



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

4th Sunday of Easter (c) – 11th May 2025

Acts 13:14,43-52

Psalm 100:1-3,5

Revelation 7:9,14-17

John 10:27-30

listening to Jesus and following him

Paul (*Acts 13:14,43-52*) addressed an assembly of Israelites and devout converts, or *'fearers of God'*, in Pisidian Antioch. These *'fearers of God'* were probably born non-Israelites and had been attracted to Judaism but were not prepared to undergo circumcision to become full converts.

The response to Paul's basic message about Christianity resembles the favourable response that first greeted Jesus when he presented himself in the synagogue in Nazareth in Galilee at the beginning of his public ministry. Paul capped the holy God's deeds in Israelite history with God's raising Jesus from the dead. Paul affirms Jesus is *'Son of the holy God'* and *'Saviour of all the world'*. The apostle affirms that the holy God establishes a new realm quite different from David's. This new realm explodes the old exclusive conceptions that Paul's audience entertained about themselves and their world.

According to John (*Jn.10:27-30*) Jesus was walking in the shelter provided by the eastern portico of the temple. He was confronted there by some Israelites who wanted him to affirm that he was the Messiah. To their confrontational approach, Jesus replies that he is a shepherd who leads and protects the lives of the people given to his charge.

Jesus had said earlier that hireling shepherds cared nothing for their flock and thieves came only to destroy. But good shepherds give the

flock life. Now Jesus declares that his flock will always be safe from harm. He expands this thought by declaring that nothing can snatch the sheep from the Father's hand. For disciples, their union with God is gifted to them through their imitating Jesus' practise. Through Jesus' words, deeds, suffering and rising: the scattered flock is gathered; the lost ones are recovered; and those in the dark are brought into the light; and the dead are brought to life!

Jesus and the Father are one in their love for the flock. They are one in their opposition to the powers of death. And they are one in their power to bless, free and enliven. Jesus claims that the Son is the perfect expression of God in the world. Jesus is, *'the new Word of God'*, so that whoever has seen or heard Jesus, has seen and heard God. Disciples, therefore, identify with Jesus.

In light of the Easter news, we have reason to give thanks to God for the Risen Jesus. The new reality is about God's vision for humanity – a united people under one leader. The Eucharist is a foretaste of that kind of community – secure, well-fed, following the way of love – over against the old ways of brokenness, self-seeking and brutalising greediness. No wonder in our weariness and in our confidence we respond, *"Thanks be to God."* – BF

"Only the shepherd who resembles Jesus, gives confidence to the flock, because he is the door. The style of Jesus must be the style of the shepherd, there is no other" – Pope Francis

Mid-week house Eucharist at Mangawhai: Wednesday 14th May 10.30am

at the home of Noreen Anderson, 11 Kahu Drive, Mangiwhai Village. Ph: 0275126134

Bishop Lowe comments on Pope Leo XIV.

“While a new Pope is often unknown to most people around the world, we know from his experience in leadership in Latin America, as a leader within his religious order and as prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops that Pope Leo understands the Church and its needs.” Bishop Lowe adds: “The choice of the name Leo could offer a glimpse into the type of pope he seeks to be. In the coming days, we will learn more about Pope Leo XIV, but the last Pope to take this name helped develop some of the Church’s key social teachings. A transformative encyclical letter, Rerum Novarum, was published in 1891, and has been the inspiration of many teaching documents in the years since. In his blessing to the crowds in St Peter’s Square, Pope Leo spoke about the importance of Catholics being willing to proclaim the Gospel, work for justice and peace, to be missionaries in the world.”

Seminary Appeal

Today, we celebrate **Good Shepherd Sunday**, also known as **Vocations Sunday**. In his appeal, Bishop Steve invites us to extend our support to our seven Auckland seminarians discerning their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. The journey toward priesthood begins with a response to a divine call. Once these young men step into the seminary, they face the rigorous demands of study, self-reflection, and unwavering dedication to their faith. It is through God’s grace and the support of the faithful that our seminarians can perseverend successfully complete their formation. Your contribution in support of our seminarians is one of the best ways to positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation to support our future priests. Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

Participate in the Year of Jubilee initiatives of the Universal Church

Jubilee Sing Jubilee Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025. Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. The following events are taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of Song:

Evening with Tony Alonso, Thursday 29 May 6.30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangarei. Suggested Koha \$10.00 per person. Please visit the following link for registration: [An Evening with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#)

Conversation with Tony with drinks and nibbles, Friday 30 May 6.30pm, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20.00. Please visit the following link for registration: [A Conversation with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](#)

Retreat Workshop with Tony, Saturday 31 May 1.30 - 4.00pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha. Please visit the following link for registration: [Retreat Workshop with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland.](#)

Concert with Tony Alonso, Saturday 31 May 6.30pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St., \$10.00 per person. Please visit the following link for registration: [A Concert with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland.](#)

Join us to celebrate together as Churches during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1–8 June 2025

1. **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity prayer resources are prepared for you.** Download them from our diocesan [website here](#). Gather members of your church groups (youth, Legion of Mary, schools, invite other church communities around you) and families at home. Use/adapt these resources to suit, whether as opening or closing prayers.

2. **Webinar ZOOM Lecture** on ‘What is Ecumenism, Its history and relevance today’, by Rev Dr Ray Williamson, pastor from Sydney Anglican Church | Tues. 20th May 2025 | 7PM NZT | A must for all Catholics. Register today with an email to louisar@cda.org.nz to receive the ZOOM link.

Are you a catechist or volunteer in your parish?

All catechists, volunteers, and those who serve in their parish are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts. Two retreats to choose from. \$25.00 per person. 10am to 3:30pm All details and registration for **Northern** region **June 7 @ 10:00am – 3:30pm** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-north/> Registrations essential. For further information please contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.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

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.

<u>Wellsford Roster</u>			
	Sunday 11 May	Sunday 18 May	Sunday 25 May
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Mike Harris, Maggie Kane	Sam Wilkin, Maria U.	Ken Hancock, Lagi Sands
<i>Intercessions</i>	Gay Pride	Sam	Ken
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Gay	Eranga Amarasekara	Marie Rambaud
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Mike & Lynette	Monica	Liz Emmerson
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Monica		Gay
<i>Leader</i>	Monica	Ken	Marie

Prayer intentions for the week

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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, Michele Oliver,

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, Rob Lennon,

Prayers for the Dead:

For *Pope Francis* and for *Sharon Henry* who died recently: For those who have died in the current conflicts around the world. And for¹. our dead whose anniversaries occur around². this time, including: *Bryan Lomas (11th)*, *Marie Foy (12th)*, *Susan Brydon (12th)* and *Nanette Matheson's deceased family members (in the Philippines)*.

Readings: 5th Week of Easter

Monday 12 May

Acts 11:1-18 Ps.42
John 10:1-10

Tuesday 13 May

Acts 11:19-26 Ps.87
John 10:22-30

Wednesday 14 May

St Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps.113
John 15:9-17

Thursday 15 May

Acts 13:13-25 Ps.89
John 13:16-20

Friday 16 May

Acts 13:26-33 Ps.2
John 14:1-6

Saturday 17 May

Acts 13:44-52 Ps.98
John 13:7-14

Sunday 18 May

Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5
Gospel: John 13:31-35

5th Week of Easter

Ps.145

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am