



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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (c) – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalm 67:1-2,4-5,7

Revelation 12:10-14,22-23

John 14:23-29

### *my peace I give to you*

Today's gospel directs us to celebrate the new presence of Jesus through his Spirit/spirit. Following Jesus; keeping his Word as today's text says, is the proof of our love and true discipleship. One of the major themes of John is that it is only possible to come to God through Jesus. Jesus is the Word; the Son; the revelation of God in our history. There's no other way to God except by, 'keeping his Word'.

The first generation of Christian disciples lived in expectation of the Parousia or the return of Jesus and the ending of the old world. The destruction of holy Jerusalem and the temple (AD.70) confirmed for them the imminent ending of the old world.

The new reality is not only the completion of the restoration in the terms of the prophetic tradition, but something greater and deeper. The description of the beauty and splendour of the new Jerusalem repeats point-by-point the promises of 'the conqueror' found in the letters to the churches earlier. The promises referred to the whole of the history of salvation that extends back to the origins of humanity. In the Seer's vision of the new Jerusalem (Rev.10), the holy city is the symbol of the reconciliation established between humanity and God. It is a sign of the eternal and definitive covenant of the new people of God.

Jesus is understood by the disciples to be the visible presence of God among humanity – the person who establishes a new covenant with them. Jesus had indicated he would reveal himself to his disciples but not to the world. 'The world' meant those who cannot recognise the Spirit of truth. Judas (not Iscariot) asks why Jesus would limit his self-revelation to his circle of disciples. Jesus' answer is that those who don't act in his Spirit/spirit (i.e. follow his commands) will not be able to understand him.

Disciples of the Risen Jesus, hearers and doers of the new Word of God, voiced in the texts, are between the old world that still seems so powerful, and the new world voiced here.

"Anyone who loves me will keep my Word and my Father will love them and we shall come to them and make a home in them". Jesus promises to send us his Spirit/spirit. The Spirit would remind us of the Word Jesus spoke.

That Spirit will come as an indwelling 'advocate' or 'lawyer'. Only people in trouble need lawyers. It may not be a case of good people versus bad people; just people struggling to discover truth and to claim justice in a complex world – BF

***"Let us ask the Lord for the grace to cultivate and spread God's charity and to become true neighbours to one another. Let us compete in showing the love that, following his encounter with Christ, drove the former persecutor (Paul) to become 'all things to all people' even to the point of martyrdom."***

Pope Leo XIV May 2025

### **Important message from Loaves and Fishes Foodbank**

Unfortunately, new regulations mean that we are not allowed to re-package items into smaller bags for distribution to the needy. So please try to donate purchased items in smaller quantities, no more than 1.5 kg in weight. Smaller packs make the food reach more people.

Any non-perishable food items are always gratefully received! (For example, healthy cereals, 30 bag packets of tea, tinned foods, jars of spreads, snack bars etc.)

Thank you for your help.

### **Easter to Pentecost, a time for prayer, for pondering**

Easter to Pentecost, a time for prayer, for pondering, for being present in the church's journey with Jesus after His Resurrection.

Here are some opportunities for you to be on The Way with a few others from your home, on Zoom. Please contact Dianna Fouhy [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz) for more details.

### **Pax Christie**

As one of the initiatives to celebrate 80 years of Pax Christie you are invited to join Bridget Crisp to explore how to find and foster peace in today's complex world. Explore strategies for creating harmony in our personal lives and broader society. Tuesday 20 May 7.-

8.30pm. Register [paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com](mailto:paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com)

### **How can I actively participate in the Year of Jubilee initiatives of the Universal Church?**

**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.](#)

### **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)

**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](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz) to receive the ZOOM link.

**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)

**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.

<b><u>Wellsford Roster</u></b>		
	<b>Sunday 25 May</b>	
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	Ken Hancock, Lagi Sands	
<i>Intercessions</i>	Ken	
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Maureen Hancock	
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Liz Emmerson	
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Gay	
<i>Leader</i>	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 Bockock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Ann & Richard Henry, Theresa & Barry McCarthy, Emelia Brockliss, Chris Ohlson, Gina Benade (Aust), Rosilene Finnegan, Richard McGrane (SA), Kathleen McInerney, . . . . .*

*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, Lagi Sands, . . . . .*

#### Prayers for the Dead:

For *Tony Ruiterman*, (of Kaiwaka) who died earlier this week, . . . And for those who have died in the current conflicts around the world; especially *the at-risk children of Gaza*; And for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time, including: *Val Klay (25<sup>th</sup>)*, *Edward Karl (27<sup>th</sup>)*, *Richard Pride (29<sup>th</sup>)*.

### Readings: 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

**Monday 26 May** St. Philip Neri, priest  
Acts 16:11-15 Ps.149  
John 15:26-16:4

**Tuesday 27 May**  
Acts 16:22-34 Ps.138  
John 16:5-11

**Wednesday 28 May**  
Acts 17:15; 22-18:1 Ps.148  
John 16:12-15

**Thursday 29 May**  
Acts 18:1-8 Ps.98  
John 16:16-20

**Friday 30 May**  
Acts 18:23-28 Ps.47  
John 16:20-23

**Saturday 31 May** Visitation B.V.Mary  
Zephaniah 3:14-18 Cant. Isaiah p.170  
Luke 1:39-56

**Sunday 1 June, Ascension of the Lord**  
1. Acts 1:1-11 Ps.47  
2. Ephesians 1:17-23  
Gospel: Luke 24:46-43

## **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**