



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

3rd Sunday Easter Season (a) - 19th April 2026

Acts 2:14,22-28

Psalms 16:1-2,5,7-11

Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

no disciple 'goes it' alone!

Being Christian is to believe in the resurrection. That's the foundation of the Easter preaching and testimony of the Christian community. In today's gospel account, Jesus joins two disciples walking to Emmaus. They were sad and afraid about the recent events in Jerusalem.

Peter addresses the people of Hebrew origin in Jerusalem (*Acts 2:14*). He has presented the Pentecost gift as ecstatic speech. Ecstatic speech refers to being carried outside of oneself. This characteristic speaking in foreign languages, or tongues, is the foretaste of a more systematic transmission of the good news to all the peoples of the world.

Peter summarises Jesus' ministry and focuses on his death and resurrection. His address takes the form of a Jewish sermon, adopting the rabbinic style of Jesus, the teacher, commenting on three texts of scripture in turn and applying them to the present situation.

Christians are summoned to act differently because of the transformed reality in which they live (*Peter 1:17-21*). They are redeemed from futile ways, born anew through the word of GOD and are confident in GOD. A believer need no longer rely on self, or on powers that cannot keep their promises. Jesus' resurrection is the ground for hope. Crucifixion leads to ransom, resurrection leads to faith and hope.

Luke's account of the meeting between two disciples and the risen Jesus, on the road to Emmaus, shows the movement between worship and life in the Christian community. Public worship and transformed lives are not separated from each other. They are integral pieces of our response to Jesus' resurrection.

The disciples were sceptical, certainly not gullible. The women had not made wild reports. The finding of an empty tomb wasn't enough to awaken faith in the resurrection.

The Easter texts proclaim that the life, identity and the calling of the community of readers/worshippers is founded on a quite concrete miracle that can only be attested sacramentally. For those desiring a deepening commitment, the world is not what it appears to be. Powers that seem to be in charge; ideologies that seem compelling; requirements that seem non-negotiable – all are subverted and destabilised by a profound transformation that is at the same time inclusive and enduring.

The Eucharistic action, like the proclamation of 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!

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“On the paths of the heart, the Risen One walks with us and for us. He bears witness to the defeat of death and affirms the victory of life, despite the darkness of Calvary”.

Pope Leo XIV Oct. 22, 2025 general audience given in St. Peter's Square.

PRAY FOR PEACE

The New Zealand Bishops have responded to Pope Leo's invitation to participate in a prayer vigil by preparing a short prayer resource for use after Masses in all parishes. During his Easter message, Pope Leo invites all this weekend to join him in praying for peace in the world.

In response, we will have a short **prayer for peace after communion today**, asking for Our Lady's intercession for peace, praying with Pope Leo and invoking peace in our own lives.

Loaves and Fishes Foodbank Wellsford

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the Lenten appeal for food for those in need! Over the weeks of Lent and Easter, over 93 kg of food was donated by Wellsford parishioners! That was an amazing response for which we are very grateful.

You will see the baskets remaining in the church foyer as a reminder that the need continues, and any contribution is still welcome, no matter our small.

Note: If you have good intentions but keep forgetting to bring anything, you may consider a small weekly or monthly bank deposit as an easier option!

Charis NZ

Is pleased to announce that **Chevalier Cyril John** will be leading a 1.5 day, hosted by Current of Grace, Auckland (part of Charis NZ). Cyril John is a well-known speaker and serves on the International Commission for Intercession and has spent more than a decade travelling the world, teaching, and forming intercessors in the ministry of Prophetic Intercession. Please share and encourage your prayer group and community group members, and wider networks to support this event: Auckland Diocese: **11 - 12 May 2026: Training on Prophetic Intercession** by Chevalier Cyril John at Christ the King Church, Owairaka. Poster with details is on the large table in the hall.

Mass of The Neophytes

Bishop Steve invites all those who will be initiated into the Church at Easter, their families, and friends to return to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on Sunday **24 May 2026** at 4.30pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Rise up and Shine Festival

Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! **30th of May, 2026**. Starts at 10am with Thanksgiving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy. At Malaleola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere.

WYD 2027 Webinars

In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

THE GRADUATE CHOIR – NZ FRANCISCVS

- a special recital presented by **The Graduate Choir NZ** that commemorates the papacy of Pope Francis in song and spirit. Tuesday 21 April 2026 - 7:30 PM - St Michael's Catholic Church, Remuera, Auckland.

FRANCISCVS features an evocative programme of sacred choral works - including John Rutter's Requiem - performed in the rich, resonant acoustics of St Michael's. You'll also hear pieces by Poulenc, Howells, Harris, Artley and Duruflé, performed with soprano Elizabeth Mandeno, organist Philip Smith, and a small orchestra alongside the choir. Whether you're a longtime choral lover or looking for a profound musical experience this autumn, this evening of reflection and exquisite harmony is not to be missed.

Tickets from NZ\$30-\$40 + booking fees (grab yours on iTICKET now!)

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2026/apr/franciscus>



In Memory of Iris Barrow

Author and St Mary's Parishioner. Iris was a resident at the Heritage Rest Home until her death a few weeks ago.

Wellsford Library has brought some of Iris's books into the library and set up this lovely tribute. The books can be borrowed from the library.

Wellsford Roster

	Sunday 19 April	Sunday 26 April
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	1. Gay Pride 2. Mariata Atanibwebwe	1. Mike Harris 2. Maggie Kane
<i>Intercessions</i>	Gay	Maggie
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Alex Dublao	Eranga Amarasekara
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Marie Rambaud	Monica Pride
<i>Church Cleaning</i>		Gay Pride
<i>Leader</i>	Sam	Gay

Prayer intentions for the week

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Prayers for our Sick:

Petronella Brom, Geraldine Choromanski, Veronica Grigg, Theresa & Barry McCarthy, Chris Ohlson, Rosilene Finnegan, Richard McGrane (SA) Nanette Matheson, Michael O'Neil, Noreen Anderson, Liz Saunders, . . . Bill Lewis, Adolph Layec, Matthew Gould, Christine McHugh,

Margaret Pride, Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Loris Prictor, Gerry Kok, Jill Grace, Caroline Milner, Lagi Sands, Teresa Graham, (Kath Bezzant's sister)

Prayers for the Dead:

For Maria Ruiterman-Mcfarlane, who died recently, And for those killed in the world's conflict zones and for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time: Edward Choromanski (12th), Warwick Taylor (19th), Ronald Whynn (22nd), Colleen Bartlett (22nd), Joseph Lambert (23rd), Lei Korewha (23rd), Maria Kok (28th),

Readings: 3rd Week of Easter

Monday 20 April

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

Tuesday 21 April

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

Wednesday 22 April

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

Thursday 23 April

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

Friday 24 April

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

Saturday 25 April

Wisdom 3:1-9
1. 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
2. Gospel: John 12:23-28

Anzac Day

Commemoration Mass
Ps.116

Sunday 26 April

Acts 2:14,36-41
1. 1 Peter 2:20-25
2. Gospel: John 10:1-10

4th Sunday of Easter

Ps.23

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Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am