



+Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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)

email: wellsfordcatholic@gmail.com

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 6th May 2018

Acts 10:25-26

Psalm 98

1John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

When Jesus tells us: 'Love one another as I have loved you', what type of love has Jesus in mind? It is not *love of pleasure, attraction or satisfaction*. Nor is it only *love of benevolence* that focuses not on the one who loves but on the loved. What Jesus intends is *transcendental love* that freely gives all that one is and one has to the one who is loved. This is the highest form of love with which Jesus loved us. God is the focus of this level of love. In transcendental love, human love is not absorbed or suppressed, but illumined by the love of God. This is Christian love, the love which Jesus proposes to his followers. Here the one who loves may even sacrifice one's own happiness if the good of the *loved* is at stake. In doing so, the one who loves elevates love to the level of virtue: a love which is self-sacrificing – **CHRISTIAN LOVE**.

Fr. George C. Mathew SSP



During this Easter season, may we come to appreciate ever more fully the unmerited gift we received on the day of our Baptism, and resolve to live faithfully the new life we have received in Christ.

Pope Francis Homily April 11, 2018

Social Evening and Pot Luck Dinner at Mangawhai

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to a pot luck dinner at the **Senior Citizens' Hall, Mangawhai** on **Friday 11th May** from **6pm**.

Friends & family are welcome. Please bring food, your drinks and a glass. We look forward to seeing as many as possible.



Advance Notice of Bishop's Forums 2018 (City)

Tuesday May 15th at Christ the King, 260 Richardson Rd, Owairaka, 7.30pm

Sunday May 22nd at St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby, 7.30pm

Te Tai Tokerau Forum will be held in Moerewa on **Saturday August 11th**.

All parish priests, parish councillors and parishioners, young and old, invited.

Abortion Law Review – Have Your Say

The Minister of Justice has asked the NZ Law Commission to review NZ abortion law with a view to taking it out of the Crimes Act. The effect of this would be that abortion would be unrestricted, even up to birth. There is strong evidence that abortion is connected to increased risk of mental and physical health problems and relationship breakdown. Input can be sent to the Law Commission up to **5pm on 18 May 2018**, online at:

abortionlaw.lawcom.govt.nz/ or emailing: alr@lawcom.govt.nz or posting your comment to: Abortion Law Review, New Zealand Law Commission, PO Box 2590, Wellington 6140. There is no set format for input. It is worth noting that the current abortion law regulates providers, but protects women who undergo abortions from being prosecuted. For further information:

<https://mailchi.mp/4f601e802edf/law-commission-review-on-abortion-law?e=9ec1f18628>

<http://voiceforlife.org.nz/blog/>

www.chooselife.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Law-Commission-Submission-Guide.pdf

Seasons for Growth Prison Ministry – An Opportunity to Share Your Gifts

Seasons for Growth is an education and support programme which deals with Grief and Loss and achieves wonderful results among those who participate. It gives them a voice, and encourages the making of good, positive, life giving choices for the future. It has been running in prisons for 10 years and is known to have had very good results. **But** we need people to assist with leading the programme in the Auckland Prisons.

A 2 day training workshop will be held on **Thursday 31st May & Friday 1st June** at **St Josephs Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. 9.30am – 3.30pm**. For further information and to express your interest please contact Delia deliar@cda.org.nz ph. 09 360 3027

MANGAWHAI HOUSE MASS

WEDNESDAY 9th MAY 10.30AM

URSULA WALTERS 104D TARA ROAD

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Family Faith website

Parents are the first educators of faith in order to support families in this ministry the Auckland Diocese maintains a Family Faith website

<http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/religious-education/family-faith/> It has ideas for family faith development from the pre-school to adolescent. Explore, grow and enjoy.

Headlines from the latest issue of NZ Catholic:

- NZ bishops quoted in Pope's apostolic exhortation.
- Church teaching had impact on union leader.
- 40 Days for Life brings some special graces.
- Astronaut took Communion while orbiting earth.

NZ Catholic - \$4 per issue.

www.nzcatholic.org.nz

Supporting Your Child Following the Death of Someone They Loved

In this programme our aim is to assist parent/carers to understand the experience of bereavement from a child's perspective, and to learn about the most effective ways to support their child/children.

Date 12th May, 2018

Venue Saint Columba Centre
40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby
10-4pm

Please register your interest by Wednesday, 9th May

Thank you

Thanks to Paula, Music Coordinator at Glenfield Parish, Wellsford now has a store of extra hymns on the electric organ. Paula spent 4 hours at Wellsford on Friday 27th April recording the hymns. Thank you Henny for organizing this.

Wellsford Roster

	Sunday 6th May	Sunday 13th May	Sunday 20th May
Min/s of Word	Maureen & Mary	Charmaine & Greg	Bob & Marie
Intercessions	Mary Partington	Greg Matheson	Marie Rambaud
Collection & Gifts	Mike, Lynette & Kath	Mel Ketter, Liz & Yashmeen	Wilma, Gerry & Maurice
Min/s of Eucharist	Ken & Maurice	Wilma & Bob	Mary Rose & Eranga
Morning Tea	Maureen Hancock	Liz Emmerson	Kath & Des
Church Cleaning	Marie Rambaud	Monica Pride	Maureen & Ken

prayer intentions for the week

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Prayers for our Sick: Elmarie Bonfrer, Terry Boreham, Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Brett Anderson & family, Maggie Everett, Tony Plunkett, Allison Poninghouse, Susan Faulkner, Christina Collins, Patricia Valkenberg, John Brljevich, Stephan & Patricia Vercoe, Christine Tayler, Rita McCurran, Marie McSweeney, Margaret Pride and Dallas & James Colville that they will bear their suffering with courage and that they will be touched by God's healing hand. (Please contact Marie at rambaud.family@xtra.co.nz to have names added to or removed from the above).

Prayers for the Dead: For those whose death anniversaries occur about now including Brian Marquis (6th May), Paddy Izard (9th), Jim Snoswell (8th), Marie Foy (12th) and Susan Brydon (12th). May they have eternal rest.



Readings: 6th Week of Easter

Mon 7th May

Acts 16:11-15

Ps.149

John 15:9-17

Tues 8th May

Acts 16:22-34

Ps.138

John 16:5-11

Wed 9th May

Acts 17:15,22-18:1

Ps.148

John 16:12-15

Thurs 10th May

Acts 18:1-8

Ps.98

John 16:16-20

Fri 11th May

Acts 18:9-18

Ps.47

John 16:20-23

Sat 12th May

Acts 18:23-28

Ps.47

John 16:23-28

Sun 13th May ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1. Acts 1:1-11

Ps.47

2. Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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