

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	///
Maungakaramea	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.					

**MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage.** Attend the residential Marriage Encounter Weekend – 2–4 October at Bella Rakha Retreat Centre, Oratia. As this will be the last weekend for a while – Phone 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or email: [david.christinesloan@gmail.com](mailto:david.christinesloan@gmail.com)

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Lita Stevens, Dora Hampton, Roseline Mary Nacbrayne, Makatolu Fred, Christopher Henare, Josephine Railey

**Recently deceased:** Evan Hampton, (*husband of Dora*), Richard Puttnam (*husband of Anne*), Josephine Railey, Selita and Edgardo Go, (Phillippines, mother and brother of Shakey Bormans.

**Anniversaries:** Tom (Laurence) Carr, Erma Carr, Jhonel Abalos, Hanna Manser, Geradus Jochems, Syd Mansbridge.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**6 September 2020 Year A**

**Next Week's Readings: (Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
**Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35**

## Social Justice Week.

### New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference Statement on Catholic Social Teaching.

Never has Catholic social teaching been more relevant in New Zealand and in our world than now. From navigating through a world still responding to the COVID19 pandemic, to an increased awareness of racism and historic injustice, and the ever-increasing socio-economic disparities, the Church's social teaching helps us focus our concerns about the world. It provides a lens through which we can try to make sense of how our society is being changed, particularly by COVID-19 at this time.

Catholic social teaching is a body of thought on social issues that has been developed by the Church over the past one hundred and thirty years. Its foundations are rooted within Scripture and can be found in writings by a succession of Popes and other Catholic leaders. Catholic social teaching helps us to apply Gospel values such as love, peace, justice, compassion and community to modern social problems such as poverty – including homelessness and hunger, conflict, migration, access to goods and the environment.

Considering the theme of Social Justice Week 2020, perhaps it is not mere coincidence that this year's **Social Justice Week** falls right before Aotearoa New Zealand's general election. As well as pondering on the Social Justice Week resources prepared by Caritas on Catholic social teaching, we encourage you to also read and reflect on our Election Statement in your preparation to vote.

Aroha and Blessings  
*Chris M s.m.*

### The Pope's Monthly Intentions.

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

The Intention for September is **Universal prayer intention - "Respect for the Planet's Resources"** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



**Feast of The Most Holy Name Of Mary. Saturday 12 September.** Marist Patronal Feast Day.

**ALPHA** programme begins today, Sunday 6 September 3pm - 5pm in St Joseph's Room at St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Explore Life, Faith and Meaning with others in our parish. For more information contact Graham: 027 610 7442 or [gj.am@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gj.am@xtra.co.nz)

### Booking for 6pm Vigil, 8am and 10am Weekend Masses.

Online Bookings and phone bookings via the Parish Office close each Friday at 3.30pm. Please visit our website [www.whangareicatholic.org.nz](http://www.whangareicatholic.org.nz) or phone the Parish Office 437 7902. Thank you

**Do you want to belong to a faith community and want to know what makes Catholics tick?** An Information evening will be held on 29 September 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. No commitment is necessary and no pressure to go beyond your own pace. Everyone is welcome. Queries to Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.

**Liturgy Conference 2020.** An invitation is extended to every parishioner in the Auckland Diocese to attend the Liturgy Conference from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at Baradene College. **Worshipping under Southern Skies** *Te Huinga Whakamoemiti Kei Raro i Te Taki-o-Autahi.* **Weaving together Liturgy and Life**

### DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 12 September:** Feast of The Most Holy Name Of Mary.  
Monday 14 September: Exaltation of The Holy Cross.

### Prayer for Father's Day.

**God our Father,  
We give you thanks and praise  
for fathers young and old.  
We pray for young fathers,  
newly embracing their vocation;  
May they find courage  
and perseverance to balance work,  
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.  
We pray for our own fathers  
and any around the world  
whose children are lost  
or suffering;  
May they know that the God of  
compassion walks with them  
in their sorrow.  
We pray for men who are not  
fathers but still mentor and guide  
us with fatherly love and advice.  
Amen.**

**Thought for the Week: "It's the little things in life that determine the big things"**

Matthew 25: 21b "You have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

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### Season of Creation "Jubilee for the Earth:

**New rhythms, New Hope"** We enter a time of restoration and hope. We are invited to notice; to see the beauty of creation and to notice also where we need to change our ways to take better care of each other and our planet. This week take a walk in creation and notice the beauty and give thanks to the Creator. Notice too where we are invited to make changes in the way we live. Go plastic free, conserve water, plant a tree phone or visit someone who may be lonely.

**See, judge and act and pray.**  
(Pax Christi Whangarei)



**Our Parish Playgroup is not meeting whilst we are at Level 2.**



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

**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

**Mark this date in next year's diary—Pompallier Catholic College Jubilee.** Pompallier Catholic College will be celebrating 50 years since the College was opened on Queen's Birthday weekend (5 and 6 June) 2021. Go onto the College website and click the "jubilee" link for further details. All past pupils, families, benefactors and staff are warmly welcome to be part of the celebrations.



**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.



**Blaze Youth Group** (secondary age) 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.

**Our Lady of Fatima Rosary** Group gather fortnightly at The Holy Name of Mary Church Hikurangi, to pray the Rosary. For the dates, please phone 433 8481

**Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket:** Thank you for your generous help to the needy. We are in need of tinned baked beans, spaghetti and tinned fruit. Thank you.

**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.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,046.60 from all collections. Thank you.



*Please remember the Parish in your Will*