



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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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26th Sunday Ordinary Time – 30th September 2018

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm 18

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

we all must become prophets!

When the Sunday readings ask Christian disciples to discern when debate crosses into contentiousness – as the reading from James did last week (*Jm.3:16ff*) – its about matters of envy and selfish ambition.

Next weekend, 5th - 7th October, Cardinal Raymond Burke will attend the Family Life International Conference, “Living the Splendour of the Truth” being held at Epsom Girls’ Grammar, Auckland. The cardinal is well-known for his rather outspoken conservative views and for his criticism of the present leadership of the Church. His presence and views will attract wide media interest, and will be the focus of some fierce debate.

This week’s gospel reading describes a man casting out demons *in the name of Jesus*, who wasn’t a follower of Jesus (cf. *Mk.9:38*)! Jesus replies with the principle - “*Anyone who is not against us is for us*” (*Mk.9:38*). And then Jesus continues –

with a warning about being a cause for “*the little ones*” to stumble, recommending very radical remedies.

Both the views of Cardinal Burke and the teachings of Jesus about the unauthorised exorcist, call for our discernment, today. The reading from James last week, didn’t deny the reality of contentiousness in the church. For Cardinal Burke the issue is about the defense of Judaeo-Christian civilization in the face of the threat of its destruction by liberal elites and Islamic fundamentalists. At the other end of the spectrum is the progressives with a wide variety of ideas and aspirations, concerning among other things, the relationships between laity and clergy, the role of women and the urgency of reforming the Vatican establishment.

In the spirit of Pope Francis, it is a fair question to ask ourselves: “*What is the holy Spirit saying to the Church in all this?*” Jesus’ word reminds us: “*that all who are not against us are for us*” – BF

Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us.”

(*Mk.9:38-40*)

CHRISTIANITY, CREATION & CLIMATE CHANGE

- How have Christian writers over the ages reflected on creation?
- How is climate change affecting our Earth and our country?
- What does our faith tell us about how to live in '*our common home*'?
(with reference to Catholic teaching, especially Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*)
- How can we respond?

An afternoon of input, reflection and sharing with Mary Betz. Sat. 13th Oct. 1.30pm at the Anglican Church, Molesworth St., Mangawhai Village. Mary has worked as a lecturer; tertiary chaplain; co-ordinator of faith education in parishes; for Caritas; and for the Auckland Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission. She has two grown daughters and lives with her husband Peter, in Titirangi.

MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS

The annual Mass for Pope Francis on his Patronal Feast Day will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn at the Cathedral of Sts. Patrick & Joseph, on **Thursday 4th Oct at 12.15pm**. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and celebratory cake in Liston Hall. Be sure to sign the greeting card. Normal weekday Wilson car parking rates apply.

LIFEFEST 2018

Attention **young people!** A one day, hands-on event providing young people, 13 to 19 years, with important tools to build a new culture of life into the future! Amazing overseas speakers. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. An October holiday well worth the \$20. Sponsorships available. **Thursday 4th October: 9am to 9pm** at Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. ALSO: **cheap accommodation** available for those travelling a distance for the nights of the 3rd & 4th Oct. For mor info or to book the accommodation email: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955.

Responding to the NZ Housing Crisis

In his 16 September Pastoral letter to all parishioners, Bishop Pat asked 'whether your Parish, or individuals within it, can provide affordable rental accommodation or emergency housing or furnishings to help a homeless family'. If you think you may be in a position to assist in this way, an initial contact can be made with Catholic Social Services, ph. 09 378 9650 or johnm@ccsauckland.org.nz

"LIVING THE SPLENDOUR OF THE TRUTH"

Pro-life, Pro-family Conference, with world-renowned speakers, including **Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla**, the daughter of St. Gianna and **Cardinal Raymond Burke** at Epsom Girls' Grammar School, from **5th - 7th Oct 2018**. This conference which will echo the perennial truths of the Catholic faith, with practical applications for our times – Michael Loretz. Education Director, Family Life International NZ Michael@fli.rorg.nz Ph. 021 825 955 or 09 629 43 61

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION FOR VOCATIONS

Candlelight Rosary Procession & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart College, 250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes. **Sunday 7th Oct. at 7pm**. Led by Bishop Patrick Dunn. All are invited. The purpose of this procession is to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Enquiries to Colin Pratt Ph. 09 576 2161

