



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

6th Sunday Easter Season (a) – 10th May 2026

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm 66:1-3a,4-7a,16,20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

another advocate

The season of Easter will shortly conclude with our celebration of the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost. Today's gospel directs us to celebrate the new presence of Jesus through his *spirit/Spirit*. The Father, who is Love, sent Jesus love incarnate – and now Jesus is going to send the spirit of Love; the *spirit/Spirit* of Jesus. Following in the *spirit/Spirit* of Jesus; keeping his WORD – is the proof of our love and of our true discipleship.

One of the major themes of John's gospel 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*'.

In continuing his farewell talk, Jesus declares that they love him by obeying his commandments. Already they know that these commandments are only one, the new commandment. Jesus is love incarnate. He is the new commandment. To live his message of love is to love one another.

Jesus doesn't call this spirit, the spirit of Love, but '*the Spirit of Truth*'. In the Israelite Scriptures, the holy Spirit is the spirit of the LORD GOD, and that is the same as saying the spirit of Justice and true Freedom.

When Jesus came into the world it was full of falsehoods, myths and deceptions because it was full of injustice. Somewhere John says that Truth is the same as Love.

The real gift of Jesus after the resurrection was the union with him that didn't depend on his bodily presence to all his followers. In the period after the resurrection, Jesus' life is the source of the Christians' life as a community. When life in Jesus' *spirit/Spirit* has been received by his followers, they will recognise that it is a life mutually shared by Father and Son.

The condition for sharing in the indwelling of the Father and the Son, in our lives, is keeping Jesus' commandment. This is loving him. Love and keeping the commandments are two different facets of the same way of life. The one who loves is the one who practises the truth and commits no injustice. GOD is Truth and Love is Truth. But what happens is that many of us know the Truth, but we don't practise it or we don't obey the Truth out of fear.

For Christian disciples, Jesus embodies the undying spirit of Truth, or holy Wisdom. In the tradition of the Israelite and Christian scriptures the gift of truth or wisdom holds together reasonable knowledge of the world, with a passionate trust in GOD. The Spirit of Truth that Jesus confers implies that there is a, not-knowing; a waiting to know; a patience about what is yet to be discerned, and a respect for not knowing that must be honoured and not crowded out. – BF

"We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people."

Pope Leo XIV Inauguration Mass of the Pontificate, May '25

Whole Parish Mass and AGM

Sunday 31st May is a 5th Sunday and there will be one Mass at Wellsford at 10.30am for the whole Parish to come together. Following Mass we will have our Annual General Meeting. Please consider being part of the Parish Pastoral Council. Your voice and ideas can make a difference.

Evangelion

Evangelion in conjunction with the Sydney Diocese, Hamilton Diocese and the John Paul II Centre for Life, Christchurch, is bringing Mike and Alicia Hernon from *The Messy Family Project* to New Zealand. Mike and Alicia will be visiting a number of New Zealand locations, spreading their testimony on marriage and family life and giving insights into liturgical living. Please come and show your support for our ministry and theirs by attending one of their events.

For more details visit: [Evangelion | Spreading the Gospel in New Zealand](#).

Auckland event: "Q & A with Mike and Alicia Hernon" Saturday 16th May 2026 - 2pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

Mission Hub

Accompanying Others in Faith - Thresholds of Conversion & Evangelising Conversations How do we journey with others as they move closer to Christ? This May, Mission Hub will explore a practical and hope-filled approach to accompanying others in faith. Carly Mulqueen will guide us through the “thresholds of conversion” — helping us recognise where someone might be on their journey and how to enter into meaningful, evangelising conversations with sensitivity, courage, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This session is in collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre. **Monday 18 May - 7:00–8:30pm (NZT) – Online** - All are welcome. Register: bit.ly/missionhubmay2026
Mission Hub is a monthly online space where people from across Aotearoa gather to be formed, inspired, and equipped for mission in their everyday lives. For more info and past sessions: <https://missionhubnz.com/>

Jubilee Year of St Francis (1226–2026)

