

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					

Board Needed. Parishioner is looking for a room to rent. Please phone Jill 021 355 389

Titipounamu Study & Joy. Online Sessions (Evening): Psalms - From the Heights of Hymns to the Lows of Laments! with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 26 July, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25. ZOOM <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/psalms-from-the-heights-of-hymns-to-the-lows-of-laments-c2-a0-8/>
For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Corry Beentjes.

Recently Deceased: Ankie de Jong, Melanie Bain, (wife of Murray), Christine Clark, Edward Potts.

Anniversaries: Geoffrey Eales, Fr John Mori SM, Fr Robert (Bob) Lee SM, Pat and Jim Nash.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 July 2021 Year B

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

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Today's readings remind us that Christianity is at its essence a gathering of people around a meal. That's how it started. Although it has undergone a lot of change and development through the centuries, it has always had a gathering of people at a communal meal as its core expression.

Today's gospel has Jesus gathering people and feeding them. In ancient times you could tell who the rich and powerful were by watching them have a meal. The master and his friends would recline at table and the women and servants would bring food and serve them. When Christianity adopted the meal of the Eucharist for its Sunday gathering it reversed those power roles.

The disciples and followers of Christ were those who served and the poor and hungry were those who reclined. "Those of you who wish to be great must be a servant." It was at the heart of who Jesus was and his mission. The disciples learn this in today's gospel story as they are the ones who distribute the food to the crowd who are asked to recline on the grass. The meal is not gourmet, but it satisfies and there is enough. It is not just about the food however. It is about the quality of relationship between the people, that sharing this food of life brings about:

Humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. So much to feast on this Sunday.

Fr Peter McDermott s.m

Venerable Jean-Claude Colin Founder of the Society of Mary. You are invited to take a pamphlet or Bookmark from the foyer to read. Pray for a miracle in support of the cause of his canonisation. In suitcases for Outlying areas.



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.


Baptism Course. The next Baptism Course is on Sunday 1 and 8 August 2pm - 3.30pm here in our Church. If you are expecting a child, now is a good time to do the course. Please contact Janet at the Parish Office, 437 7902 with enquiries and to register.


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

Baptism For School Age Children. Children *aged seven years and older who do not attend St Francis Xavier School*, and have not been baptised, are invited to join the Course (later in the year) in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. To register your child, call into the Parish office or phone 437 7902.

Encounter Young Adult Event. 7 August @ the Cathedral 5pm. Bishop Michael on the Transfiguration.

On Sunday 15 August (The Assumption), at the 10am Mass, we will have a special acknowledgement and thank you 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.

 **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.

Thank you. Thank you to Caring Foundation for their generous donation that we will be using to ensure families in our care receive fresh vegetables and fruit in their food boxes. Also a big thank you to the parishioners who every week generously donate food to the cause. Although we suggest food every week please know that we accept all non perishable at all times to feed up to 450 people a month from 6months to 98yr old . Thank you all.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1 August: World Day of Prayer against Slavery and Trafficking of Peoples

Friday 6 August: Transfiguration of the Lord

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "If you're heading in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns"



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



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

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.

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..

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.

Our 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.

Parish Library. Come and check out our Parish library located in the Parish Office. We have a wonderful selection of books to borrow. We also have over 60 DVD's that can be borrowed. Please take a pamphlet from the noticeboard, which has a synopsis of each DVD and borrowing information.

Sacred Heart College Auckland Hostel Open Day – Saturday, 14 August, 12.30pm. Would you like to know more about the opportunities your son can gain from boarding at Sacred Heart College Hostel? Come along to our Open Day, Saturday 14 August. The purpose of this event is for boys and their families to learn more about boarding at Sacred Heart. It has been designed for boys who are attending next year, have applied for next year, or just interested in knowing more. It will be a great opportunity to hear from our Hostel staff, meet some of our current boarders and learn more about what boarding life is all about. If you are interested, please register via our website, www.sacredheart.school.nz/hostel-open-day/. If you have any questions, or require further information please do not hesitate to contact our Enrolments Officer, Mrs Nicola Thomas on enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz.



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 \$4,555.20 Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will