



St Mary's Parish Maungaturoto - Mangawhai - Wellsford

Sunday Mass Times

Mangawhai: 8.30am Wellsford: 10.30am Maungaturoto: 4.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Wellsford: Tues & Sat 9.00am & Fri 11.30am

Maungaturoto Wed 10.00am Mangawhai Thurs 10.30am (private home)

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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Jesus Christ, universal Ruler – 25th November 2018

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm 93:1-5

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

reviewing the past year

For the sake of all the beauty and goodness in the church, let us get beyond our grumblings. There has been a lot of bad news lately. We are like little fish swimming in a sea of light but seeing only the patches of darkness that actually make space for future growth.

Trouble is, we don't see their potential. There is something in us that longs for perfection, forgetting that if we were perfect we'd have no room for growth, no room for God working in us and with us. Life is all about transcendence, our darkness being a teacher, light unborn. But instead of learning from it, we try to reject it. We tend to condemn the growing space with judgemental words: 'disorder', 'clericalism', 'abuse'. These words become labels we can put on other people. Our faith becomes divided.

Where is Jesus our healer and teacher in all of this? What is he trying to tell us about spiritual growth? . . . If we look around us we see that the dark patches in the sea of light, while serious, are very small indeed compared with the abundant

grace poured out on the church. Perhaps the dark patches are also part of grace.

Maybe we could call them the giving of the left hand of God, each having a teaching that will take us to a new place in our faith. And perhaps in all those dark puddles there is one big teaching. Do you think the spirit of Jesus might be addressing the sin of pride? Almost everything in the church is tainted by it. We all see ourselves as better than someone else, rank beginning with the Pope, then cardinals, bishops, priests, religious. And the laity? Of course!

We lay people are all sure we are better than people who are not Catholics. I'm in this too, my mind chanting like a child, "My school is better than your school." We don't need to go far in the gospels to find out what Jesus thought about people who wanted to be better than others."

They who exalt themselves will be humbled," is just one of many warnings. We know the antidote to pride. So, maybe we can look again at those patches of darkness, own them as teachings and with Jesus, see them grow into the light of humility - **Joy Cowley** [November 19th 2018]

St. Mary's Parish – Christmas Dinner – SOLD OUT!!

Meditation Group Meets

on **Wednesdays, 104D Tara Road, Mangawhai. Time: 1:15pm** A leaflet introducing the Christian practice of meditation is available at the back of the Church. For further information about the local meeting, ring Jan – 0272761537. For information about the World Community for Christian Meditation visit: www.wccm.org

NZ ROSARY CRUSADE – for life and death

8th December: Presently the Law Commission is encouraging the government to liberalise the abortion laws. Our Parliament is also currently considering legalising Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. The time has come for New Zealanders, Catholics and non-Catholics, to pray together for our nation. We must act now!

On December 8th, New Zealanders will join together in prayer in various locations (including at the National March for Life on the lawn of Parliament) **to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith.** www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or ph. Clare on 022 1912 or 03 359 2087. We are mindful that many in our communities are suffering the effects of abortion in their families. Our message to our community is, you are not alone, there is support, there is healing, there is hope. marchforlife.co.nz or ph. Michael on 021 825 955

Liturgy Meeting Tuesday 4 December, 9.30am at Wellsford.

Confirmation Preparation Programme

Will begin in early 2019. Please email wellsfordcatholic@gmail.com with name, or phone Fr. Bill: 09 423 8170

Family Advent

The Faith Formation team of the Auckland Diocese hosts a number of resources around Advent <https://aucklandcatholic.org.nz/re/family-faith/learn-together/advent/> for those families who wish to prepare for the Christmas season and are looking for ideas.

St Pius X Parish, Glen Innes Summer Food Fair

It's that time of the year again, and we invite you to come along to our Summer Food Fair, Saturday 8th Dec, St Pius X Parish grounds. Featuring a variety of cultural foods, entertainment, prizes to be won and much more. Bring your families and friends and we look forward to seeing you there. For more info, contact office@gleninnescatholic.org.nz

The 2019 Columban Art Calendar

now on sale The calendar begins with the new year (1st Jan. 2019). Price = \$12.00

Childrens' Liturgy at Sunday Mass at Wellsford

If there are two or more 4 - 8 year-olds at Mass at 10.30am Mass, Maureen Hancock is ready to conduct **an activity session for them during the Liturgy of the Word.** She will be prepared to start this Sunday: Christ the King Sunday(25th Nov.).

