

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	///	11am *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 6.15am; & 11am - Middy. Sat 7.15am - 7.45am.				Reconciliation Rite I: 11.30am Fri & Saturday. Rite II: 7.30pm 4th Thursday	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					

Whangarei Care Centre. Senior Chef - Cooking and nutrition classes for the over 60's. Senior Chef is an 9 week cooking class where you can learn, or improve on, your practical food and nutrition skills. It's a social, informative and hands-on class - all focused on cooking for one or two people. And it's FREE!!
Thursdays 27th May - 22nd July 2021. 9.30am — 12.30pm. Ph 437 6397 to register.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Helena Gray, Mary Burgess, Aileen Preece, (Orewa, sister of Bernice Bormans).

Recently Deceased: Luningning Davison.

Anniversaries: Mary Robinson, Peggy Martin.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
16 May 2021 Year B

Next Week's Readings: PENTECOST SUNDAY
Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5: 16-25; John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Jesus Presence in Absence

While Jesus has ascended to the Father, we do experience His presence in many ways. He is really present in his Word and Sacrament. He is present and active in us and among us. The Lord worked with the Apostles "confirming the word by signs that accompanied it. Jesus had promised us "know that I am with you to the end of time" and "where two or three gather in my name I am there in the midst of them".

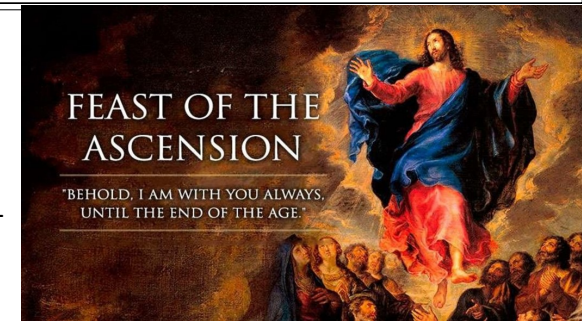
This week we are invited to reflect on the Lord's Presence in all of creation. Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* – calls for us to care for our world and recognise the effect of human activity on the environment.

'Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace and the joyful celebration of life'. Pope Francis

This is also the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We pray for our brothers and sisters of other Christian Churches. Jesus is active among them as well as us.

All Blessings

Fr Chris M s.m.



**Rite II Reconciliation.**

Thursday 27 May at 7.30pm here in our Church. All welcome.

**Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

every Friday 11am - 12 noon. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

World Communications Day. Today Sunday 16 May. This year's theme is "Come and see" (Jn 1,46). Communicating, encountering people as and where they are.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 16 to 23 May. Here in Aotearoa New Zealand the eight days between Ascension and Pentecost enables Christians with differing views to join together united in prayer. The theme for 2021 'Abide in my love' highlights the importance of an ongoing close relationship with Jesus.

World Environment Day 5 June. This year's observance of World Environment Day will be on the theme of 'ecosystem restoration' and focus on resetting our relation with nature. It will also mark the formal launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 – 2030. World Environment Day takes place every year on 5 June.

**Pompallier Catholic College 50th Jubilee.**

Have you registered for the College's Jubilee celebrations? The College will be celebrating during Queen's birthday weekend 4 - 6th June. Friday night will be a meet and greet with drinks and snacks at the Marist Clubrooms, Park Ave from

6:30pm onwards.

On Saturday morning there will be a mihi whakatau (welcome) at the College followed by a morning tea, tours of the school to see how it changed over the years, and an opportunity for year group photos and to catch up with old friends.

On Saturday evening a Jubilee dinner is planned at Forum North. The dinner will also feature entertainment and an auction to help raise funds for an all-weather turf at the College. Mass will be celebrated by Arch Bishop Paul Martin sm on Sunday at 11:30 in the gym. This will be followed by tea and coffee in the staffroom.

Go to the website <https://www.pompalliercollege.school.nz> and click "Jubilee" to register for all or some of these events. Registrations close on 24th May. We

**Pastoral Care of the Sick.**

If you have family members who are sick or cannot come to Mass, please notify the Parish Office so that we may visit and take Communion to them on a regular basis.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 June: Queen's Birthday 8am Mass.

Saturday 5 June: World Environment Day. Theme "Beat Plastic Pollution"

Sunday 6 June: Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

Friday 11 June: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Thursday 24 June: The Nativity of St John The Baptist.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK. At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter. There's always another level up. There's always another ascension. More grace, more light, more generosity, more compassion, more to shed, more to grow.

**Every Wednesday at 6pm,**

the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. All welcome to join them.

Joshua Men's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday 19 May at 7pm here in our Church. Men are all welcome.

Whangarei Josephite Reflection Day to be held on Saturday 22 May in the St. Francis Xavier School Staffroom. Theme: Laudato Si. 11am - 2pm in St. Francis Xavier School Staffroom. Please bring a small plate of food to share. All Welcome. Contact Jane for any queries - jane@sfx.school.nz Ph 021 163 4058

Laudato Si Week 16th-24th May. Pope Francis urges each one of us to take action NOW to mitigate the effects of climate change. What can we do for a more sustainable World. Celebrate and protect nature, buy green, live simply, travel wisely, reduce waste, treasure the resources we have. **GLOBAL DAY FOR ACTION**

Friday 21 May. Pray for our common home at Liturgy of the Word 7.00am or 12:10pm Mass. Join us for a walk in nature. Meet at the Whangarei Falls 4.30pm for a return walk to Whareora Rd. (Pax Christi Whangarei)

Parish Playgroup meet every Tuesday during term time, 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall and each Tuesday during the School Term. 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.



Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your generous help to the poor. We are in need of tinned spaghetti, pasta, tinned sweet corn and toilet paper.

Meetings: First and third Thursday at 5 pm in Eymard House. All very welcome to join us.



CELTICA. A fun night of Celtic music and dance for all ages. To be held in our Parish Hall on Saturday 19 June 7.15pm here in our Parish Hall. Adults \$10; Children \$2; Family Pass \$22. Please bring a plate of finger food for supper. BYO Drinks. Water, tea and coffee supplied.



Christian Meditation meet every Wednesday in Eymard House 7.30pm -8.30pm. All welcome.

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



Newcomers - please Introduce yourself to one of our priests before or after Mass. Please take a **New Parishioner Pack** from the Church foyer, fill out and return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Auckland Diocese Special Collections****Peter's Pence Collection**

(Sunday 27 June) This money goes direct to the Pope via the nunciature in Wellington to use in whatever projects he thinks necessary.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$6,727.30. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will