

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
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat 7.30am..				<b>Reconciliation Rite I :</b> 11.30am Fri & Saturday. <b>Rite II:</b> 7.30pm 4th Wednesday	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					

**Are you looking for a Boarder?** Young, well behaved active Catholic man is moving to Whangarei in two weeks for work and requires Board either temporary or for six months. Please phone Bernard 021 088 17593. Thank you.

**Challenge 2000 / Marist Gap Year and Internship 2021.** Interested in Social Justice, Youth work, Ministry and Service and want to learn while you earn? For information or to apply go to [www.challenge2000.org.nz](http://www.challenge2000.org.nz) or phone Sio 021 081 60396 or Kitty 021 491 459. See flyer on noticeboard.

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Christopher Henare, Ben Hutton, Tom Pow, Bill van Dijk, Peter Anderson, Evar Davis.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Smulders, Margaret Page, Deacon John Kooge, Janette Sorensen, William van den Bogaart, Mario Ruiz (*brother of Leanita Thompson*).



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**15 November 2020 Year A**

**Next Week's Readings: (OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE)**  
**Ezekiel 34;11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46**



Whenever I have listened to today's gospel reading about the "talents" I have thought of the servants as like fund managers. Each has to produce a return on what he was given by the Master. But these "gifts" of talents are indeed gifts and very generous ones. It was reckoned that it would take 20 years of work to earn a talent of money. The servant given five talents would have had to work for a hundred years to earn that much. They were not expected to give the money back either, just do something worthwhile with it. Each was given an amount according to their own abilities. The servant who buried his money was scolded by the Master because he 'played it safe'. He was not prepared to take a risk or to use his initiative.

In these days when we listen to the readings about the "end times", the question that comes to mind is "What shall we **do** while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord?"

The reading is not about fund management but about the "gifts and abilities" we have each been given. Are we too going to "play it safe" and be content with just not making a mistake? Or maybe we will be prepared to take a risk and show some initiative for God.

We can do great things as we await the coming of the Lord. Whatever we choose we have the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Fr Peter McDermott S.M.

**World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis** established the **World Day of the Poor** in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2020 is a reflection on Sirach 7:32: "Stretch forth your hand to the poor". As Catholics we should make this a time of action in response to Christ's words from the Gospel of Matthew: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt. 25:40). This could include donating food to your Parish or community foodbank, safely passing on some home-grown vegetables to a neighbour, baking a cake for a new-born's family or sharing a meal with others. 'Prayer attains its goal when accompanied by service to the poor.' Pope Francis: [Message for the Fourth World Day of the Poor](#), 15 November 2020.

**Rite I Reconciliation.** Wednesday 25 November at 7.30pm here in our Church.

**Remembrance Cards.** The Basket of Remembrance cards is on display till the end of November for people to enter the names of loved ones who have died. People named, will be remembered at Mass throughout November. Place your remembrance card in the basket in front of the Altar. Blank cards are in the foyer.



**Feast of Christ The King Sunday 22 November. World map:** We have a World map in the foyer for parishioners to place a pin on their country of origin.

**Thanksgiving Mass.** Thursday 19 November at 7pm here in our Church and hosted by Joshua. All men and their families, members of service groups, Scripture/Prayer Groups, and parishioners are warmly welcome to this special Thanksgiving Mass for all of God's blessings upon us this year. Prayer and praise before Mass and a shared supper afterwards. A plate would be appreciated. Thank you.

**Advent** is a time of preparation and of expectation as we welcome the mystery of God coming in new ways in our lives. It is a season of hope. You are invited to join us each Tuesday evening at 7pm at 13 Tuatara Drive, Kamo, commencing on Tuesday 1st December. Phone Liz and Mike 027 471 4120 or 435 2216.

**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 by email [admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz) or to the office or before 30 November 2020. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area. Thank you

**Christmas Masses: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.** Please consider which Mass you will be willing to assist at this Christmas. Please tick your name on the sheet on the table in the gathering area. If you are a commissioned EMOc and your name is not entered please add it. Thank you

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



### Parish Pastoral Council Elections.

Calling for nominations for three places on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available in the Church foyer or at the Parish Office. Nominations close Sunday 22 November. Voting is from Monday 23 November and closes Monday 7 December.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "God can mend a broken heart, but we have to give him all the pieces"

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

### CAROL SERVICES "Get into the true spirit of Christmas"

- **Sunday 6 December): Maungatapere Carol Service** is at 5pm followed by Carols in the Street. Meet at Primary School Bus Bay. Children are welcome to dress up. Please bring a plate for the supper which will be held in the Rest Home after Carols. All very welcome to join us.
- **Sunday 13 December: Combined Anglican and Catholic Carol Service** is at 5pm at the Anglican Church, (Christ Church) Regent. Come and join in this celebration of Christmas with family and friends!

**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.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul. 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.



**All welcome to join Martha and Mary group** on Friday 4 December in our Parish Hall commencing with a cup of tea at 10am. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012.

### First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme. 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 begins Sunday 21 February 2021 in our Parish Hall. Enquiries to the Parish Office. Thank you.

### MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.

**Himene practice,** (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church.

**Choir practice** 27 November at 5pm in our Church.

**Help needed.** We are in great need of more helpers on the flower roster. There are only three people at present so that places everyone without sufficient backup for sickness or absence. We will give training and support, and buying flowers is not necessary. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you.



**Youth News Blaze Youth Group** (secondary age) have their final gathering for the year on Friday 27 November at Ten Pin Bowling. Enquiries to Val 021 047 1072. 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 the Parish Office.

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

**Christian Meditation** meet every Wednesday 7.30pm in Eymard House. All welcome. Queries to Michael 436 5663

**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 \$6,279.00 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will