

| 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, Francis van Altvorst (*Netherlands*), Jessie Woods, Ngarie Matthews.

Recently deceased: Stacey Sadlier (*grandson of Cameron and Ana Muriwai*), Wayne Young (*nephew of Martha Dawson*), Edwin Burnett (*husband of Gail*), Lucy Day (*sister of Millie Ape-rahama*), Walter Heta, Tony Rudolph (*Katekita*), Monica Topia (*Auckland, sister of Patrick Butler*), Mary Cooney, Ewan Nathan, John McLoughlin (*Auckland, cousin of Rosemary Rundlett*).

Anniversaries: Frank Yovich.



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**6 December 2020 Year B
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

Isaiah 61: 1-2,10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Maps – scary things?

Maps are amazing things – they come in book form, picture form and now, electronic form. They help us to move from one place to another. But they can also be scary things. To use any form of a map usually means that you are heading out into the unknown. You may have never been there before. In some cases, you might have a rough idea of where you are going. In other cases, you might have absolutely no idea. Hence the need for a map.

Fortunately, these days, electronic maps not only show you where to go when you head out into the unknown but also have a voice that guides you along the way – “turn right in 350 metres”, “turn left into King Street”. And if you make a wrong turn, you will be asked to “turn 180 degrees at the first available opportunity”. Finally, you will be told, “Your destination is on the left” [or right as the case may be]. You will have arrived.

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear of John the Baptist following the map that God given him. This past week, we have celebrated the feast day of our Parish Patron, St. Francis Xavier. Both were called out into the unknown by God. Scary stuff ! Both were given a map with the Spirit as the voice. Both arrived safely at their destination.

Just lately, the Bishops have produced a map. It's called a Mission Map. It is where they hope the Diocese and each Parish Community [that's you and me] will move to in the next three years. Like all maps, following it means heading out into the unknown. That can be scary. It's usually much more comfortable staying at home with the familiar and the cosy. But we can take courage that this map comes with a voice. If the Spirit is calling us out into the unknown, then the Spirit won't let us down. It's a matter of being attentive to the voice – turn left, turn right, proceed in this direction and finally hearing, “you have arrived at your destination”.

Fr Trevor Tindall S.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Pre Christmas Opportunities at St Francis Xavier Church

Friday 11 December - 11:30am - 12 noon

Saturday 12 December - 11:30am - 12 noon

Friday 18 December - 11:30am - 12 noon

Saturday 19 December - 11:30am - 12 noon

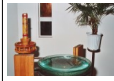
Tuesday 22 December – RITE II 7:30pm.

Ruakaka Reconciliation Rite II

Tuesday 15 December 7pm at Holy Family Church.



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



We welcome to our parish family Julian

Diwa who was baptised in November.

Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist. Congratulations to these children

who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Michael Gielen on Thursday 5 November 2020 and made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8 November 2020 with Father Chris Martin. Khloe Ah Chong, Lucas Andrae-vanden Bosch, Randaya Amarasekara (Wellsford), Dakota Benton, Tainui Besselink, Taya Beuker, Joshua Bourke, Riley Bourke, Rylee Brown, Daniel Bucknell, Jessica Cameron, Zchiara Casimiro, Mikayla-Jane Chapman, Connor Civil, Izabella Currie, Mitchell Dalton, Farrah Davis, Ngaia Davis, Rye Devlin, Albie Fannin, Indie Fannin, Sanuthi Fernando, Kierra Gage-Nepia Te Puni, Kara Gee, Pascale Gee, Hans Haufe, Anna Hewitt, Nathan Hewitt, Kayla Houston, Se'ven Hotere-Davies Takimoana, Eve Howell, Julia Humby, Michael Humby, Benjamin Jelavich, Noah Jones, Lana Johnston-McCluskey, Liam Kemp, Olivia Kemp, Evie King, Angeline Littin, Wolfgang Lumbera, Marabella Macpherson, Nelly McGregor, Kate Mainland, Ashriel Marcial, Taarite Mareko, Maeva Marie, Matouš Mastik, Emelia Patelesio, Jealand Patosa, Elvira Pereira, Fletcher Pool, Hewitt Pool, Isabella Postlewaight, Poppy Reynolds, Luka Roulston, Athalia Saunders, Alexandra Sio, Karien Schutte, Aiden Ternio, Michael Stewart, Joseph Sweeney, Luke Sweeney, Thomas Sweeney, Mayson Telfer, Jade Tipene, Alinda Zubenko.

Miha Maori at Hato Petera Chapel. Miha Māori (Mass in Te Reo Māori) will once again be celebrated in the Hato Petera Chapel, 103 College Road, Northcote. The Miha will be celebrated on Sunday 13 December at 9.30am. You are very welcome to join us as we celebrate our return to the Chapel. For more information please call Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori on (09) 360 3058. *Nau mai, haere mai*

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

Advent Scripture Reflection Evenings. During Advent you are invited to join our small group reflection evenings on a Tuesday at 7pm at 13 Tuatara Drive, Kamo. During this season we are called to "prepare the way" to invite the mystery of God into our lives in a new way. All welcome. For more information phone Liz and Mike 027 471 4120 or 435 2216

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 8 December: Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary; Syro Malabar Mass 5.30pm.

THOUGHT FOR ADVENT: "May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."

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!**

• **Sunday 13 December: Whangarei Heads Pioneer Church Open Air Community Carol Service** is at 6.30pm at Mcleod Bay Hall. Kai and Carols. (Sausages and Hamburgers provided). Please bring a seat or rug to sit on. The Carol Service will be led by Salvation Army band and Music Makers Singers. All very welcome.

Maori Community. All are welcome to join us for Christmas lunch today, (Sunday 6 December) in the Parish Hall following 10am Miha. Please bring food to share. Nau mai! Haere mai!

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). Enrolment forms available from the Parish Office. Programme begins Sunday 21 February 2021 in our Parish Hall. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

Our Parish Playgroup have their last gathering for 2020 on Tuesday 8 December. 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.

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 your name is not entered please add it. Thank you.

Kamo Prayer Group last gathering for 2020 is on Tuesday 8 December 10am to 11.45am 40 Percy Street. Phone Anne Marie: 021 140 4657.

St Francis Xavier Children's Christmas Activity Morning. Thursday 17 December, 9am -12 noon, in the Parish Hall. Christmas crafts, face painting, snacks, games, prizes, and fun - maybe even a visit from Santa. All kids welcome, but please can under 5's have an adult stay with them. We'd love to have more volunteers to make this event a success. Any questions please contact: Katharine (021 529 663) or Glynis (022 689 0787).

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

♦ **Christmas Cards** are available from the Parish Office. \$3.00 for a pack of 5 cards.

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


Choir practice 11, 14 and 18 December at 5pm in our Church.

Martha and Mary have finished for 2020. They begin again on 5 February 2021.



Catholic Census. Thank you to those who diligently did the head count of all attending Sunday Masses and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion during the month of November.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,767.10 from all collections. Thank you. 

Please remember the Parish in your Will