



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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27th Sunday Ordinary Time – 7th October 2018

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 128(127): 1-6

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

the way to reform

Today's gospel has Jesus confronting Pharisees who are trying to trick him into making a decision that would show that he is contradicting the tradition of their religion. It isn't the first time that Jesus reinterprets the Law by going back to God's original purpose. God's intention was to create man and woman equally in God's image but the Law had been turned by later interpreters to discriminate against women and the vulnerable.

There's a modern parallel, in which Pope Francis has been taken to task by defenders of the Church's tradition, for the reform measures he advocates in the Church's marriage discipline about accompanying couples in complex situations (cf. *Amoris Laetitia* – ch. 8). After consulting widely, Pope Francis introduced measures to recognise the plight of those who have fallen outside the Church because of its divorce and remarriage discipline, and considered the possibility of 'accompanying' those affected with much greater sensitivity – to the point of inviting them back to the

Eucharist in specific cases.

The criticism Pope Francis has endured for undertaking these measures, and more recent attacks on his leadership as the abuse crisis gains more publicity, makes the task of reform more difficult. Like the saint whose name the Pope intentionally adopted at the very beginning of his papacy, he faces serious corruption and simony in the task of rebuilding the Church.

Like St. Francis, the Pope sees the way to reform the church is to suffer for her. To quote Georges Bernanos: "*The only way to reform the vices of the Church is to lavish on her the example of one's heroic virtues. St. Francis did not challenge iniquity; he was not tempted to confront it; instead St. Francis found in poverty, the very source and wellspring of all absolution and all purity. Instead of attempting to snatch from the Church all her ill-gotten goods, he over-whelmed her with invisible treasures and under the hand of this beggar, the heaps of gold and lust began to blossom like a hedge in springtime.*" (G. Bernanos 1945) – BF

What the Church needs is not critics but artists! When poetry is in full crisis, the important thing is not to point the finger at bad poets but oneself to write beautiful poems, thus unstopping the sacred springs – GB

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.

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

Ko te pono o te wa o mua ko te tino o te mauritau i te rongoa...

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 See the poster on the noticeboard.

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

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.

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) The course is open to people from every walk of life. 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. Previous study is not necessary. 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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Marlena Devoe Concert – Tuesday 16th October at 7.30 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Entry by donation. Marlena was cantor at the Cathedral for some time and is fundraising to help with the costs of her tuition in Italy.

St Francis Retreat Centre

On Sunday 28th October at 3.00pm there will be a Celebration of the Eucharist led by Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM, Guardian of St Francis Friary, to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Foundation Stone and the completion of the seismic upgrade of St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough. On this occasion we'd particularly like to acknowledge the founding purpose of St Francis Retreat Centre – to be a place of spiritual growth for the parishes, schools and the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Auckland. Afternoon Tea will follow Mass. RSVP by 11th October to admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

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

WELLSFORD RSA ROAST LUNCH

Sunday 14th October – No need to book

Wellsford Rosters			
	Sunday 7th Oct.	Sunday 14th Oct.	Sunday 21st Oct.
Min/s of Word	Marie Rambaud, Bob Schimanski	Maureen Hancock, Maurice Haddon	Ivan Tomas, Mary-Rose Jones
Intercessions	Bob Schimanski	Maurice Haddon	Mary rose Jones
Collection & Gifts	Mike & Lynette & Liz Emmerson	Gerry Kok, Wilma Jansen, Charmaine J.	Kaneama family
Min/s of Eucharist	Eranga Amarasekara, Wilma Jansen	Bob Schimanski, Merza	Tita Kaneama, Ken Hancock
Morning Tea	Lynette & Mike	Maureen Hancock	Monica Pride
Church cleaning	Portia & family	Maureen Hancock	Marie Rambaud

prayer intentions for the week

The Pope's prayer intention for Oct. –

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves and be present among the poor, the marginalized and those who have no voice.

Prayers for our Sick: Elmarie Bonfrer, Terry Boreham, Petronella Ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Philip Cotching, Larry Brockliss, Maggie Everett, Nell Graham, Therese Graham, Allison Poninghouse, Patricia Valkenberg, John Brljevich, Stephan Vercoe, Christine Tayler, Rita McCurran, Marie McSweeney, Rosalie Walsh, Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Yashmeen Joseph: 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 including Brett Anderson, and Albertus Smits (Netherlands) & for those whose anniversaries occur about now, including: Trevor Kerrisk (7th), Tangaroa Morgan (8th), Denise Philips (8th), Sarah Ketter (11th), Thomas Mulligan (13th), Kathleen Parker (13th) & Peter Cowlrick (14th) – May they rest in the peace of Christ where all tears will be wiped away.

readings: 27th Week Ordinary Time

Mon 8th Oct

Galatians 1:6-12 Ps.111
Luke 10:25-37

Tues 9th Oct

Galatians 1:13-24 Ps.139
Luke 10:38-42

Wed 10th Oct

Galatians 2:1-2,7-14 Ps.117
Luke 11:1-4

Thurs 11th Oct

Galatians 3:1-5 Cant.Benedictus p.178
Luke 11:5-13

Fri 12th Oct

Galatians 3:7-14 Ps.111
Luke 11:15-26

Sat 13th Oct

Galatians 3:22-29 Ps.105
Luke 11:27-28

Sun 14th Oct 28th Week Ordinary Time

1. Wisdom 7:7-11 Ps.90
2. Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

St Mary's Parish

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