



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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First Sunday of Advent – 3rd December 2017

Isaiah 63:16 -17, 19; 64:1,3-8

Psalm 79

1Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

waiting

Today the Church begins the season of Advent which is divided into two parts: from the first Sunday to 16 December we recall his historical coming. The Church is a pilgrim Church. It journeys between this twofold coming of Jesus. During this journey the Church, like any other pilgrim, goes through a threefold experience of loneliness, hope and watchful waiting. In moments of crisis and struggles we feel that we have been abandoned by God. It is not that God has deserted us but we have forgotten or ignored his presence with us. Even in such situations we have to believe that another world is possible. It is only those who see the invisible who can do the impossible. We ought to hope for the intervention of the Lord and wait for it patiently, just as the Church waits vigilantly for the second coming of the Lord.



As we begin the season of Advent and a new Liturgical Year today let us ask the Lord to grant us a deep sense of security and assurance during our journey of faith, a journey towards a new world of love, joy and peace. How do I handle the positive and negative experiences during my journey of faith?

Fr Robert D'Souza

As we progress through the season of Advent, "we go by this road to meet the Lord, we walk to meet him," to "encounter him with the heart, with life; encounter him alive, as He is; encounter him with faith." "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ." Pope Francis

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting **Wednesday 6th December 7pm** at Anastasia and Martin Tinsel's home.

Mangawahi House Mass

Wednesday 6th December at the home of Jan Sosinko, 54d Jack Boyd Drive at 10.30am. It's the last house, cream brick, at the end of the R.O.W. On the bend of Jack Boyd.

Advent Wreath

During Advent, one family each week from the congregation will light the candle on the Advent Wreath. This will happen after the prayers of intercession. On Sunday 10th December the Amarasekara family will light the candle.

Email Contacts

If your email address has changed recently or is going to change due to Vodafone and Clearnet changes, please let us know at wellsford.catholic@gmail.com so we can keep our contacts list current.

CDC Philosophy Camp

Join Fr Dominique Faure and CDC students to Search for the Truth, Ask the Big Questions, Go Deeper, Have Fun! Aimed at 16-19 year olds. 3pm, 26th December to 2pm 28th December. Cost \$60. Includes 2 nights marae-style accommodation, all meals. Email cameron@cdc.ac.nz facebook.com/cdcnz 09 489 8197. CDC, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna.

Time Out Day at St Francis Retreat Centre

9.30am – 1.30pm **Wednesday 13th December**. Everyone is invited to attend our final day of reflection for the year. A light lunch will be provided and we ask that you bring a gold coin donation towards cost. If you have never been before do come and check us out and enjoy our beautiful surroundings and know afresh God's blessing. Please contact 09 625 6651 or email: admin@stfrancisretreatcentre to book your place.

Marcellin College 60th Jubilee

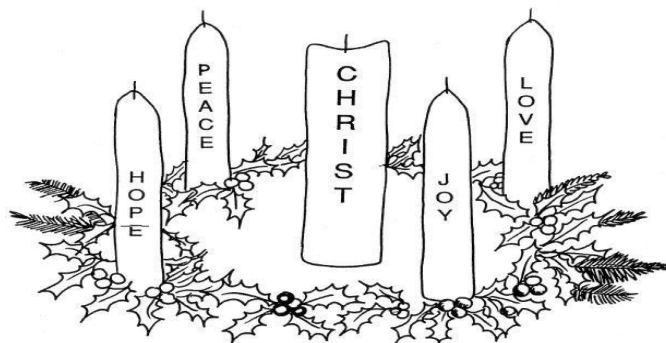
Next year 23 – 25 March 2018. Registrations now open at www.marcellin.school.nz

Mangawhai Combined Churches Carol Service

Sunday 10th December, 7.00pm, at Mangawhai Anglican Church. Put this in your diary. Catholic participation (readings etc). All welcome. Supper to follow.

Choral Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:36-38. At the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 7.30pm, Friday 8th December. With the Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks on Hobson St & Durham Lane.



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.



Wellsford Roster			
	Sunday 3rd December	Sunday 10th December	Sunday 17th December
Min/s of Word	Ivan Tomas, Marie Rambaud	Mary Rose Jones, Ken Hancock	Margaret Pride, Greg Matheson
Intercessions	Marie Rambaud	Ken Hancock	Greg Matheson
Collection & Gifts	Kaneama family	Mike & Lynette Harris, Wilma J.	Brian & Colleen Cave, Mel Ketter
Min/s of Eucharist	Charmaine Joseph, Tita Kaneama	Gay Pride, Marie Rambaud	Bob Schimanski, Mary Rose Jones
Morning Tea	Greg & Heny M.	Gay Pride	Mike & Lynette H
Church cleaning	Marie Rambaud	Portia Smith & family	Gay Pride
<i>If any of the above dates do not suit, please swap with someone or ph. Marie 4238907</i>			
Maungaturoto Roster			
	Saturday 2nd Dec.	Saturday 9th Dec.	Saturday 16th Dec
Min/s of Word, welcome, prayers	Peter & Ann	Chris & Lisa	Philippa & Mike
Min/s of Eucharist	Helen	Philippa	Trevor
Church cleaning		Celia	

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:

For those in our community suffering feelings of depression, rejection, confusion and worthlessness. May they find hope in small daily blessings.

Prayers for our Sick:

Elmarie Bonfrer, Merv Cotter, Trevor Sykes, Terry Boreham, Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Maureen Bakulich, Maggie Everett, Tony Plunkett, Allison Poninghouse, Susan Faulkner, Nanette Matheson, Christina Collins, Mihaka (Mick) Kaio, Patricia Valkenberg, John Brljevich, 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 Frank Bennett (3/12/88), Angela Gill (3/12/92), Mamie Nightingale (9/12/81) and Barry Mann (10/12/11). May they have eternal rest.

Readings: 1st Week of Advent

Mon 4th December

Isaiah 2:1-5 Ps.122
Matthew 8:5-11

Tues 5th December

Isaiah 11:1-10 Ps.72
Luke 10:21-24

Wed 6th December

Isaiah 25:6-10 Ps.23
Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs 7th December St Ambrose

Isaiah 26:1-6 Ps.118
Matthew 7:21,24-27

Fri 8th December Immaculate Conception

1. Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ps.98
2. Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Sat 9th December

Isaiah 30:19-26 Ps.147A
Matthew 9:35-10:1,6-8

Sun 10th December 2nd Week of Advent

1. Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Ps.85
2. 2Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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