

| St Francis Xavier Parish Usual Timetable | | | | | |
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| | 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 - Midday. 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. | | | | | |

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: Ben Hutton, Tom Pow, Bill van Dijk, Evar Davis, Francis van Altvorst (Netherlands).

Recently deceased: Carla Moore (husband of Chris, daughter of Gloria and Charles Frische, niece of Fr Emile Frische MHM), Rudy Taylor. Dr. Ponifasio (Sio) Ponifasio (Auckland, brother of Dcn Nimo).

Anniversaries: Frank McMonagle, Gus Lindstrom, Alberta Epskamp, Richard Peri, Dora Russo, Hugh Holmes.



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22 November 2020 Year A

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Next Week's Readings: (First Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



The Lord God is King! Glory and honour to the King of the Universe, Our Lord Jesus Christ! Today we celebrate his Supreme Authority over all of creation. How blessed are we to be counted among his subjects, to be members of his kingdom.

Let us honour our God and King by allowing him to take control of our lives and be king of our hearts. Let's follow his command to *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbours as well.'* This is the main law of his kingdom. Let us be good and obedient citizens of his kingdom and obey his command.

At our baptism we were anointed priest, prophet and king and we share in Christ's three-fold ministries. Our feast today is a great opportunity to reflect on how we are exercising our kingship ministry. Remembering that the king's responsibility is the care of its subjects and all its possessions, how are we being good custodians of creation, taking care of the environment? How are we loving God and our neighbour – the 1st law of God's kingdom? Over whom am I king and called to serve?

It has been said that the Kingdom of God is a condition - and its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. May we immerse ourselves with these symptoms. May we fully share his kingdom; living in his love, glorying in his justice and rejoicing in his peace. Amen.

Dcn Nimo Ponifasio

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 today, Sunday 22 November. Voting is from Monday 23 November and will close on Monday 7 December.

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

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

Remembrance Cards

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

Golden Jubilee Celebration. Fr Emile Frische, MHM celebrated 50 years of priesthood this year. He was ordained here in our parish. To mark his anniversary, Fr Emile will celebrate 12.10pm Mass on Friday 4 December here in our Church. Parishioner are warmly invited to attend this Mass and the luncheon in the gathering area following Mass. We ask parishioners to please bring a plate of finger food. Thank you.

'Still Lives' by Marilyn Garson. Stories from within Gaza, Palestine. Book launch and dialogue. Thursday 26 November at 7pm in our Parish Hall. Hosted by Pax Christi and Northland Urban Rural Mission (NURM), Marilyn Garson will speak of her experience during two wars on Gaza. She is a NZer, an experienced aid professional, a Jew. Marilyn was also a UN volunteer during the fifty days of Israeli bombing in 2014, working with 293,000 displaced Gazans. This book is a personal story, conveying the realities of people's lives at the centre of this struggle to survive. Please come to this presentation and book launch (the book is available for sale, \$35, cash)

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 or to the office before 30 November 2020. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area.

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

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3 December: Feast Day of St Francis Xavier.

Tuesday 8 December: Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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.** Sunday 13 December 5pm at the Anglican Church, (Christ Church) Regent. Come and join in this celebration of Christmas with family and friends!

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). The programme begins Sunday 21 February 2021 in our Parish Hall. For enquiries and Enrolment forms contact the Parish Office.

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.



Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your generous help to the needy. We are in need of tinned fruit, baked beans and pasta. Thank you.

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.



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

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

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.

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

Choir practice 27 November, at 5.30pm in our Church.

Kamo Prayer Group gather every Tuesday from 10am to 11.45am during term time for prayer, praise & worship. 40 Percy Street. Phone Anne Marie: 021 140 4657. Our last gathering for 2020 will be on 8 December.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "God loves each of us as if there was only one of us" ~St. Augustine

NZpray2day - An app to encourage people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day. It is a free gift for you from Te Kupenga - the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Help needed. Flower Roster: 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.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$5,579.80 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will