Franciscan Friars Vocation Dinner – Auckland. You are warmly invited to join the Franciscan Friars for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and conversation. **Wednesday 27 May - 6:00pm** (Mass and Evening Prayer, followed by a shared meal) at St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland). This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for single men aged 18–40 to learn more about Franciscan religious life and to ask questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment. RSVP / Enquiries: Br Philip Jeffares OFM +64 210 414 642 Br Yornes Panggur OFM +64 225 259 93 Email: vocations@franciscans.org.au

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Rebuild My Church - Dr Mary Healy

Join internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy this June in Hamilton for Rebuild My Church, a three-night formation series at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Hamilton (**June 9–11**).

Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture and the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice more clearly and grow in confidence in the gifts He gives for the building up of the Church.

Everyone is warmly invited to the three-night series (June 9–11) exploring the power of God's Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, and our call to live our faith today. Alongside the evening mission there will also be: • A clergy workshop – Awakening the Gifts of the Faithful (Wednesday 10 June) • A leadership formation day for clergy, diocesan staff, and parish leaders (Thursday 11 June).

This is a wonderful opportunity for clergy, parish leaders, and anyone seeking to deepen their faith and grow in service to the Church.

All are warmly invited. [Full details and registration are available here](#)

Wings.Nga Parirua

the Catholic Faith Formation Programme. We all need to feel welcomed in our Church, to understand our faith and to recognise Jesus calling each of us into an intimate friendship with him. The hospitality at the heart of "Wings" gives space and time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels, and the Catholic Church's response to this teaching in the light of the Resurrection; to walk by faith in loving communion with Jesus in prayer. Wings.Nga Parirau is open to all and could also be a welcoming place for those who have come through RCIA and Alpha to gather in communion with other parishioners. Please contact: Dianna Fouhy, diannaf@cda.org.nz

<u>Wellsford Roster</u>			
	Sunday 10 May	Sunday 17 May	Sunday 24 May
<i>Min/s of Word</i>	1. Bob Schimanski 2. Monica Pride	1. Ken Hancock 2. Maggie Kane	1. Mike Harris 2. Marie Rambaud
<i>Intercessions</i>	Monica	Ken	Marie
<i>Minister of Eucharist</i>	Alex Dumlao	Eranga Amarasekara	Alex Dumlao
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Gay Pride	Marie Rambaud	Lynette & Mike Harris
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	Monica Pride		Maureen Hancock
<i>Leader</i>	Ken	Monica	Maureen

Prayer intentions for the week

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Prayers for our Sick:

Matteo Gray, Petronella Brom, Geraldine Choromanski, Veronica Grigg, Theresa & Barry McCarthy, Chris Ohlson, Gina Benade (Aust), Rosilene Finnegan, Richard McGrane (SA) Nanette Matheson, Michael O'Neil, Noreen Anderson, Liz Saunders, Bill Lewis, Adolph Layec, Matthew Gould, Christine McHugh, Jenny McKinnon, Margaret Pride, Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Loris Prictor, Gerry Kok, Jill Grace, Caroline Milner, Lagi Sands, Teresa Graham,

Prayers for the Dead:

For *Karl Freeze (Hokianga), Michael Drum*, who died recently, And those who have died in the current conflicts around the world, And for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time: *Marie Foy (12th), Susan Brydon (12th), Bryan Lomas (11th).*

Readings: 6th Week of Easter

Monday 11 May

Acts 16:11-15 Ps.149
John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 12 May

Acts 16:22-34 Ps.138
John 16:5-11

Wednesday 13 May

Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps.148
John 16:12-15

Thursday 14 May

Acts 1:15,17,20-26 Ps.113
John 16:9-17 St. Matthias, Apostle

Friday 15 May

Acts 18:9-18 Ps.47
John 16:20-23

Saturday 16 May

Acts 18:23-28 Ps.47
John 16:23-28

Sunday 17 May Ascension of the Lord

1. Acts 1:1-11 Ps.47
2. Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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Mangawhai - Maungaturoto – Wellsford

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Reconciliations:

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

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am