden (28/4), Maria Kok (29/4).

Readings: 2nd Week of Easter

Monday 28 April St Peter Chanel

Acts 13:44-52 Ps.96
John 15:12-17

Tuesday 29 April St Catherine of Siena

Acts 4:32-37 Ps.93
John 3:7-15

Wednesday 30 April

Acts 5:17-26 Ps.34
John 3:16-21

Thursday 1 May

Acts 5:27-33 Ps.34
John 3:31-36

Friday 2 May St Athanasius

Acts 5:34-42 Ps.27
John 6:1-15

Saturday 3 May Sts Philip and James

1Corinthians 15:1-8 Ps.19A
John 14:6-9

Sunday 4 May 3rd Week of Easter

1. Acts 5:27-32,40-41 Ps.30

2. Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am