


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.					

Titipounamu Study & Joy. Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 10, 17, 24 May, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn->

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

Recently Deceased: Anthony Vareed (India).

Anniversaries: Bobbie Turner, Sister Kenny Meredith SMSM, Delia Ruane, Elizabeth Young, George Holmes-Kinsella, Anne Whetton.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 May 2021 Year B

Next Week's Readings: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4: 1-13; Mark 16: 15-20

You chose me !

I noticed some of the job advertisements in a recent copy of the Advocate. The businesses were seeking applicants for a range of work. No doubt there would have been a number of responses. Somewhere in all of that process, a choice is made and a person is selected for the position. The businesses would want the best person for the job.

In our Gospel for today, Jesus reminds the disciples, "You did not choose me, I chose you and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit . . ." I don't think there was any job advertisement for the position. There doesn't seem to have been any job interview. Jesus just chose them. What was ahead of them was still unknown.

There can be times when a person may wonder why they have ended up in the situation they are in. I'm sure a number of reasons can be found. One of the reasons might be that God sees them as the best person to respond to the situation at that time. God chooses them to respond to those circumstances. You may have found yourself in such a situation.

On this Mother's Day, perhaps we can consider that God chose our Mother's to bring us into the world. Their co-operation, their part in God's plan enabled you and me to have the gift of life. They were the people God chose to bring us to life.

As we give thanks for the gift of our Mothers, what might the example of their generosity mean for me the next time God chooses me for something?

Fr Trevor Tindall sm


Bishops Forum. This Sunday 9 May 11.30am – 1pm here in our Parish Hall. Parishioners are cordially invited to attend Bishops' Pat and Michael's **2021 Bishops' Forum**. The meeting will start at 11.30am and conclude at 1pm. We ask parishioners to please bring a plate for our shared Morning tea. Thank you.


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

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

 **We welcome into our Parish family those baptised in April:** Evelyn Bibin, Fynn Morrinson, Georgia McCarrison, Gracie Galpothage, Mischa Manimbo, Rhiane Cui, Riley Cui.

Saturday Night Vigil Mass Time. There is a suggestion that during the winter months (June, July and August) the Vigil Mass time will shift from 6:00pm to 5:00pm. This is for consultation. A formal decision will be made in May.

 **Thank you to our fabulous parishioners.** Late last term the 185 Year 5 and 6 children at our school attended a wonderful camp at Kawau Island. The children travelled by ferry and stayed for four nights at Camp Bentzon. While there, they completed a confidence course, yachting, archery, orienteering, kayaking, bivouac building, swimming and hiking activities. We wish to sincerely thank the parishioners who responded to our request for financial assistance for some of our students. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience. God bless you. Craig McKernan (Principal) Glenys Jakicevich (Deputy Principal)

 **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 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 hope to see you there!

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK. Happiness is not so much in having as sharing. We make a living by what we give but we make a life by what we give.



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.

Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet every Friday during term time 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall. Our Youth Mass is always on the second Sunday of the month at the 6pm Saturday Vigil.



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.
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.

55+ Group next meet Wednesday 12 May from 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Morning tea provided. Bingo will be available to those who wish to play.

Pope Francis "It's time to act" Laudato Si Week 16-24 May. To mark the anniversary of the Pope's Encyclical, Laudato Si "Care for our Common Home", we are urged to take action now to mitigate the effects of Climate Change. **What can we do? Here are some suggestions.** Reflect on the gift of God's creation and pray about what action you are being asked to take. Fast from meat; refrain from buying; using electricity; using plastics; being silent. Speak out about our ecological crisis and urge others to act.



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.



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.

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.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4995.70. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will