Communal Rite of Reconciliation

with visiting confessor **Wednesday 12th December 7.00pm at Wellsford**

Mangawhai Combined Churches: 9 LESSONS & CAROLS

9th December at 7:00pm at Mangawhai's_Christ the King, Anglican Church, 9 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village. All warmly welcome.

AUCKLAND CATHOLIC TRAMPING CLUB – CHRISTMAS MASS

Saturday 8th December, Mass at 12 noon, at 293 King Road, Mangawhai, followed by Shared Lunch with the option of a bush walk or winery music festival. All welcome.

Parish-to-Parish Bed & Breakfast

Since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems or downsized their homes. We urgently require more hosts in places all over the country. I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home to join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5-star – just clean, comfortable and welcoming, as well as being able to provide a light breakfast. The aim is to provide Catholic hospitality and make new friends. The hosts charge a fee of \$35 for one person or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information, contact Marie Anderson: email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz or ph: 033595541

Pilgrimage to Holy Land, Jordan and Egypt: 1st - 16th March 2019

16 days pilgrimage, including travel dates. \$5,700 per person all inclusive: round trip air tickets; accommodation in 4 and 5 star hotels; Israel, Egypt, Jordan visas, taxes and entry fees; professional licensed local guides; breakfast, lunch & dinner; Holy Eucharist celebrations. Reserve your seat with deposit of \$1500 before 1st December 2018. Sehion Tours and Travel pilgrimage chaplain, Fr. Joy Thottamkara joycssr@gmail.com

Wellsford Rosters			
	Sunday 25th Nov.	Sunday 2nd Dec..	Sunday 9th Dec.
Min/s of Word	Greg Matheson, Mary Rose Jones	Ivan Tomas, Maureen Hancock	Ken Hancock, Monica Pride
Intercessions	Mary Rose Jones	Maureen Hancock	Monica Pride
Collection & Gifts	Gerry Kok, Wilma J & Liz E	Brian & Colleen & Manori	Kaneama family
Min/s of Eucharist	Marie Rambaud, Monica Pride	Monica Pride, Wilma Jansen	Tita Kaneama Maurice Haddon
Morning Tea	Kath & Des B.	Gay Pride	Marie Rambaud
Church cleaning	Kath & Des B.	Gay Pride	Marie Rambaud

prayer intentions for the week

Pope's prayer intention for November – **In the service of peace, that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.**

Prayers for our Sick:

Terry Boreham, Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Philip Cotching, Susan Faulkner:

Maggie Everett, Nell Graham, Therese Graham, Allison Poninghouse, Patricia Valkenberg:

Stephan Vercoe, Christine Tayler, Rita McCurran, Marie McSweeney, Rosalie Walsh, John Walsh, Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Yashmeen Joseph, Don Matheson:

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

Prayers for the Dead: For the recently deceased: including: Della Griffin (Maureen Hancock's aunt in Ireland); and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: including: Ivan Tomich (28th), Walter Bayer (30th), Phyllis Dowling (30th), Harold Hall (1st Dec), Brad Lear (1st Dec) and Edward Butler (2nd Dec), and Anaru Wi Apo, a Catholic victim of the 1918 influenza pandemic, who died this month in 1918 and whose memorial is being unveiled at Otamatea today.

readings: 34th Week Ordinary Time

Mon 26th Nov.

Apocalypse 14:1-5 Ps.24
Luke 21:1-4

Tues 27th Nov.

Apocalypse 14:14-19 Ps.96
Luke 21:5-11

Wed 28th Nov.

Apocalypse 15:1-4 Ps.98
Luke 21:12-19

Thurs 29th Nov.

Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9
Ps.100

Luke 21:20-28

Fri 30th Nov. St Andrew, Apostle

Romans 10:9-18 Ps.19A
Matthew 4:18-22

Sat 1st Dec.

Apocalypse 22:1-7 Ps.95
Luke 21:34-36

Sun 2nd Dec. 1st Sunday of Advent

1. Jeremiah 33:14-16 Ps.25
2. 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28;34-36

St Mary's Parish

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