

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	///
Maungakamea	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 - Middy. Rosary: Sat 7.30am..				Reconciliation Rite I : 11.30am Fri & Saturday. Rite II: 7.30pm 4th Wednesday	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					

ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? 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.

Recently deceased: Gerry O'Donoghue, Michael Spring, Henry van den Bogaart (*husband of Cecelia*), Michael Yakas, Warren Mascarenhas, (*Canada, brother of Glynis*), Grant Donovan (*Christchurch*).

Anniversaries: Maureen Jonas, Sr Florence Mahon R.S.M, Helen Metcalfe, Mary Smulders.



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 October 2020 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (ALL SAINTS)

Apocalypse 7;2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

The Pharisees "tested" Jesus with another question. They assumed that all the commandments were equal and one was not greater than the other, so they were trying to trick him with a question to which there was no right answer in their minds. Jesus obliged by giving his famous answer "Love God and love your neighbour as yourself."

We live in an age when "love" is so commonly used as a term of endearment and is something searched for by many. It's helpful to remind ourselves that the biblical idea of love is not so much about affection but about commitment. It is not so much about warm feelings for others, but about stubborn and unwavering commitment to the well being of others should we like them or not.

We are called to imitate God in loving our enemies also. The part of Jesus' answer often forgotten is that we need to love ourselves and care for ourselves also. That comes from knowing in our bones that we are loved by God. It gives us the strength to love others even those who are difficult to love. That is the real test.


Fr Peter McDermott S.M.


† **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 will be available on a table in the foyer next weekend.

† **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.

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

 **Rite of Reconciliation.** Wednesday 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.

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.

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.

MissionNZ. Thank you for supporting this year's MISSION-NZ Church Appeal through your heartfelt gifts and prayers.

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 or by email admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz before 30 November 2020. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area. Thank you

Planned Giving and Cheque Usage The Parish has been advised that several of the larger trading banks are ceasing cheque transactions in 2021. For those who use this medium to transact Planned Giving Donations would you consider changing to a Direct Credit/Automatic Payment option in the coming financial year? We can assist with the set up of this at the Parish Office and Glennis & Marion are available on Mondays and Wednesdays 09-4377902 or can be emailed at admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz if you wish to discuss this alternative option. Cash can be continued to be used going forward as far as we understand.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "Do not allow ourselves to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best" - Mother Teresa.

**FIRST COMMUNION
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021**

Reconciliation, Confirmation and 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 begins Sunday 21 February 2021. Enquiries to the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

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.

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




Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Thank you. Grateful thanks to the Kamo Prayer Group for their generous donation towards Christmas gifts.

♦ **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 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.

 **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) 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 Parish Playgroup 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. Enquiries to Parish Office.



Christian Meditation meet on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Eyemard House. All welcome. Queries to Michael 436 5663

Pax Christi invites you to a presentation on "How Black Lives Matter is relevant to us in Aotearoa." Monday 2 November at 7pm at SFX Catholic School Staffroom. The presenters are students from Pompallier Catholic College.

The Filipino community gather every Wednesday at 6pm, the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

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

Choir practice 30 October, 9, 13 and 27 November at 5pm in our Church.

 It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$5,050.00 from all collections. Thank you. 

Please remember the Parish in your Will