



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**

## **Pentecost Sunday (a) - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:1,24,29-31,34

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

### ***disciples empowered***

The process of reflection on the experience of gathering, worship and mission continues when we modern disciples of Jesus gather. The beginning of this process, the initial gathering of Jesus' disciples on the first Christian Pentecost day, is our foundational communal experience of the alternative reality of GOD's reigning. Just as the early disciples began to reflect on their experience of GOD's transforming newness, we gather and turn to the reality of GOD's Spirit in our midst.

The Pentecost event features two groups of people who already know pluralism. The believers in Jesus, who included the disciples or "brothers" of Jesus, the women, and the mother of Jesus, and also included, "the devout from every nation under heaven." The wonder is that those closest to Jesus speak their own language and all the others hear and discern.

Among the hearers, thirteen different countries of origin are mentioned – that is, the whole devout world, gathered at Jerusalem, hears and discerns! Believers speak and the devout hear! All barriers are broken down by their speech. There is genuine communication. In this speaking and hearing of GOD's word, a single community is created in that time and place.

The wonder of GOD's life, among the Hebrews and among the nations, begins new speech. The new speech is followed by a series of actions which make new life possible.

The nations of the world are enabled by the power of GOD's Spirit, to hear, understand and participate in the story of GOD's marvellous actions that have been recited in this event. The communication that happened on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem defies human explanation! What human beings judge impossible – is made possible – by the power of GOD!

Jesus says a second time: "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." The disciples are 'sent' to become Jesus' Presence and WORD in the world. GOD was present and active in Jesus' WORD – so the disciples are to be GOD's presence and action in the world in the new era. Jesus gives his spirit/Spirit to them for this purpose. The spirit/Spirit of Jesus, transforms them to become the life-giving 'WORD' in the world.

The Holy Spirit consecrates people and gives them the power to make others holy in turn. This power to isolate, repel, and negate evil and sin is given by God to Jesus. This same power is given in turn by Jesus through the Spirit to those whom he sends. John does not tell us how or who exercised this power in the community for whom he wrote. The fact that he mentions it shows that it was exercised.

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***"Like a mighty wind that overtakes us, like a crash that startles us, like a fire that illuminates us, the gift of the Holy Spirit descends upon us."***

**Pope Leo XIV Pentecost '25**

## **Using our Gifts and Talents**

As we hear in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading today from Corinthians ‘*No one can say “Jesus is LORD” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit and there are varieties of services but the same LORD and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same GOD who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

It’s a reminder to us that we can use our abilities to contribute, in however small a way, to our parish. Following is a list of some of the ways you can help. This list will be printed separately so you can take a copy home and, if you’d like to help or you want more information on one of the roles, please circle the area or areas you’re interested in. Include your name, contact details and circle your area of the parish – Wellsford, Maungaturoto or Mangawhai. You can leave your completed form in the box in the back of the church.

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Treasurer

Liturgy Committee

Children’s Liturgy

Sacramental Programme

Presiders for Liturgies

Works and Finance Committee

Mass Music Wellsford, Mangawhai or Maungaturoto. Training provided. Job share.

Church Cleaning roster – Wellsford OR Maungaturoto

Newsletter – training provided if needed. Can be job share.

Organiser of Wellsford Sunday rosters. Training provided. Can be job share.

Wellsford morning tea roster

Readers at Mass

Leaders at Masses

Mangawhai – setting up before Mass/Liturgy – altar, chairs etc. And putting away afterwards.

Christmas – setting up Nativity scene – something a family could do together. Training provided.

Setting up the tomb at Easter. Training provided.

Help with flowers at Easter/Christmas.

## **Situation Vacant**

Vaughan Sampson is stepping down from the position of Parish Treasurer. He has been looking after the parish finances for 8 years and has done a very professional job. We thank him for his wonderful work and wish him well.

If anyone in the parish would be interested in this area of service in parish life, and would like to take up this role, please contact Ken Hancock on 027 2946914.

## **Whole Parish Mass and AGM**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May is a 5<sup>th</sup> 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 and a shared lunch. Please consider being part of the Parish Pastoral Council. Your voice and ideas can make a difference. **Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.**

**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](mailto:vocations@franciscans.org.au)

**Fr Paul Turner Ars Celebrandi Workshop**

This workshop will explore the ars celebrandi, the art of celebrating the liturgy with reverence, understanding, and fidelity to the mind and heart of the Church. Fr Paul Turner will lead practical and enriching session aimed at deepening our understanding of the Eucharist and strengthening the celebration of Mass in our parishes. Fr Paul Turner is pastor of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph.

**Laity Workshop - Date:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July. **Venue:** Christ the King Church, Owairaka, 260 Richardson Rd, Mt Roskill. **Time:** Parish Mass @ 9am Sessions start at 10am to 2.30pm. Morning Tea provided. BYO Lunch please. Register at: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/) Ph. Or txt Marie 021 054 4772 if you want to register and carpool.

**The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship**

ALL MEN are invited to the Joshua 40-Year Celebration Weekend!


When: Fri pm **14 August to Sun midday 16 August**

Venue: Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua

Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad". Cost: \$247pp including accommodation and meals.

To Register: Follow the link below OR Scan the QR Code on porter attached OR contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 Link:

<https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

| <b>Wellsford Roster</b>      |                            |  |   |
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|                              | <b>Sunday 24 May</b>       |  | <b>Sunday 31 May</b>                        |
| <i>Min/s of Word</i>         | 1. Mike Harris             |  | Whole Parish Mass                           |
| <i>Intercessions</i>         | 2. Marie Rambaud           |  |   |
| <i>Minister of Eucharist</i> | Marie                      |  |   |
| <i>Morning Tea</i>           | Alex Dumlao                |  |   |
| <i>Church Cleaning</i>       | Lynette & Mike             |  |   |
| <i>Leader</i>                | Maureen Hancock<br>Maureen |  | Shared morning tea<br>and PARISH AGM<br>Gay |

### 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, 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 *Chris Ohlson* who died on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, and for *Gerard McCurran* who died last Sunday. And for those who have died in the current conflicts around the world and for our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time: *Val Klay (25<sup>th</sup>)*, *Edward Karl (27<sup>th</sup>)*, *Richard Pride (29<sup>th</sup>)*.

### Readings: 8<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

#### **Monday 25 May Our Lady. Help of Christians**

1 Peter 1:3-9 Ps.111  
Mark 10:17-27

#### **Tuesday 26 May St Philip Neri, priest**

1 Peter 1:10-16 Ps.98  
Mark 10:28-31

#### **Wednesday 27 May**

1 Peter 1:18-25 Ps.147B  
Mark 10:32-45

#### **Thursday 28 May**

1 Peter 2:2-5,9-12 Ps.100  
Mark 10:46-52

#### **Friday 29 May**

1 Peter 4:7-13 Ps.96  
Mark 11:11-26

#### **Saturday 30 May**

Jude 17:20-25 Ps.63  
Mark 11:27-33

#### **Sunday 31 May**

1. Exodus 34:4-6,8-9
  2. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Gospel: John 3:16-18

#### **Trinity Sunday**

Daniel 3:52-57

## **St Mary's Parish**

### ***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**