

St Francis Xavier Parish Usual Timetable					
	1st Sun of Month	2nd Sun of Month	3rd Sun of Month	4th Sun of Month	5th Sun of Month
St Francis Xavier	6pm Sat Vigil 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha)	6pm Sat Vigil (Youth Mass) 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil 8am Sun 10am Sun (Family Mass)	6pm Sat Vigil 8am & 10am Sun
Ruakaka	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy
Hikurangi	8:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am *Liturgy
Whangarei Heads	6pm Sat Vigil	8:30am *Liturgy	///	8:30am *Liturgy	10am. Combined Community Service
Maungata-pere	///	8.30am *Liturgy	///	8.30am Eucharist	///
Maungakarama	10.30am Eucharist	///	///	///	///
Matapouri, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - March; May; July; Sept; Nov			* Liturgy means Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion /// means no LOW or Eucharist.	
Poroti, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - Feb; April; June; Aug; Oct; Dec				
Pipiwai, Miha	12 noon 5th Sunday of the month				
Eucharist Weekdays and Other Ceremonies					
Monday 7am Eucharist	Tuesday 9am Eucharist; 12.10pm LOWHC	Wednesday 7am LOWHC; 12.10pm Eucharist	Thursday 7am Eucharist; 12.10pm LOWHC	Friday 7am LOWHC; 12.10pm Eucharist	Saturday 8am Eucharist
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat 7.30am..				<b>Reconciliation Rite I :</b> 11.30am Fri & Saturday. 4th Wednesday 5.30pm - 6pm (June - August)	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					

**Greetings from Marriage Encounter.** Due largely to the Covid restrictions we have regretfully cancelled the Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled for the 2-4 October. In these uncertain times we are not scheduling any further Weekends in Auckland this year. Best wishes to you all.  
*Christine & David Sloan (Auckland Marriage Encounter)*

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**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Dora Hampton, Christopher Henare, Ben Hutton.

**Recently deceased:** Ngahuaia (Cissy) Campbell.

**Anniversaries:** Christine Pippen, Msgr Brian Arahill, Carl McMonagle. Dot Palmer.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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### TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 September 2020 Year A

**Next Week's Readings: (Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
**Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32**

### It's never too late –

Over the last few weeks the Community has celebrated the Baptism of numerous youngsters and students from both Pompallier College and St. Francis Xavier Primary School. Certainly, the Spirit has been moving in their lives – but so has the example and witness of numerous people. It is a great example of evangelization.

Reflecting on evangelization, the Pope Francis said that to evangelize means to deliver Christ's teachings “in simple and precise words like the apostles did” without the need to “invent persuasive discourses.”

True missionaries act as “facilitators and not as controllers of the faith.” Facilitators, he explained, make things easier without “placing obstacles to Jesus’ desire to embrace everyone, to heal everyone, to save everyone, not being selective, not imposing ‘pastoral tariffs,’ not playing the part of the guard at the door controlling who has the right to enter.”

The Gospel today speaks of a landowner who goes out at all hours of the day and keeps going out even at the very end of the day in search of workers. I think the challenge is for us to be like the landowner. In our role as missionaries, facilitators or evangelizers, or just parishioners, the call is to keep reaching out. It's never too late.

Fr Trevor Tindall sm

### Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act provides access to an assisted death for those with less than 6 months to live. Yet any prognosis, especially as long as 6 months, is a guess. Overseas research shows that the choice of euthanasia is not driven by pain but by a range of personal reasons, including the fear of being a burden to their families or society.
- The End of Life Choice Act has no mandatory stand-down or cooling off period (as in other countries) - under the End of Life Choice Act, a person could be dead less than 4 days after diagnosis, and be under no obligation to inform their families or carers of their decision. The process does not even require the presence of an independent witness.

**The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law. See [www.riskylaw.nz](http://www.riskylaw.nz) or [www.votesafe.nz](http://www.votesafe.nz) or [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)**

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### NZ Catholic Bishops Statement.

The Bishops' 2020 Election Statement-Whakapuaki Pōti has just been published. Call into the Parish Office if you would like a printed copy. A PDF of the Statement is available at [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf)

**The Nathaniel Report**, published by the New Zealand Catholic bishops' Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics. Articles include scrutiny of the euthanasia and cannabis referendums being held at the same time as the October 17 General Election. The issue is also online: [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Nathaniel-Report-61-](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Nathaniel-Report-61-)

**Mass for Creation** A special Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Tuesday 22 September here in our Church. Come and pray for all of God's creation.

