



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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## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – 4th November 2018

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm 18(17):1-3,46,50

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

### *Hear, O Israel, the LORD is our GOD, the LORD alone*

To this day, pious Israelites recite *the Shema* (from the command, “Listen” Dt.6:5 in today’s first reading) three times a day. It reminds them to keep alive the hearing of the *Law (of Moses)* and for awareness of their duty to serve *the LORD* with undivided hearts. When they struggle to be loyal to *the LORD* alone amid competing claims upon their collective heart and mind, Moses’ teaching voice continues to speak the words that give life. Hearing these words calls up hope for an alternative awareness of the present.

In today’s second reading, Jesus is precisely the high priest whom the human race requires, holy and sinless, installed far above humanity (Hb.1:26); one having no need to offer sacrifice daily for sins but making a single offering of himself (Hb.1:27) once for all. *The Law* could only appoint high priests with human limitations, but the fulfilment of GOD's oath regarding the priesthood of Melchizedek (Cf.Ps.110:4) makes the Son of GOD the perfect priest forever (Hb.7:28) and thus guarantees a

better covenant.

Jesus had been debating with the religious authorities and listening to the debate was a Scribe. The Scribe appreciated Jesus’ answers and now he addresses a further question to Jesus intending him well. The Scribe asked which from among the more than six hundred religious commandments of the Law, was the most important?

Jesus replies that to love GOD is to value liberation and justice – its the same as loving neighbour. It means that there isn’t any other GOD than love. The second commandment is the same as the first – what love could we offer our neighbour if we are loving GOD with all the love we have. Jesus scandalised many by joining the two – saying one was similar to the other. The Scribe caught Jesus’ drift and adds that *‘this love is worth more than religion’*. He understood that love of GOD and of others, is a single action worth more than all religious rites, even true ones. It isn’t that we mustn’t do them, but may be it isn’t a sin to fail to do them. – BF

*When we are obsessed with our own pleasure, we end up being all too concerned about ourselves and our rights.* Pope Francis, GE #108

## **ST MARY'S PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Fri 30th November, 6.00pm at our Wellsford church – this function will be catered for by your Parish Council and only \$15 a ticket. You will have a lovely meal; hopefully we'll have someone on guitar and a bit of a singalong. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets will be available at your part of the parish soon. (Marie has tickets at Wellsford). We look forward to seeing as many of our parishioners, friends and family. Save the date. **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **Ko te pono o te wa o mua ko te tino o te mauritau i te rongō...**

Truthful remembrance leads to enduring peace. 9Th - 10th Nov. 2018, Selwyn Library, 8 St Stephens Ave, Parnell.

DOROTHY BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE, Friday 9th November, 7.30pm, Maui Solomon, Chairman Hokotehi Moriori Trust, Rekohu (Chatham Islands): 600 years of Peacekeeping on Rekohu – Myths, Misconceptions & Truth.

STUDY DAY – Saturday 10th November, 9am registration, 9.30am welcome, 4.30pm finish. Revd Dr Hirini Kaa, Auckland University historian and theologian. The Role of Churches before, during and after the NZ Wars. And various other speakers. Booking before November 5 (for both events) is essential. (Limited seating). Book at [barfoots@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barfoots@xtra.co.nz)

## **ARMISTICE DAY - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Armistice Day** remembers the ending of the First World War. The announcement was made “*at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month*” 1918, and led to rejoicing and thanksgiving. This year marks the centenary of this event, and the New Zealand Government will be asking all citizens to keep **TWO MINUTES of silence at 11.00am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November** as we remember all who died in that War and in all wars. Then **at 11.02am there will be the ringing of bells throughout the nations, as happened in 1918.** Churches are invited to join this celebration with the ringing of Church bells and hand bells.

