

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
Exposition: Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. Rosary: Sat 7.30am..				Reconciliation Rite I : 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.					

ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto "a weekend away for a lifetime of change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. Participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Friday 6 to Sunday 8 November. Cost \$350.00 (accommodation and all meals included. Contact Kelly 027 686 4416 or Bev 027 248 1631. www.beginningexperience.org.nz.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Dora Hampton, Christopher Henare, Ben Hutton, Raymond Moroney, (Invercargill, son of Ida), Tom Pow, Bill van Dijk, Michael Yakas, Karen Stanaway.

Recently deceased: Mele Schaumkel (Auckland, sister-in-law of Ella Schaumkel).

Anniversaries: Bernie Hill, Noel Crosbie, Agnes Steiner, Doris Frost, Philip Barker, Brett Frische, Calixtrato Busmeon, Helen Metcalfe, Tina Garland.



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 October 2020 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

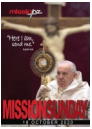
Looking for God in the Story.

Perhaps we have become too used to hearing a parable about a king or a landowner and assuming it must be about God. The problem with that assumption is that in today's gospel parable the King does not behave like God at all but is rather a ruthless tyrant who resembles any number of dictators who have ruled through history.

Sometimes a King is just a King and the person who resembles God the most is actually the chap at the end who gets thrown out of the banquet because he was not dressed properly. He is the one who is bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness, much like Jesus was when he was crucified. So why might Jesus say in the beginning of the parable...The Kingdom of Heaven is like a King..... Maybe he was trying to show us the very point made a bit earlier in Matthew's gospel.. That "the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent bear it away." (Mt 11:12.)

Perhaps where the Kingdom lies is among those who suffer violence rather than those who dish it out. Those who suffer are more likely to have an insight into a God who was able to suffer with them, was rejected and eventually rose to new life. The power of forgiveness and healing is ultimately the greatest power on earth.

Fr P. McDermott s.m.



Pontifical Mission (MISSIO-NZ) Church Appeal Sunday 18 October.

"Here I am, send me!" *Isaiah 6:8.* Parishioners are reminded that next week is Mission Sunday. This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Pontifical Mission is directed especially towards the Care of Children, the immediate Relief of the Poor and the support of Missionary Seminaries and Religious Institutions. Please give generously next week. This year we are invited to partner with the needy Church in the Philippines. They reach out to those who have been affected by poverty and disability. They give them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

Please note: Monday 26 October being a Public Holiday (Labour Day) Mass will be celebrated at 8am.

Rite I Reconciliation 28 October at 7.30pm here in our Church. All welcome.

Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament every Friday 11am - 12 noon. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

Auckland has returned to level 1. We still need to be cautious however, we will reinstate the opportunity to receive communion from the Chalice and the Holy Water Fonts will be filled. You may offer a handshake for the sign of peace or some other sign as you feel comfortable. We respect peoples freedom to choose. Fr Chris.

Request for Parish Budgets: The Management and Finance committee is about to commence planning for the next financial year 1 January to 31 December 2021. Parish groups/areas requiring funding are requested to present a detailed budget to the office email admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz before 30 November 2020. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area. Thank you

OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). **If you missed coming last Tuesday, come along on Tuesday 13 October at 7pm in the side room of the Parish Hall.** A warm welcome is assured. 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. Queries to the Parish Office.

Anointing Mass Saturday 7 November 10am here in our Church. This is an opportunity for those seeking healing because of frailty or illness, to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. Morning tea will be served after Mass. We ask the Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick to please bring a plate for morning tea. Please ensure those to whom you minister have the opportunity to attend the Mass. If they are unable to come, let us know at the Parish Office for alternative arrangements.

FREE NZ Catholic The latest version of NZ Catholic is being made available free of charge via <https://indd.adobe.com/view/698d4346-8ba8-465b-9b90-c612e4d57a8c>

Baptism Course for infants is on Sundays 25 October and 1 November 2pm - 3.30pm here in our Church. Please phone the Parish Office with enquiries and to register.

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

FIRST 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 are available from the Parish Office. The programme will begin in February 2021. Enquiries to Parish Office. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns"



Society of St Vincent de Paul.

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 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.

Special Gold Card CHRISTMAS LUNCH. In our Parish Hall on Thursday 19 November following the 12.10 LOW. All you need to bring is yourself with a smile. Queries to Brigida 437 5131.
From February 2021 our name will change to **55+ Group**. We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12 noon. Morning tea provided.

55+ Group

The Filipino community gather in our Church every Wednesday at 6pm to pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. All welcome.

Christian Meditation every Wednesday 7pm in Eymard House. All welcome.

Our Parish Playgroup starts again in Term 4 on Tuesday 13 October 9am-11.30am. They will meet every Tuesday during term time, 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall Special invite to all Mums, Dads and Caregivers - bring along your preschoolers and join in the fun. Gold coin donation.

CELTICA. As part of this year's Whangarei Fringe Festival, our Catholic Parish will be hosting a fun night of Celtic music and dance for all ages. To be held in our Parish Hall on Saturday 17 October 7.15pm. Adults \$10; Children \$2; Family Pass \$22. Please bring a plate of finger food for supper. BYO Drinks. Water, tea and coffee supplied. Tickets available through www.eventfinda.co.nz

Choir practice 12,16 & 30 October at 5pm in our Church.

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI. **Himene practice,** (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church.

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.

Pax Christi next meeting will be a study meeting at SFX Catholic School Staffroom on Monday 2 November at 7pm. The topic is "Black Lives Matter" All welcome.

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



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$5,131.30 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will