



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**St Mary's Parish** — *Maungaturoto* — *Mangawhai* — *Wellsford*  
**Saturday Vigil MAUNGATUROTO** – Mass 4.00pm (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays)  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays – Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion: 4.00pm  
**Sunday - MANGAWHAI:** Mass 8.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (c) – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Psalm 30:1,3-5,10-12

Apocalypse 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

### *obey God; not human authority!*

The apostles, Peter and John, had earlier been called before the Supreme Court to be interrogated about the healing of a lame man and in the presence of the priests, temple police and Sadducees. On that occasion Peter identified Jesus as, 'the Messiah', who although not recognised by the Israelite leaders, immersed his disciples in the Lord's 'living Torah' and brought the Lord's cause in history to completion. By their persistence in the telling of this 'good news' about Jesus, the apostles provided an invitation to the Israelites to re-gather as a community.

Despite persecution, apostles consider obedience to Jesus' Spirit is the physical side of this salvation in the religious sense. Obedience is faithfulness to God's way of the future. The duty of a disciple is to proclaim Jesus' name boldly. No religious or secular authority can compel silence. This proclaiming liberates and cures.

The appearance of Jesus (*John 21:1-19*) is linked to a meal theme with strong eucharistic allusions. At the time of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (beside the same lake) the gospel account uses the same words to describe Jesus' action. And again, in the appearance to the disciples at Emmaus. Now the gospel uses the same words.

The time-honoured image in the Scriptures of on-going care of those who are brought into the community, is 'shepherding'.

Before Simon Peter is assigned the role of "tending sheep" he is asked insistently, "Do you love me?" According to the narrative, if authority is given, it must be based on love of Jesus. And Jesus continues to speak of: "My lambs," "My sheep."

The Eucharistic action, like the proclamation in the texts of the Liturgy of the Word, is not an end in itself. The end of the sacramental reality is the generation of a transformed world.

The community that gathers during the Easter season gathers with the purpose of continuing the practice of the Risen Jesus. In the presence of the Risen Christ, the liturgy invites us to walk in the power of his Spirit and to produce fruit.

We hear texts that invite us to go out from our gatherings to spread the transforming presence that we ourselves have tasted in Word and Eucharist.

Our acting upon the practice of Jesus, that is, welcoming outsiders, ends the danger of the rites of Holy Week becoming meaningless and empty gestures. Beyond the traditional ceremonies and prayers by which we commemorate the death of Jesus, the liturgical texts invite us to test what we can do for one another.

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***"In order to find ourselves, the first thing to do is to place ourselves in his presence, allowing ourselves to be welcomed and lifted up by the loving arms of our Good Shepherd."*** Pope Francis, April '24

### **Praying For The Conclave:**

New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz)

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz) Pat Barrett 03 359 2087 [info@divinemercy.co.nz](mailto: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](http://harvestjourneys.com/pv2566) or [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto: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.

“Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now open for enrolment for Semester 2. Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply) to apply or call (09) 361-1053 for more information. **Enrolment closes on May 16.**”

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**Hope and Renewal Summit** - RACE Awapuni, 67 Racecourse Road, **Palmerston North**, In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Hope & Renewal Summit calls parish leaders, clergy, and volunteers to dream boldly and step confidently into a future where parishes thrive in mission and discipleship. This three-day gathering will equip you with practical tools, Spirit-led inspiration, and a renewed vision for lasting parish renewal. In partnership with Divine Renovation and the Diocese of Palmerston North, the summit builds on New Zealand’s growing renewal movement—now is the time to fan the flame into a nationwide transformation.

**October 2** - Clergy Only Day: A day of spiritual renewal and leadership formation for priests.

**October 3- 4** Open to everyone Inspiring keynotes from renewal leaders Hands-on workshops Spirit-led prayer. From small rural parishes to large urban communities, this summit offers the vision, tools, and encouragement to embrace mission, inspire hope, and transform parish culture. The time is now. The call is clear. Are you ready to set your parish on fire for mission? Please visit the following link for details and registration: [Home - Hope and Renewal Summit | Parish Renewal Conference](#)

<b>Wellsford Roster</b>			
	<b>Sunday 4 May</b>	<b>Sunday 11 May</b>	<b>Sunday 11 May</b>
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Bob Schimanski, Monica Pride	Mike Harris, Maggie Kane	Sam Wilkin, Maria U.
<i>Intercessions</i>	Monica	Gay Pride	Sam
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Uraura Unaia	Gay	Eranga Amarasekara
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Marie	Mike & Lynette	Monica
<i>Church Cleaning</i>		Monica	
<i>Leader</i>	Maureen	Monica	Ken

## 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, . . . . .*

*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, . . . . .*

### **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: *Beatrice Jackson (5<sup>th</sup>), Brian Marquis (6<sup>th</sup>), Jim Snoswell (8<sup>th</sup>), Paddy Izard (9<sup>th</sup>), Bryan Lomas (11<sup>th</sup>).*

## Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

### **Monday 5 May**

Acts 6:8-15 Ps.119G  
John 6:22-29

### **Tuesday 6 May**

Acts 7:51-8:1 Ps.31  
John 6:30-35

### **Wednesday 7 May**

Acts 8:1-8 Ps.66  
John 6:35-40

### **Thursday 8 May**

Acts 8:26-40 Ps.66  
John 6:44-51

### **Friday 9 May**

Acts 9:1-20 Ps.117  
John 6:52-59

### **Saturday 10 May**

Acts 9:31-42 Ps.116B  
John 6:60-69

### **Sunday 11 May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

1. Acts 13:14,43-52 Ps.100  
2. apocalypse 7:9,14-17  
Gospel: John 10:27-30

## **St Mary's Parish**

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### **Reconciliations:**

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

**Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am**