

SUNDAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER: (From Sunday 27 December)

Mass 6:00pm, (Saturday Vigil),
8:00am, 10:00am. (Sunday)

RUAKAKA: 10:30am Mass 27 December, 3,10, 24 January.
10:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 17 and 31 January.

HIKURANGI: 8:00am Mass 3 January.
10:00am Mass 17 January.
10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 27 December, 10, 24 and 31 January.

WHANGAREI HEADS: 6:00pm Vigil Mass Saturday 2 January
8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 27 December, 10, 24 January.
10:00am Combined Community Service 31 January.

NGUNGURU: 5:00pm Mass Sunday 27 December.

MAUNGATAPERE and MAUNGAKARAMEA
No Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion until February 2021.

MAORI MIHA: No Maori Miha until February 2021



WEEKDAY MASS AFTER CHRISTMAS

Week day Mass, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00am to Friday 29 January.

Last Midday Mass is Wednesday 23 December 2020
Midday Mass resumes Wednesday 3 February 2021

The usual weekday Mass Programme will resume on Monday 1 February 2020 (8am Mass due to Public Holiday)

From after Christmas until normal programme resumes, Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment.

(You may like to contact one of the priests after weekday Mass)

The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm Wednesday 23 December and reopens 8:30am on Tuesday 26 January 2021

The first Bulletin for 2021 will be published on Sunday 31 January 2021

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Ben Hutton, Tom Pow, Francis van Altvorst (*Netherlands*), Jessie Woods, Ngarie Matthews., Margaret Shanly, Paula Purdie, Vince Stead.

Recently deceased: John McLoughlin (*Auckland, cousin of Rosemary Rundlett*), Ngapera (Shirley) Hathaway, Sophie Cross., Heather Bowskill (*Australia, sister-in-law of Cathy Roberts*), Richard McLeod (*Upper Hutt, brother of Dora Hampton*).

Anniversaries: Harry Aben, Jack Cebalo, Ken McKay, Graeme Palmer, Peter Cox, Pat Hayes, Vic Treacher.



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Fr Trevor Tindall sm, Deacon Jim Nees, Deacon Nimo Ponifasio.
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CHRISTMAS ISSUE 2020

God is with us

We did not know this time last year what this year would bring. Yet, now as we look back on the year we can hopefully appreciate how blessed we have been here in our own country. Our physical isolation has been our blessing. But we are reminded that in the midst of summer and the BBQ's we cannot be complacent. Just as we are called to be alert-for the coming of Christ –it is important to be alert to basic health and hygiene practices.

In the Gospel we reflect on the Yes of Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. Her yes brings the indwelling of God in us and among us the Church. We need be grateful that we can hopefully gather to Celebrate the Birth of Christ. Let us pray for those who cannot gather to worship in the midst of Covid lockdowns.


Gratitude and sincere thanks to each of you for the multitude of ways you each contribute to build up the life of our Parish.

Our Blessings to each of you and to all your families for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and the New Year.

God is truly with us – may we discover him anew.

Fr Chris Martin s.m. and the Marist Community.



CHRISTMAS EVE 24th (Thursday)	5:00pm	VIGIL MASS	Ngunguru
	6:00pm	FAMILY MASS	} St Francis Xavier
	9:30pm	CAROLS	} St Francis Xavier
	10:00pm	NIGHT MASS	} St Francis Xavier
CHRISTMAS DAY			
	8.00am	MASS	} St Francis Xavier
	10.00am	MASS	} St Francis Xavier
	7:30am	MASS	Whangarei Heads
	9:00am	MASS	Maungakareama
	10:30am	MASS	Ruakaka
	10:30am	MASS	Hikurangi

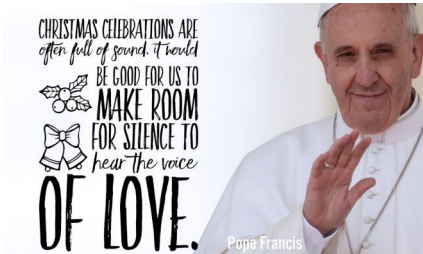
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Pre Christmas Opportunities
at St Francis Xavier Church
Tuesday 22 December – RITE II 7:30pm
Wednesday 23 December -
11:30am - 12 noon, 4pm – 5pm.

Proclaimers of the Word
for Christmas Masses


Christmas Eve
6pm Family Mass: C Stenberg, A Waggott
9.30pm Carols: C Beentjes, A Williams
10pm Night Mass: E Kearins, L Croucher

Christmas Day
8am Mass: K Sturge, A Kerrisk
10am Mass: L Luna, J Lim

Syro Malabar Community will celebrate Mass at 6pm on Wednesday 23 December here in our Church.



Solemnity of Mary
The Holy Mother of God.
 You are invited to start the New Year in a prayerful way. All are welcome to attend 8am Mass here in our Church Friday 1 January 2021.




Thank you to those who have visited us in the Parish Office over the past year. It has been a pleasure to have been of service to you all. We have enjoyed meeting new parishioners and also the many new families. To the many kind parishioners who have helped in the Office and considerably lightened our work load, we thank you.


“Volunteers wear working boots but leave a trail of angel footsteps”
May the timeless message of Christmas fill your heart and home with joy now and throughout the coming year.
 Glennis and Janet.


CHRISTMAS THOUGHT: May God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.


Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. The plans for Christmas Masses are on the wall in the gathering area of the Church. We need Ministers for 10pm Night Mass on Christmas Eve. Also for 8am and 10am Masses on Christmas Day. Please write your name on the plan if you are available. Please look to see what Mass you are rostered on and arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass and process in as usual with the priest.


Haere Mai! Nau Mai! All are invited to the 183rd Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at Totara Point on 13 January 1838. Mass will be celebrated at Totara Point on 10 January 2021 at 11am, followed by shared picnic lunch. See noticeboard for further information.


 **Baptism Course.** The next Baptism Course is on 21 and 28 February 2021, 2pm - 3.30pm here in our Church. If you are expecting your first child, this is a good time to do the Course. For further information and to register please phone Janet at the Parish Office after 26 January 2021.


 **Parking for Christmas Masses.** There is extra parking available in the School grounds on the courts and in the Marist clubrooms car park.


 **From the Parish Pastoral Council.** May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with joy and peace.



 **Blaze Youth Group.** A huge thank you to our parish for the support that you have given us over the past year.

 **Merry Christmas from St Francis Xavier Catholic School.** The staff, Board of Trustees and children wish to pass on their thanks to the parish community for their support over the past year. God bless you all and have a wonderful, Holy Christmas.

 **Society of St Vincent de Paul.** Thank you all who donated so generously this year for families in need. We have received gifts, gift vouchers and food that we were able to give to these families for Christmas. With your help we were able to help 585 families in Whangarei and Kaikohe. May God bless you all for your kindness.
 Anna Williams - President, Northland area council

 **Christmas Masses and Holiday Timetable**
 Additional copies are available in the foyer.
 Online at www.whangareicatholic.org.nz

 **Welcome Newcomers -** please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a *New Parishioner Pack* from the Church foyer, fill out and return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

 It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$5,285.20 from all collections. Thank you. 

Please remember the Parish in your Will