



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

Passion (Palm) Sunday(c) – 13th April 2025

Isaiah 50:4-7

Ps.22:7-8,16-19,22-23

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

holy week begins

Of all the stories of Holy Week that offer newness and hope, the story of Jesus' suffering and death in the gospel passages from Luke (Passion Sunday) and John (Good Friday) climax the Lenten readings about '*outsiders*'. Jesus' actions have the capacity to gain life and give life, when the old world offers no life.

The readings during Holy Week focus on how outsiders are called in to cope with the shattering of the old world. In each case, it's the outsider who turns out to be a bearer of faith, light and new meaning. Such people may lack the proper credentials but stories about their actions are our reason for living in hope when we are surrounded by darkness.

The account of Jesus' suffering and death begins with the last meal he was to have with his closest disciples. Earlier, the opposition was unable to take advantage of '*the hour*' to arrest him. Now '*the hour*' has arrived but it's in Jesus' own chosen time. Jesus' presence with the broken and sinful is the basis for his disciples' practise everywhere. These final words of instruction, encouragement and warning are delivered to failing disciples (and they still apply today). Disciples are instructed and commissioned in the midst of failure. These apostles will continue his presence, "*to all the nations*".

Even though Jesus' instructions are delivered to such unpromising material as these first disciples were, it remains valid today. They were to be the ones to continue with what Jesus has left them. Disciples are instructed and commissioned in the midst of failure. It is through these very disciples, despite their brokenness according to Luke, that the Israelite royal hopes can be fulfilled: only in Jesus and only on God's terms.

The evangelist stresses the fact that all the disciples are directed to pray. Jesus withdraws some distance from them. Ordinarily, prayers were offered in a standing position. The posture of Jesus expresses a profound humility indicating the depth of his inward struggle.

Luke wants the reader to know that if Jesus dies, it was the Father's purpose. Without that purpose, his death would be the same as anyone else's death. Jesus had renounced an earlier cup in order to now, "*drink the cup of his death*." Returning from prayer he finds the disciples asleep, '*in sorrow*' or '*grief*'. He tells them to pray to avoid temptation. They exemplify what happens to those who fail to pray. If '*the hour*' and '*the cup*' could not pass, as Jesus prayed earlier, then it is to let be what the Father wills.

“Holy Week is a time of grace that the Lord gives us to encounter Jesus, as well as to show others the light and joy of our faith. May we do so with love and God's tenderness, in respect and patience, knowing that it is He who guides us” – Pope Francis

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

Sunday: 7.00pm – 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 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** 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>

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

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

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/JJ-APRIL-2025.pdf> Find ideas for celebrating Jubilee in homes and faith communities as well as information about upcoming Jubilee diocesan events.

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		
Sunday 13 April (Passion Sunday)		
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Mike Harris, Sam Walkin	
<i>Intercessions</i>	Sam	
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Marie Rambaud	
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Gay	
<i>Church Cleaning</i>		
<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 those who have died in the current conflicts in *Gaza and Ukraine*, . . . And for *Kylie Treadwell* who died recently; and for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time, including: *Sister Gabrielle Foley (13th)*, *Warwick Taylor (19th)*.

Readings: HOLY WEEK

Mon. 14th April

Isaiah 42:1-7 Ps.27
John 12:1-11

Tues. 15th April

Isaiah 49:1-6 Ps.71
John 13:21-33,36-38

Wed. 16th April

Isaiah 50:4-9 Ps.69
Matthew 26:14-25

Thurs 17th April

HOLY THURSDAY

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

1. Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 Ps.116B
2. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-15

Fri. 18th April

GOOD FRIDAY

1. Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Ps.31
2. Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9

Passion: John 18:1-19:42

Sat. 19th April

EASTER VIGIL

1. Genesis 1:1 – 2:2 Ps.104
 2. Exodus 14:15-15:1 Ps.=Ex.15:1-6,17-18
 3. Isaiah 55:1-11 Ps.=Is.12:2-6
 4. Ezekiel 36:16-18 Ps.42
- Mass: Romans 6:3-11 Ps.118

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sun. 20th April

EASTER SUNDAY

1. Acts 10:34,37-43 Ps.118
2. Romans 6:3-11
3. Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am