



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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9th September 2018

Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalm 146(145):5c-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

the tongues of the speechless shall sing!

In the mentality of the time that the evangelist Mark wrote the gospel, disabilities like deafness, muteness, and blindness, were afflictions viewed as divine punishments. Those suffering them were regarded as sinners, or perhaps, children of sinners. By opening the ears and releasing the tongue of the man brought to him (*Mk.7:34-35*) Jesus brings a man back to health and restores him to his society, giving him back his religious rights. The man ceases to be a marginal figure.

Faced with the chosen people, who have become deaf to his preaching, Jesus has gone over to pagan territory. He seeks to open eyes that are blind; to unstop ears that are deaf. He challenges the self-sufficient mentality of the rich, the powerful, and the proud.

Each time this gospel is proclaimed, Jesus takes issue with our own complacency and self-centredness. To all of us, he commands: "*Be opened*". This theme serves to introduce **Social Justice Week** for us.

Social Justice Week continues through the rest of the week. For details, seek out the leaflet (in the foyer) with questions that will give us pause to think of practical ways we can be more open and inclusive of those with disabilities. The suggestions in the leaflet, also challenge the disabled to claim their proper place in our community and our institutions, in light of the *gospel* or *good news* that in Jesus, GOD has overcome the power, threat and the attraction of all that limits and reduces life. In other words, GOD has beaten the power of evil and sin!

Our sins can make us deaf to this '*good news*' and our tongues can stay silent in the announcing GOD's life-giving. Our sins may blind us from seeing the needs of those who must live with disability. Our prayer for this coming week is that the words of Christ to the deaf-mute – *Ephphatha* (*be opened*), may apply to us so that we too can be open to GOD's presence in those suffering disability – BF

“How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful joyfully to fully bear disappointment, rejection or betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom.” “But with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live out our baptismal calling to become missionary disciples and accept the life-giving words of Christ, even when they are difficult.” Pope Francis, August, 2018

2018 New Zealand CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

a total of 74 questionnaires were returned to the parish. Thanks to all who took the time and made the effort to answer the questions – BF

MAX18NZ - a reminder

Have you registered yet? **A national Catholic men's event to be held over Sept. 28th - 30th weekend at the Kings College, Auckland.** Starts Fri. Evening and finishes Sun. afternoon. An event focused on men-related issues organised jointly by Joshua (NZ) and menALIVE (Brisbane). Both organisations are experienced at running retreats and workshops for men. The NZ Catholic Bishops support the weekend and have made money available to help subsidise attendees, if financial assistance is needed. (Yes there are costs). The purpose of the event is to encourage us men, to encounter Jesus in our lives, to grow in our faith, and become better husbands, fathers, friends and workmates - "*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*" (Joshua 24:15). May I encourage you and all your friends to come and join us. I believe its going to be a very enriching event. Go to www.max18nz.info the event website to register. And if you need financial support contact Jim Gribble: 027 249 5378 – Peter Jackson

Pray for NZ's Media

Today, Christians of all denominations are praying for the people of New Zealand's media – producers, directors, presenters, writers, editors, actors, journalists marketers and a vast array of others. Our prayers are for them all – for God's wisdom, guidance and blessing. We will take a moment during our community's prayers of intercession, to pray for them, and you are encouraged to pray for them on your own time: using such words as:

*LORD, we thank your for the people in the media;
for their talents and technical abilities.
By your guidance, may the people of our media
seek to make NZ a better country;
replacing division, judgement, and blame
with love, empathy and understanding.*

Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College

Bishop Patrick Dunn is pleased to announce the launch of a new scholarship to be known as the *Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College*. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Good Shepherd College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2019. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education email: lindam@cda.org.nz **The closing date for applications is 15th October 2018.**

THANK YOU

- From **Andrea Shepherd** "A big thank you to everyone for all the prayers. I am grateful. Please pass my thanks onto the Parish."
- Also from the parish to **Mary Cameron**, who has brought back from Italy a **new gold paten** (the shallow plate used for holding the bread during the Eucharist and sometimes as a cover for the chalice) a dignified design to replace a rather smaller battered one used in the Wellsford Church.

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary

staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross Mass. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at **5.00pm on Monday 17 September**. Principal celebrant will be Bishop Peter Cullinane.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION FOR VOCATIONS

Candlelight Rosary Procession & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart College, 250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes. **Sunday October 7th 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

CATHEDRAL ANNUAL APPEAL 8 – 9 SEPTEMBER

It is Annual Appeal time for our Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Bishop Pat is very grateful to those of you who give so generously and have done so in previous years. The Appeal is an opportunity for us to remember with gratitude our sacred treasure; this precious taonga we have in our Diocese and City. Each year, close to \$100,000 needs to be found to keep up with the long-term maintenance of the church, over and above the day-to-day maintenance costs.

MARRIED COUPLES

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

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 October to Sunday afternoon 7th October**. Cost \$295 or early bird price of \$245 if paid by 2nd September. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol 022 089 0458 or leave a message on 09 360 3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

DONATIONS Please consider providing your pledges to the Parish by setting up an automatic bank payment to our BNZ account 02-0100-0120990-020 Thank you.

Wellsford Rosters			
	Sunday 9th Sept.	Sunday 16th Sept.	Sunday 23rd Sept.
Min/s of Word	Maurice Haddon, Mary Partington	Ivan Tomas, Marie Rambaud	Greg Matheson, Monica Pride
Intercessions	Mary Partington	Marie Rambaud	Monica Pride
Collection & Gifts	M. & L. Harris, Liz Emmerson	Kaneama family	Brian & Colleen Cave, Manori A.
Min/s of Eucharist	Bob Schimanski, Merza	Tita Kaneama, Ken Hancock	Maurice Haddon, Wilma Jansen
Morning Tea	Gay Pride	Henny & Greg	Gay Pride
Church cleaning	Gay Pride	Maureen Hancock	Gay Pride

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 & family, Maggie Everett, Tony Plunkett, Nell Graham, Therese Graham, Allison Poninghouse, Susan Faulkner, Patricia Valkenberg, John Brljevich, Philip Cotching, Stephan & Patricia Vercoe, Christine Tayler, Rita McCurran, Marie McSweeney, Rosalie Walsh, Dallas & James Colville, Kiri Walton, Andrea Shepherd, Rashmika, Yashmeen Joseph and Jennifer Rambaud, that they will bear their suffering with courage and that they will be touched by God's healing hand. *(Please contact Marie to have names added to or removed from the above, 0210544772).*

Prayers for the Dead: For John Geraghty who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about now including: Mary Brien (10th), Anthony Browne (12th) and Mary Tomas (16th). May they rejoice in Your kingdom where all tears are wiped away.

readings: 23rd Week Ordinary Time

Mon 10th Sept

1Corinthians 5:1-8 Ps.5
Luke 6:6-11

Tues 11th Sept

1Corinthians 6:1-11 Ps.149
Luke 6:12-19

Wed 12th Sept

1Corinthians 7:25-31 Ps.45B
Luke 6:20-26

Thurs 13th Sept St John Chrysostom

1Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13 Ps.139
Luke 6:27-38

Fri 14th Sept Exaltation of the Cross

1. Numbers 21:4-9 Ps.78
2. Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Sat 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows

Hebrews 5:7-9 Ps.31
Luke 2:33-35

Sun 16th Sept 24th Week Ordinary Time

1. Isaiah 50:5-9 Ps.116A
2. James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

St Mary's Parish

Mangawai - Maungaturoto – Wellsford

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Reconciliations: Wellsford: Sat. 8.30 – 8.55am Maungaturoto: Sun:4.00 – 4.25pm

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