

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	///
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 6.15am; & 11am - Midday. 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.					

Changes That Heal. A Christian course developed by Dr Henry Cloud to take participants through a four-step programme to a happier, healthier you. Presented by Anglican Care Centre. This small group will use the Dr Henry Cloud DVD and will be facilitated by trained and registered counsellors: Joyce Beehre and Sharon Ackers. Monday 3 May - Monday 31 May 6.30 - 8pm. 1.5 hour session once a week. **Cost** (including book): **\$60.00.**

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Helena Gray, Ben Wortelboer.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Ivo Mase, Bill Woods, Bobbie Turner, Josephine Thom



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2 May 2021 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15: 9-17

The Vine and the Branches

Today we are presented with a beautiful image of the Vine and the Branches. Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. However have you ever wondered just how radical and challenging this image is of us as a community?



Firstly on a grapevine, all the branches are very similar...they are all attached to the central Vine. No branch is more important than another. The fruitfulness of each branch comes from its connection to Christ. There is a common unity and fruitfulness in love through having the life of the Vine flowing through each branch. It seems to me to be very non-hierarchical. The branches encircle one another and support one another in bearing fruit. They are normally trained too along wires so that the fruit may hang and flourish. There is no room for individuality among the branches of a grape vine but a common and collective task rooted in the life of the Vine and the groundedness in the Earth. The task is to produce the fruit of love and all are accountable to each other and to the gardener (God) to that task: young and old, male and female, clerical and lay. The common thing we all share is our connectedness to Christ. There is much to ponder and wonder in this image and its implications if we wish to take it to heart.

Fr Peter McDermott sm

Bishops' Forum. Parishioners are encouraged to meet with Bishops' Pat and Michael's at the **2021 Bishops' Forum** on Sunday 9 May 11.30am – 1pm here in our Parish Hall. The meeting will start at 11.30am and conclude at 1pm. Please bring a plate for shared Morning Tea. Please send questions for the Bishop by 5 May to bishop-secretary@cda.org.nz Thank you

Saturday Night Vigil Mass Time.

There is a suggestion that during the winter Months (June, July & August) the Vigil Mass time shift from 6:00pm. to 5:00pm. This is for consultation. A formal decision will be made in May.
Fr Chris M s.m.

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



Martha and Mary Group next meet on Friday 7 May at 10am in the Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. All welcome. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012.

55+ Group next meet on Wednesday 12 May of from 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Morning tea provided.

See notice board for on line Beginning Experience May 12, and exploring Alpha on 5th May.

Pentecost Celebration. Sunday 23 May. Praise and Worship with Mass. Celebrant is Bishop Michael Gielen. Venue: St Luke's Church 260 Chapel Road Flat Bush. Starts 4.30pm . Please bring a plate to share for supper. Organised by Currents of Grace Auckland. Auckland. See Church noticeboard.

Mark this date in your 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.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 9 May:** Mother's Day
- Sunday 16 May:** The Ascension of The Lord
- Sunday 23 May:** Presentation of The Lord's Prayer to Sacramental Programme children.
- Monday 24 May:** Our Lady, Help of Christians
- Monday 7 June:** Public Holiday. (Queen's Birthday).
- Sunday 26 May:** 10am Mass. Presentation of The Lord's Prayer to Sacramental programme children.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Contentment isn't getting what we want but being satisfied with what we have". Philippians 4:11 Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have..

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



Pax Christi Interested in social justice issues? Pray, study and take action for change. You are invited to come to our next Pax Christi meeting on Monday 3rd May, Eymard House, 7:00pm. All welcome.

Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet every Friday during term time 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall. Our Youth Mass is always on the

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

COME & SEE – SATURDAY 8 MAY: Thinking about Priesthood? Invitation to young men to join us for Mass and breakfast at St Patrick's Cathedral at 8.30 am. Free parking available. See Noticeboard for details and further dates this year.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your generous help to the poor. We are in need of Baked beans, tinned vegetables and 2 min noodles. Thank you to all the parishioners who so generously helped us by donating Easter Eggs, the Young Vinnies are very thankful for your help.

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

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

Community Day. Saturday 15 May in the Parish Hall. 9am - 3pm. Theme "Realise Above All That You are In God's presence". To register please phone Michael 436 5663 or email md1@outlook.co.nz See Church noticeboard.



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

Healthcare Industry Expo. Thursday 6 May at Connected Centre, 4 Albert Street, Whangarei 11am-1pm. See noticeboard.



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 \$5156.30 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will