MARRIED COUPLES – MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Revitalise and enrich intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND, 5th – 7th Oct. at Mt Richmond Hotel, Mt Wellington. BOOK NOW! Ph. 0800 362686 or Christine & David Sloan 09 372 3581 or email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

St Leo's Catholic School

125th Jubilee on Sunday 11 November 2018, beginning with a celebration of Mass at 11am followed by lunch, entertainment and a mix and mingle. We invite any past pupils, families or staff to help us celebrate. Bookings can be made on the website trybooking.co.nz/LN. More info on the facebook page **St Leo's Catholic 125th School Jubilee**. Maureen Harris, Principal. Ph. 09 4459339

Alone Again?

Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organisation with the motto "*Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change*". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date **Friday evening 5th Oct. to Sunday afternoon 7th Oct. Cost \$295** Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol 022 089 0458 or leave a message on 09 360 3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

EXPLORING SACRED SPACES

Come along and join us as Auckland's diverse faith groups open their doors to introduce us to their faith and ways of worship. Organised by the Auckland Inter-Faith Council as part of the AUCKLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL. Visit any of the houses of worship advertised on the noticeboard at the times listed. Free of charge and open to the public. Come along and bring your friends. See the venues, learn about the history and heritage of the faith communities, enjoy light refreshments. No bookings required.

Meditation – an introduction by Fr. Peter Murphy on Mon. 15th October at the St Mary's Parish Wellsford at 7.00pm – all welcome.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Wellsford Friday 5th October 7pm

| Wellsford Rosters | | | |
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| | Sunday 30th Sept. | Sunday 7th Oct. | Sunday 14th Oct. |
| Min/s of Word | Charmaine Joseph, Mary-Rose Jones | Marie Rambaud, Bob Schimanski | Maureen Hancock, Maurice Haddon |
| Intercessions | Mary-Rose Jones | Bob Schimanski | Maurice Haddon |
| Collection & Gifts | Gerry Kok, Wilma Jansen & Yashmeen | Mike & Lynette & Liz Emmerson | Gerry Kok, Wilma Jansen, Charmaine J. |
| Min/s of Eucharist | Marie Rambaud. Monica Pride | Eranga Amarasekara, Wilma Jansen | Bob Schimanski, Merza |
| Morning Tea | Gandela family | Lynette & Mike | Maureen Hancock |
| Church cleaning | Kath & Des Bezzant | Portia & family | Maureen Hancock |

prayer intentions for the week

The Pope's prayer intention for September – **That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.**

Prayers for our Sick: Elmarie Bonfrer, Terry Boreham, Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Brett Anderson, Philip Cotching, Maggie Everett, Nell Graham, Therese Graham, Allison Poninghouse, Patricia Valkenberg, Zoila Crisostomo, John Brljevich, Stephan Vercoe, Christine Tayler, Rita McCurran, Marie McSweeney, Rosalie Walsh, Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Yashmeen Joseph & Jennifer Rambaud: May Christ's presence relieve their distress, remove their fears, give them peace and restore them so they can offer you joyful thanks *in the midst of your Church.*

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

Prayers for the Dead: For the recently deceased & for those whose anniversaries occur about now, including: Leo Butler (2nd), Peter Beveridge (3rd), David Oliver (6th) and Trevor Kerrisk (7th). May they rest in the peace of Christ where all tears will be wiped away.

readings: 26th Week Ordinary Time

Mon 1st October St Theresa of the Child Jesus

Job 1:6-22 Ps.17
Luke 9:46-50

Tues 2nd October The Guardian Angels

Exodus 23:20-23 Ps.91
Matthew 18:1-5,10

Wed 3rd October

Job 9:1-13,14-16 Ps.88
Luke 9:57-62

Thurs 4th October St Francis of Assisi

Job 19:21-27 Ps.27
Luke 10:1-12

Fri 5th October

Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 Ps.139
Luke 10:13-16

Sat 6th October

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Ps.119A
Luke 10:17-24

Sun 7th October 27th Week Ordinary Time

1. Genesis 2:18-24 Ps.128
2. Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

St Mary's Parish

Mangawhai - Maungaturoto – Wellsford

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Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00-8.25am