**OCIA Enquiry Evening. Tuesday 29 September at 7pm in the side room of the Parish Hall.** The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a programme where you can ask questions, become more acquainted with the Catholic community and the Gospel values by which we try to live. It is also for adults wishing to become Catholic. A warm welcome is assured. Come, bring a friend, neighbour or anyone interested. Everyone is welcome. Queries to Janet at the Parish Office.

**Booking for Mass.** Hopefully we will be on Level 1 on Wednesday and have no need to limit numbers to 100. If we are still at level 2 - **Online bookings** for Saturday 6pm Vigil, 8am and 10am Sunday Masses are on our website [www.whangareicatholic.org.nz](http://www.whangareicatholic.org.nz). (on Home Page). Online bookings close each Saturday at 5pm. **For phone bookings** for Saturday 6pm Vigil, 8am and 10am Sunday Masses, please phone the Parish Office. 437 7902. Phone bookings close each Friday at 3.30pm.

 **Daylight Saving** begins next **Sunday 27 September at 2am.**

Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021. Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Communion.** For baptised children who will be 8 years of age, or older by Easter 2021 (4 April). Enrolment forms available from the Parish Office. The programme will begin February 2021. Enquiries to the Parish Office. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "The reason so few reach the top is because no successful method has yet been devised by which a person can sit down and slide uphill."



**Parish Food Basket:** Thank you for your generous help to the needy. We are in need of tinned sweetcorn, tinned tomatoes and packets of jelly Thank you.

- ◆ **Meetings:** Thursdays at Eymard House at 5pm. First Thursday of the month - Prayer and reflection. Third Thursday of the month - usual meeting.
- ◆ **Christmas Cards** are available from the Parish Office. \$3.00 for a pack of 5 cards.
- ◆ **Christmas Gifts:** We are looking for donations of **unwrapped** gifts for our Christmas parcels for teens and younger children. e.g. cars, balls, blocks, books, body wash, playing cards, hair and nail products. Chocolate and tinned biscuits are always welcome. Donations need to be taken to the Parish Office by Friday 4 December please. Gifts will then be delivered to families. Thank you.

### Society of St Vincent de Paul.

### RETREAT IN THE MIDST OF DAILY LIFE (RIMDL)

**Sunday 11 October to Sunday 8 November.** This is a month long retreat adapted for the contemporary busy life of ordinary persons. You participate as you go about your normal life!. It involves:

1. Two group sessions (at the beginning and at the end)
2. A commitment to 30 minutes daily prayer
3. Resources and support to cultivate new spiritual practices
4. Three one on one sessions, held weekly via zoom or in person, with a trained spiritual companion.

See flyer on notice board



**Our Parish Playgroup** starts again in Term 4 on Tuesday 13 October.

### MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.

**Himene practice**, (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church once we are Level 1.

**Kamo Prayer Group** gather on Tuesdays from 10am to 11.45am during term time for prayer, praise & worship. 40 Percy Street. Please phone Anne Marie: 021 140 4657

**Martha and Mary** meet on Friday 2 October in our Parish Hall commencing with a cup of tea at 10am. All welcome. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012.

**Joshua Men's Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 21 October here in our Church at 7pm. All men welcome.



**Newcomers** - please introduce yourself to one of our priests before or after Mass. Please take a **New Parishioner Pack** from the Church foyer, fill out and return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

### Youth News Blaze Youth Group

(secondary age), once in Level 1, will meet every Friday 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall during term time. Our Parish Youth Mass is always on the second Sunday of the month at the 6pm Saturday Vigil.

**CELTICA 2020. Back by popular demand!** A fun night of Celtic music and dance for all ages. More details to follow.

### Can you help with the Church Computer?

Adults and Secondary School students that attend the 6pm Vigil Mass, 8am or 10am Masses on Sunday. We are needing more people to operate the laptop during Mass. If we get enough people, you will be on the roster once a month. Simply load the Service Plan then click through the Mass. Training given. Please contact Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902. Thank you.

**The Filipino community will not gather till Level 1** to pray their Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$3,835.80 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will