

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 (5pm in June, July, Aug) 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha)	6pm Sat Vigil (Youth Mass) (5pm in June, July, Aug) 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil (5pm in June, July, Aug) 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil (5pm in June, July, Aug) 8am Sun 10am Sun (Family Mass)	6pm Sat Vigil (5pm in June, July, Aug) 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 (5pm in June, July, Aug, Sept)	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
Reconciliation Rite I: 11.30am Fri & Saturday. Rite II: 7.30pm 4th Thursday Rite I: 5.30pm to 6pm 4th Thursday. during June, July, August (Winter)				Exposition: Fri 6.15am; & 11am-Midday. Sat 7.15am - 7.45am.	
Syro Malabar Community: 2nd Tuesday of month - 6pm Mass with Prayer at 5.30pm; 4th Sunday of month - 5pm Mass Filipino Community: Every Wednesday - Novena - 6pm Side Chapel; 5th Sunday of month - 5pm Mass					

Do you have spare Rosary Beads or Bibles to donate? Rosary Beads and Bibles are needed by Catholic ship crew coming to Whangarei Port. Please drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you.

Money Mates 5 week Course - once a week.3 August to 31 August See notice board.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Corry Beentjes, Joan Treacher, Boris Jurlina, (*husband of Jean*).

Recently Deceased: Christine Clark, Edward Potts, Dean Franklin (*husband of Frances*).

Anniversaries: Peter Edwards, Catriona McFarlane, Bishop Stuart O'Connell, Lyle Turner, Margaret Fred, Paul Kim, Dcn Charles le Marque, Arsenia Ruiz.



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 August 2021 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30- 5:2; John 6:41-51

Sign in, sign up – OK. But BE a sign!

Every day we see lots of signs. They are all around us – road signs, shop signs and so on. They speak volumes to us through colours, words and shapes.

In the First Reading, Moses was faced with the beginnings of a mutiny. The chosen People found themselves in the middle of a desert with food running low. He needed something to reassure the people that they were doing what God had asked of them. We hear of the miraculous provision of food. The food is a sign to the people that God can and will provide for them. The sign is like proof that God can and will do it.

In the Gospel, Jesus is challenged over His teaching. There seems to be a need for signs as proof for something. The fact that a person was able to produce a sign to back up what they were saying or doing meant that they were to be believed.

Jesus provides the sign. He is the sign – “I am the Bread of Life”. He is the sign that God will provide. This is a new dimension to signs. Usually they have been actions or things. Now, the sign is a Person.

In the midst of floods, here at home and abroad, a covid crisis, homelessness, and illness, what do the sign[s] look like so that people in those situations can know that God cares for them and can and will provide for them?

Fr Trevor Tindall sm



Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.
8 August.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The Intention for August is Social friendship. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand have chosen *Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way* as the name to renew Bishop Pompallier's 1838 dedication of this country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven on 15 August. Parishes throughout the country will be invited to join in prayer for the renewal of the dedication.



Couples for Christ Family Ministries invites all parishioners to attend a Christian Life Programme. Begins Saturday 7 August 1pm - 4pm in our Parish Hall. For further information please contact Bien Padilla on 021 084 23601 or Jenn Padilla on 021 081 51198.

On Sunday 15 August (The Assumption), at the 10am Mass, we will have a special acknowledgement and thanks to the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary. We will also be remembering the first anniversary of Sister Jo. Please bring food for our shared lunch in the Parish Hall following Mass.

2022 ENROLMENTS. Pompallier Catholic College Open Day. Sunday 15 August commencing at 2pm. Meet the teachers, meet our students and see class displays on a tour of the College. 2022 enrolment packs will be available. Preference Enrolments close Monday 20 September. Non-Preference Enrolments close Friday 3 September.

Encounter Young Adult Event. 7 August @ the Cathedral 5pm. Bishop Michael will be giving a talk on the Transfiguration. Bring a friend.

Rejoice | Auckland Catholic Festival 2021. Saturday 16 October. St Luke's Church and Sancta Maria College, Flatbush. Are you able to volunteer? Volunteers will complete an expression of interest using a form accessible from the Festival page of the CDA website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/festival/>. We all know some people who love to volunteer and are good in roles that match their gifts. Please encourage those people to register.

You are invited to: WEAVING TOGETHER LITURGY AND LIFE – Liturgy Conference The Liturgy Conference, Weaving Together Liturgy and Life - *Te raranga ngātahi i ngā ritenga me te oranga* The liturgy of the Church, especially the Mass, is a mystery ever ancient, ever new, and always calling us into a deeper engagement. This is an opportunity for all Catholics to gather and be enriched in our understanding of the Mass. There will be guest speakers. Come and enjoy great company and build new friendships. Let the deep spirituality of the Catholic Church surround, inspire and fill you. Baradene College of the Sacred Heart. 4.00pm 7th – 6.00pm 9th October. For more information go to <https://wuss.org.nz/> – registrations now open.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Friday 6 August: Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday 8 August: Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Have Faith. No matter what lies ahead. Hold onto your Faith"

Mark the date! 30 years in our Ruakaka Church. Celebration - Sunday 14 November 2021. Mass followed by shared food and family activities. Organiser Ray Timmins ph 021 027 88867



Joshua Men's Fellowship meet on Wednesday 18 August at 7pm here in our Church.



Martha and Mary Group next meet on Friday 6 August at 10am in the Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. All welcome. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012

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.



Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your generous help for those less fortunate. We are in need of baked beans, 2 minute noodles and tinned fish. Thank you.
Meetings: First and third Thursday at 5 pm in Eymard House. All very welcome to join us.

55+ Group In winter time we meet in the Parish Hall following 12.10pm Mass on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We next meet on 11 August, soup provided for lunch followed by a Card making.



Pax Christi meet on Monday 2 August at 7pm in Eymard House.



Christian Meditation Meetings. Every Wednesday in Eymard House 7.30pm-8.30pm. All welcome.



Parish Playgroup meet every Tuesday during term time, 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. Gold coin donation. Enquiries to the Parish Office.



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.

Youth News

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. In June, July, August (Winter) 5pm Vigil Mass.

Kamo Prayer Group meet every Tuesday during term time at 40 Percy Street. 10am to 11.45am. All are most welcome to join us. Queries to Anne Marie 021 140 4657

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

Special Collections in Auckland Diocese. Maori Pastoral Care Collection Sunday 22 August

This money is used to fund initiatives, schools, projects of the Auckland Diocesan Maori community.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,924.30 Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will