



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

5th Sunday in Lent (c) – 6th April 2025

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

forgiveness and tenderness

Without love, there is no forgiveness. Reconciliation isn't the result of a sinner's humiliation, but rather the loving encounter between two persons. According to the scholars, today's reading appears foreign to the gospel of John. The reference to the Mount of Olives and to scribes, the vocabulary, and the style, don't fit with the fourth gospel. But all recognise the historical value of the passage and its fidelity to the spirit of Jesus. The scene highlights something important in the attitude of Jesus in the presence of a sinner and a woman.

The apostle Paul (*Phil.3:8-14*) is convinced that the sense of the cost and necessary break with old ways of living are crucial for a disciple. This is how Christian disciples can understand baptism and *'the loss of control'* in their lives required by faith in Christ. Such losing is the necessary pre-condition for gaining new life.

For Paul, Christ isn't distant from disciples (believers). Christ is close to them, filling them with confidence, peace and joy. They mustn't *'write off'* the world in which they live as being beyond redemption either.

According to Paul, they aren't to imagine that people must be rescued, *'out of the world'*. It is the very fabric of the world, in all its bodiliness, that must be rescued by being transformed.

In John's gospel, as Jesus is teaching in the Temple, some scribes and Pharisees bring a woman and make her stand in front of everybody as an example of a public sinner. If Jesus said, *"Stone her"*, the scribes and Pharisees would ask how someone who preached love could condemn a poor woman to death. If he said, *"Let her go,"* he would be trapped too, because the religious leaders would say that he was contradicting the Law of Moses.

Jesus called the adultery sin, but he didn't condemn the woman. The woman needed forgiveness like the men. Jesus challenges the hypocrisy of the woman's accusers but doesn't condone the woman's sin. She is dealt with as a sinner, according to her needs. In meeting with other women, Jesus showed that a woman's perspective was important. That was rarely acknowledged at that time. Jesus' non-condemnation of the woman, but his condemning the men by their self-admission – shows us an attractive metaphor of the way of God's new realm. Our Eucharistic liturgy provides a moment between the old shape of our reality and a new reality in which the Spirit may bring newness to us. - BF

Then Jesus says to her: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again, in order not to pass through a time of disgrace, in order not to experience such shame, in order not to offend God, in order not to sully the beautiful relationship between God and his people". - Pope Francis

RITE OF RECONCILIATION with individual confessions

Warkworth: 7.00pm Thursday 10th April (at the new Church on Matakana Road)

Wellsford: 7.00pm Friday 11th April

Rite of Loaves and Fishes Foodbank Wellsford

A big thank you to all who generously bought raffle tickets or donated to our recent fundraiser in the parish. Altogether, we achieved the grand total of \$467 which is amazing!

The results of the raffle were as follows:

Winner of the Leg of Lamb- Wanro Tabito (and another given to Valda whose unnamed ticket end was drawn first but her named butt was found later in the semi-used book)

2 bags of lamb chops- Chona Clark

Box of Chocolates- Marie Rambaud

The 2 extra prizes of a casual sports shirt were won by John Maio and Gay Pride.

Last year we provided 810 food parcels for 1469 adults and 1498 children and so far this year we are tracking higher than last year. Without any ongoing government funding, we depend on donations of food and money to continue without depleting reserves fully. The Otamatea area foodbank had to close down recently so social workers are referring some needy people to us which means that your support is more vital than ever.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Saturday/Sunday 12th / 13th April – **PASSION (Palm) SUNDAY:** • At all weekend Masses – Distribution of Palms and the Reading of the Passion according to Luke

7.00pm at Wellsford – **Stations of the Cross** - at St Mary's Wellsford

Monday 14th April: **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK • 12.00noon MASS OF CHRISM** at St Francis Xavier Church, Whangarei.

Wednesday 16th April **Stations of the Cross** at 2pm at the Anglican Church, Mangawhai

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

Help change lives today

Your gift this Lenten season will ensure that more families continue to receive the assistance they urgently need. **Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand** is proud to be a founding member of the Emergency Alliance. The Emergency Alliance is a collective of New Zealand based humanitarian organisations that uses its reach and resources to save lives

after international humanitarian emergencies. For more information and to donate go to <https://www.caritas.org.nz>

Celebrating Ecumenism and ANZAC

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Council and the Armenian Society of New Zealand cordially invite you to attend the screening of the Historic Documentary – The Golden Chain of Mercy. This story is about Australian and New Zealand heroes and ordinary people, where in the shadow of World War I it unveils a poignant story of survival and compassion that transcends borders. Heroes who came with a mission to save lives, to sacrifice and to give love. Heroes who did extraordinary deeds, who responded to the desperate screams of the ones subjected to genocide, who showed a glimmer of hope through the sacrifice of ANZAC unit fighters, who extended the "golden chain of mercy" ring by ring to all peoples of the world. For a glimpse at the trailer of the documentary please click on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjaq22kq9m0>

Date: Wednesday 9th April | Time: 6:30 pm – Doors will open for mix and mingle and drinks. 7:20 pm – Introduction. 7:30 pm – Screening starts. Venue: Rialto Cinemas – Newmarket, Auckland. 167/169 Broadway, Newmarket, Auckland 1023 | Tickets. \$ 30.00 for adults. \$10.00 for children and young people <18 years of age. **Note:** PARENTAL GUIDANCE is recommended as the documentary contains archival footage of deceased persons. Please click on the following link to purchase <https://mytickets.co.nz/the-golden-chain-of-mercy>

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

<u>Wellsford Roster</u>		
	Sunday 6 April	Sunday 13 April (Passion Sunday)
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Ken Hancock, Lagi Sands	Mike Harris, Sam Walkin
<i>Intercessions</i>	Ken	Sam
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Uraura Unaia	Marie Rambaud
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Liz Emmerson	Gay
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Monica	
<i>Leader</i>	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, Bill Warren, Stuart Brown, Chris Ohlson, Gina Benade (Aust), Rosilene Finnegan, Richard McGrane (SA), Kathleen McInerney,

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

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

Prayers for the Dead:

For those who have died in the current conflicts in *Gaza and Ukraine* and for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time, including: *David Sands (3rd), Keryn Rambaud (3rd), Makaia Broughton (5th), Prue Whitehead (5th), Anne Gregory (7th), Christina Colville (8th), Audrey Jury (10th), Mary Driscoll-Richards (10th), Vincent Lipanovich (12th).*

Readings: 5th Week of Lent

Monday 7 April

Daniel Ch.13 Ps.23

John 8:1-11

Tuesday 8 April

Numbers 21:4-9 Ps.102

John 8:21-30

Wednesday 9 April

Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28 Canticle Daniel p.172

John 8:31-42

Thursday 10 April

Genesis 17:3-9 Ps.105

John 8:51-59

Friday 11 April

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Ps.18

John 10:31-42

Saturday 12 April

Ezekiel 37:21-28 Canticle Jeremiah p.171

John 11:45-57

Holy Week

Sunday 13 April Passion Sunday

Procession of Palms Ps.22

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Mass

1. Isaiah 50:4-7

2. Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23 (Passion)

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am