



St Mary's Parish Maungaturoto - Mangawhai - Wellsford

Weekend Mass Times

Maungaturoto: Sat 6.00pm Mangawhai: Sun 8.30am Wellsford: Sun 10.30am

Weekday Mass Times

Wellsford: Tues & Fri 9.00am Thurs 11.30am Maungaturoto 1st & 3rd Wed 10am, Mangawhai 2nd & 4th Wed 10.30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wellsford: Thurs 10.30 -11:25am. Maungaturoto: Wed 9.30 – 9.55am

Mangawhai: (TBA)

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 24th December 2017

2Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Psalm 89

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

On this last Sunday of Advent the Lord reminds us of his eternal covenant: a) The two-fold nature of the Covenant: The Old Testament spoke of two types of covenants. In the bilateral covenant both the parties are expected to keep the covenant. If one party defaults the other party could punish the defaulter. The God of the Old Testament pronounced punishment against the Israelites when they broke the covenant. In the unilateral covenant the faithful party continued to keep the covenant in spite of the unfaithfulness of the defaulter. David had broken God's covenant by committing adultery and murder. Yet god assured him that his kingdom would last forever. b) This covenant is fulfilled in Jesus:

In the Gospel Mary was not only reminded of this eternal covenant but it was predicted that this covenant would be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. The fact that we continue to prepare for the coming of Jesus and celebrate the Solemnity of his birth is sure proof of the fulfillment of this eternal covenant in Jesus. c) This covenant is extended to the Gentiles. The Church by its very nature is missionary and thus as the light of the world, salt of the earth and the yeast in the dough, the Church is called to invite others to share the benefits of this covenant. St Paul in today's Second Reading insists that this covenant is now extended to the Gentiles. How does the Covenant made by God with human beings affect my life as a believer? *Fr Robert D'Souza*



Christmas is joy, religious joy, God's joy, an inner joy of light and peace. Pope Francis

Advent Wreath

Today, the Tinsel family will light the final candle on the Advent wreath for the fourth Sunday of Advent.

MASS TIMETABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER WELLSFORD Carols at 8.30PM, Mass at 9PM.

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER MANGAWHAI 8.30AM MASS

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER MAUNGATUROTO 11AM MASS

NEW YEAR

Saturday 30th December – 6.00pm Mass at Maungaturoto

Sunday 31st December – 8.30am Mass at Mangawhai

Sunday 31st December – 10.30am Mass at Wellsford

NEW YEAR'S DAY – MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 2018

At Wellsford – 9am to 10am, praying of 20 mysteries of the Rosary.

10am – Mass.

Roster for Wellsford in January

We would appreciate an idea of who will be available for the various ministries at Mass during January. Please fill in the roster sheet in the foyer. Thank you to everyone who has assisted in ministerial and other roles during the year.

Stations of the Cross

At Wellsford on the first Friday of the month. Next stations are on **5th January at 7.00pm.**

Living the Bread of Justice with Suzanne Aubert

A day of Retreat, Reflection & Refreshment for all who journey for justice and peace. Led by Sr Sue Cosgrove of the Sisters of Compassion. **Saturday 24th February 2018, 9am-4pm** at Mary McKillop Centre, 30 Holgate Rd, Mission Bay. Lunch supplied. Small koha towards costs. Contact Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz or ph 022 1300 730 to register.



PARISH GALA

SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2018

This is a much needed fundraiser for the parish and also a great community day out. Please start thinking about how you can help make a successful gala and whether you have anything you no longer need that could be sold at the gala.



We need:

- Helpers on the day. As many as possible needed to help put stuff out from 6.30am. Plus people to “man” the stalls.
- Used items, in saleable condition, for the auction. No rubbish please (it costs us if we have to visit the rubbish tip).
- Clothing in good condition.
- Preserves and plants.
- Books
- Toys in good condition.
- Items for quick fire raffles
- Helpers in the 2 weeks leading up to the auction, to help sort items at the church.

Enquiries to Ken Hancock or members of Parish Pastoral Council.

Donation Totals for November

Wellsford \$1593.30, Mangawhai \$1168.70, Maungaturoto \$598.70.

Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 24th December	Christmas Eve Vigil	Sunday 31st December
Min/s of Word	Bob Schimanski, Mary Partington	Monica Pride, Greg Matheson	Ivan Tomas, Mary Rose Jones
Intercessions	Mary Partington	Greg Matheson	Mary Rose Jones
Collection & Gifts	Wilma Jansen & others	Brian & Kirsten Lenssen	Wilma Jansen & Brian & Colleen C.
Min/s of Eucharist	Wilma Jansen, Ken Hancock	Mary Rose Jones, Bob Schimanski	Monica Pride, Bob Schimanski
Morning Tea	Marie Rambaud		
Church cleaning	Denice Pride, Marie Rambaud		Monica Pride
Flowers	Mary Cameron		
<i>If any of the above dates do not suit, please swap with someone or ph. Marie 4238907</i>			
Maungaturoto Roster			
	Saturday 23rd Dec	Christmas Day	
Min/s of Word, welcome, prayers	Jenny & Margaret	Celia & Trevor	
Min/s of Eucharist	Mike	Peter	
Church cleaning	Jenny & Philippa		

prayer intentions for the week

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Special Intention:

That people everywhere will know the true meaning of Christ's coming and find the way to goodness and justice and the fulfilment of every hope.

Prayers for our Sick:

Elmarie Bonfrer, Merv Cotter, Trevor Sykes, Terry Boreham, Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Maggie Everett, Tony Plunkett, Allison Poninghouse, Susan Faulkner, Nanette Matheson, Christina Collins, Mihaka (Mick) Kaio, Patricia Valkenberg, John Brljevic, Stephan & Patricia Vercoe, Christine Tayler, Rita McCurran and Dallas & James Colville.

(Please contact Marie 423 8907 or 0210544772 to have names added to or removed from the above).

Prayers for the Dead:

For those whose death anniversaries occur about now including Victor Douglas (24/12/83) and Michael Power (27/12/90), Edmund Grice (28/12/76), Evelyn Paget (29/12/95) and Francis McDevitt (31/12/75), May they have eternal rest.

Readings: 4th Week of Advent

MONDAY 26 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS

The Birth of Our Lord

1. Isaiah 52:7-10 Ps.98

2. Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Tuesday 26 December St Stephen, 1st Martyr

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-60

Ps.31

Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday 27 December St John, apostle and evangelist

1John 1:1-4

Ps.97

John 20:2-8

Thursday 28 December Holy Innocents

1John 1:5 -2:2

Ps.124

Matthew 2:13-18

Friday 29 December

1John 2:3-11

Ps.96

Luke 2:22-35

Saturday 30 December

1John 2:12-17

Ps.96

Luke 2:36-40

Sunday 31st December HOLY FAMILY

1. Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Ps.128

2. Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

MONDAY 1ST JANUARY Mary, Mother of God

1. Numbers 6:22-27

Ps.67

2. Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

St Mary's Parish

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Reconciliations: Wellsford: Sat. 9.00-9.30am Maungaturoto: Sat:5.30-5.55pm

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00-8.25am