

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
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.					

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.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Dora Hampton, Christopher Henare, Ben Hutton, Roseline Mary Nacbrayne, Raymond Moroney, (*Invercargill, son of Ida*), Tom Pow.

Anniversaries: Maureen Pinnington, Ewa Dworakowska, Junita Blair, Antonius Brown, Anna-Maria van den Bogaart, Margaret Rabone, Alan Stanwell, Urbain Seux, Gafaomalietoa (Gafa) Ponifasio.



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 October 2020 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

“Do we give God the Fruit or just the Pips?”

That was a question asked during a Retreat when I was in the Seminary. On those days our Seminary was surrounded by Vineyards. Mission Estate Winery is still owned by the Society of Mary. We notice in New Zealand a huge growth in the Wine industry

The Readings from Isaiah and Matthew both speak of the Vineyard planted by God.

We, like Jewish people in the Old Testament can relate to the image of being grafted to the Vine stock. We depend on the Holy Spirit (Sap) to be able to bear fruit.

Sometimes we may experience the pain of being pruned (corrected?) but that is all for the good. Perhaps we also ask ourselves, do we bear sweet fruit or Sour Grapes. Sour Grapes is perhaps a metaphor for a miserable or miserly attitude.

Like last week, Jesus tells a story to the chief priests and the elders like holding a mirror before them. It tells of the suffering that Jesus would endure and judgement on the religious leaders and equally a challenge for us to bear Fruit.

Blessings.
Chris M. s.m.

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The Act only requires a doctor to “do their best to ensure that the person expresses their wish free from pressure.” However, the Act fails to outline how this happens. Doctors are not trained to detect coercion and are further limited in their ability to detect coercion because, unlike the Netherlands, they cannot interview others without the patient’s permission.
- Requests for an assisted death are often motivated by depression, something that is also extremely difficult to detect. There is no mandatory screening for depression in the Act.
- In the Netherlands and Belgium, disabled people and people who are mentally ill were not initially eligible. However, assisted death is now offered to people with mental illnesses and dementia, and to disabled people. The same changes will likely happen here. **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 or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington**

Day of Prayer to Respect Life. Sunday 11 October. Respect Life Sunday is an opportunity to focus together on how our Catholic tradition celebrates and protects human life.

Level 1. Whilst Auckland is in Level 2, we will continue to have Communion under the one kind. Holy Communion will not be distributed from the Chalice. Communion is only to be distributed in the hand, not on the tongue. You may wish not to shake hands at the Sign of Peace. *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 or by email admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz before 30 November 2020. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area. Thank you



We welcome into our parish family those baptised in September:

Chase Beuker, Finlay Telfer, Mayson Telfer, Nikita Singh, Seraphine Tom, Elijah Antido, Alena Milner, Amelia Milner, Austin Osborne, Jacob Lawson, Lachlan Campbell, Piper Osborne, Samiya Watkins-Miscall, Zaria Watkins-Miscall, Setheka Chea, Violet Wild, William Chea, Misha Singh, Adam Frazerhurst, Callie Haines, Edward Anderson, Georgia Lovell, Jacob Haines, Jordyn Maria, Lachlan Craven, Milla Lovell, Toby Hooson, Hinewai Baltus, Jessica Kalkhoven, Paige Hurst, Ryan Waenink, Sophia Harrison.

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OCIA starts this coming Tuesday 6 October at 7pm in the side room of the Parish Hall. 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. Queries to Janet at the Parish Office.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK “Forget yourself for others and others will not forget you!”

1 Samuel 7:37 David said, “The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you!”

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.

Youth News Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) do not meet during school holidays.

Season of Creation: “Hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth”. May we all continue to pray for and take action to care for all of creation. The feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th celebrates the life of the patron Saint of Ecology.

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

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. 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.

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



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

Personal Retreat in the Midst of Daily Life. 11 October to 8 November. You participate as you go about your normal life!. It involves: Two group sessions (at the beginning and at the end); A commitment to 30 minutes daily prayer; Resources and support to cultivate new spiritual practices; Three, one on one sessions, held weekly via zoom or in person, with a trained spiritual companion. Ph Liz 027 471 4120. See flyer on noticeboard.

Choir practice 9, 12, 16 and 30 October at 5pm in our Church.

Our Parish Playgroup starts again in Term 4 on Tuesday 13 October 9am-11.30am in the Parish Hall. Gold coin donation.

Special Collections in Auckland Diocese. World Mission Sunday 18 October. This money is distributed by the National Missions Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese for 12 months in a missionary country.

 It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,799.20 from all collections. Thank you. 

Please remember the Parish in your Will