

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.					

**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](http://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, Barbara Uffindle, Michael Yakas, Karen Stanaway.

**Recently deceased:** Gerry O'Donoghue, Michael Spring.

**Anniversaries:** Violet Maskell, Margaret Emmett, Cyril Breslin, Tina Garland, Alan Stanwell.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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## TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18 October 2020 Year A

**Next Week's Readings: (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
**Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40**

## World Mission Sunday

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all. You have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know that God loves you, and you have been chosen, because when you received the Good News it came not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction. *1 Thess. 1: 1-5*

We are living in critical times, when the exploitation of the earth has never been greater, and this is linked to the powerlessness and hopelessness of the poor and marginalised.

This is Mission Sunday. The call to each of us is to thank God for all we have been given, to reach out in friendship and openness to all who cross our path, to spend time reflecting on how we are challenged to work with the Holy Spirit for the healing of the planet, for justice and hope for the marginalised, and for love and understanding among all women and men.

And we could make a monetary contribution to the work of official missionaries and aid organisations.

*Ps 96*  
O earth, tremble before the Lord.  
Proclaim to the nations: God is king.  
God will judge the peoples in fairness.

Arohanui.  
Jill Heenan

### **Mission Sunday today 18 October.**

Today many people, especially children, are victims of poverty. This not only affect their health conditions, but also their education, social integration, and even their faith development. The missionary work of the Church is an effort to make human life regain value and dignity. This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Please give generously today. For further information please go to [Missio.nz](http://Missio.nz) on the web.


#### ✠ **Solemnity of All Saints. Sunday 1 November:**

✠ **All Souls Day Monday 2 November:** Mass times: 7am, 5.30pm. You may wish to bring a small remembrance card with names of your loved ones who have died, which can be placed in a basket on the Remembrance Table in the Sanctuary. The basket will remain in the Church throughout November. Blank cards are available on a table in the foyer next Sunday.

✠ **Annual Mass for the Bereaved:** Friday 6 November at 7:30pm in our Church. All welcome. There will be a cup of tea following Mass.

✠ **Blessing of Graves:** All are welcome to come on Sunday 8 November at 3pm to Maunu Cemetery for prayers and the blessing of graves. Meet at the entrance.

**Christmas Masses:** Having been discussed over the years – it has been decided that due to declining numbers, this year the **Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 p.m.** We can reconsider this Midnight Mass time next year.  
Fr Chris M s.m.

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

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

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

#### **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](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz) before 30 November 2020. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area.

**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.

#### **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 the Parish Office. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – “The heart is happiest when it beats for others”.

John 15:13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.



**Baptism Course for infants** is on Sundays 25 October and 1 November 2pm - 3.30pm here in our Church. Please phone the Parish Office, 437 7902 with enquiries and to register.

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



**Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket:** Thank you for your generous help to the needy. We are in need of tinned spaghetti, pasta and jelly Thank you.  
**Christmas Cards** are available from the Parish Office. \$3.00 for a pack of 5 cards.  
**Christmas Gifts:** We are looking for **un-wrapped** 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.

**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”.

**Our Parish Playgroup** meets 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. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

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

**Choir practice** 30 October at 5pm in our 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.



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

**Maungatapere community** extend a warm invitation to their Armistice Day Remembrance and Presentation of embroidered cushions. To be held at the Maungatapere Community Church on 15 November at 9am. All welcome.

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

**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 Bridiga 437 5131.

**55+ From February 2021 Gold Card Group** will change to **55+ Group.** We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12 noon. Morning tea provided.

**Catholic Census!** In the month of November the annual head count of all attending Sunday Masses and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is taken.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,787.90 from all collections. Thank you.

Please remember the Parish in your Will