## **Choral Mass for the Eve of Armistice**

Celebrating 100 years since the Declaration of Peace. **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.**

## **WALK BY FAITH**

Enhance your spiritual life and learn more about your Catholic faith. Walk by Faith is an adult faith formation programme that aims to help people deepen their understanding of themselves and their relationship with God through reflection on Scripture and the teachings of the church, integrating this into their lived faith. “Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the road?” (Luke 24:32) Participants may enrol for one, two or three years. If you enjoy reading in your own time and taking part in group discussion you will enjoy this stimulating and interesting programme. The learning process includes reflecting on your experience; discussion and reading; integrating this into your life and learning; and making a personal response. Contact: Dianna Fouhy, Walk by Faith Coordinator, Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

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### **Our Lady's Fundraising Festival**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 9pm** at St Josephs Catholic Church Takapuna. \$20 per ticket includes 5 traditional food servings & 2 tokens for games. Free admission for under 10 year olds. An international cultural experience, tickle your taste buds with delicacies from Europe, Asia and South America.

### **ROSARY CRUSADE FOR LIFE AND FAITH**

**8<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm.** To find out more information, or how to lead a group, please go to [www.rosarycrusade.co.nz](http://www.rosarycrusade.co.nz) or phone 022 1912 886.

### **JOB VACANCY**

The Catholic Institute (TCI) needs an energetic and well-organised leader for its Auckland operation, based in Ponsonby. The role involves a mix of communication, promotion, relationship management, administration and quality management. Relationships with the Māori and/or Pasifika communities in Auckland would be helpful. Call or email Gerald Scanlan, the TCI Director, for further details: [g.scanlan@tci.ac.nz](mailto:g.scanlan@tci.ac.nz) or 021 375 292. Applications close Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Confirmation Programme**

Will commence early 2019. Please email [wellsfordcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:wellsfordcatholic@gmail.com) with names or phone Father Bill 09 423 8170.

### **The Rotary Club of Maungaturoto and Districts Incorporated**

Announce the Club is providing a Senior Citizens' afternoon tea and entertainment on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** between 2pm and 4pm in the Community Hall Kaiwaka (opposite Jaques). If you are interested in joining us please phone any of the following: Eric 0210304630 Stella 0211490877 Eileen 0211420357 Dan (09) 431 2130 so we know what numbers to expect. The invitation is open to senior citizens living in our area – Tinopai to Mangawhai. You will need to arrange your own transport.

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

<b>Wellsford Rosters</b>			
	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b>	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
Min/s of Word	Greg Matheson, Monica Pride	Brian Lenssen, Marie Rambaud	Maureen Hancock, Bob Schimanski
Intercessions	Monica Pride	Marie Rambaud	Bob Schimanski
Collection & Gifts	Brian & Collen Cave, Manori Amarasekara	Gerry Kok, Wilma Jansen, Liz Emmerson.	Brian & Colleen Cave, Kath Bezzant
Min/s of Eucharist	Maurice Haddon, Charmaine Joseph	Ken Hancock, Monica Pride	Eranga Amarasekara Wilma Jansen
Morning Tea	Monica Pride	Gay & family	Liz Emmerson
Church cleaning	Monica Pride	Gay & family	Portia & family

### **prayer intentions for the week**

#### **Pope's prayer intention for October –**

In 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:

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:

May Christ's presence give them peace and restore them so they can offer you joyful thanks in the midst of your community – the Church.

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

**Prayers for the Dead:** For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur about now, including: Edward Jennings (5/11/13). May they rest in the peace of Christ where all tears will be wiped away.

### **readings: 30<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

#### **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Philippians 2:1-4 Ps.131

Luke 14:12-14

#### **Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Philippians 2:5-11 Ps.22

Luke 14:15-24

#### **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Philippians 2:12-18 Ps.27

Luke 14:25-33

#### **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Philippians 3:3-8 Ps.105

Luke 15:1-10

#### **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Dedication of St John Lateran**

1. Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps.46

2. 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-20

#### **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Nov St Leo the Great**

Philippians 4:10-19 Ps.112

Luke 16:9-15

#### **Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 32<sup>nd</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

1. 1 Kings 17:10-16 Ps.146

2. Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

## **St Mary's Parish**

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