

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					

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 50 DVD's that can be borrowed. Please take a pamphlet from the notice board which has a synopsis of each DVD and borrowing information.

Daylight Saving begins Sunday 26 September 2am. Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour.

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*), Bill van Dijk.

Recently Deceased: Dean Franklin (*husband of Frances*).

Anniversaries: Sr Jo Gresham smsm, Ken Hodgson, Nelsie Morris.



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15 August 2021 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Mary's Mission in our land

It is reasonable to believe that if anyone was to be in Heaven with Jesus, it would have to be His Mother Mary. Right through history it was assumed that Mary would share in the fruits of the Resurrection of her son to eternal life.

The interesting thing is that when Bishop Pompallier arrived in Hokianga in January 1838, he dedicated his mission in New Zealand to Mary of the Assumption. Mary assumed onto heaven was the faith of the people. Yet it was not till over a hundred years later that Pope Pius xii in 1950 declared: *"We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God, that the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven."*^[14]

Today, we are invited to rededicate the mission of the Church in our Country, to Mary of the Assumption. Just as Bishop Pompallier, we are still called to be a church with a mission.

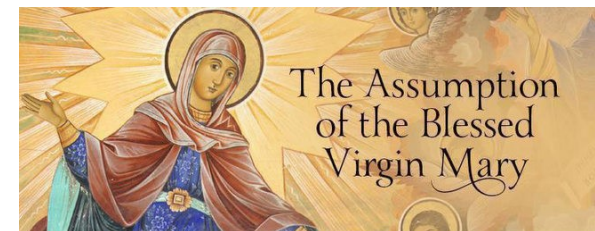
On a personal note; it is a consolation that when my twin brother died in 2015 it was on this feast day. Indeed, it is the Hope for us all – where Mary is, so shall we be one day.

Today we thankfully honour and say farewell to the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary who have ministered in our Parish for the past 29 years.

Lovingly we remember Sr Jo Gresham SMSM who died suddenly on the 14th of August last year.

Aroha and Blessings

Chris Martin s.m.



Please note: St Francis Xavier Church Saturday Vigil Mass will go back to the usual time of 6pm from September.



Rite I Reconciliation will be offered Thursday 26 August 5.30pm - 6pm, (Winter time)

- **Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption** This is Aotearoa New Zealand's National Patronal Feast. It is also being marked in a special way this year as a re-dedication of our country to Mary Mother of God Assumed into Heaven. Bishop Pompallier our country's first bishop, made this dedication to Mary while celebrating the first Mass at Totara Point in the Hokianga in 1838.
- **Website for Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way project.** A website has been created to help promote the bishops' renewal of the dedication of the country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. The renewal project has the title Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way and runs for 12 months from 15 August. Go to website: www.tearaamaria.nz

All are invited to lunch in the Parish Hall, following 10am Mass acknowledging the SSM sisters and Sr Jo. Please bring food for our shared lunch. The Hall will be open from 9.30am to receive food. Thank you.

2022 ENROLMENTS. Pompallier Catholic College Open Day. Today, 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.

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, be enriched in our understanding of the Mass, ponder the wisdom of guest speakers, enjoy great company and build new friendships. Come!! Let the deep spirituality of the Catholic Church surround, inspire and fill you. Baradene College of the Sacred Heart. 4pm on 7 October to 6pm 9 October. For more information go to <https://wuss.org.nz/> – registrations now open.

Personal Invitation from Bishop Patrick Dunn DD. I am writing to invite you to the **Rejoice: Auckland Catholic Festival** to be held on **Saturday 16 October 2021** at Sancta Maria College / St Luke's Church, Flat Bush. So please bring your community to join Bishop Michael and myself in Flat Bush for this all-day event on Saturday 16 October. As a Diocese, let us take this opportunity to encounter Christ afresh and celebrate our Faith. A separate programme for children will be offered alongside the main programme. This is a family-friendly event! Lunch will be provided and the whole celebration is free. In the evening, a Youth Festival will be held from 7.00 pm-10.00 pm at the same venue. Full invitation is in the foyer.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1 September: Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

1 September to 4 October: Month of Care for Creation.

Sunday 5 September: Father's Day

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." --Saint Maximilian Kolb

55+ Group Gold Card Group is now the 55+ Group. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Our next gathering is on Wednesday 8 September. Morning tea provided.



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.

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



Society of St Vincent de Paul

Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your generous help for those less fortunate. We are in need of tinned spaghetti, breakfast cereal and tinned fish. Thank you.

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

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 in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. **The Course will take place later in the year.** Children from the Course once baptised, are encouraged to join the Confirmation and First Holy Communion Programme which begins in February 2022. To register please phone Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.



Pax Christi meet on Monday 6 September 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 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.



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 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



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,970.60 Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will