

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
<b>Reconciliation Rite I:</b> 11.30am Fri & Saturday. <b>Rite II:</b> 7.30pm 4th Thursday <b>Rite I:</b> 5.30pm to 6pm 4th Thursday. during June, July, August (Winter)				<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6.15am; & 11am-Midday. Sat 7.15am - 7.45am.	
<b>Syro Malabar Community:</b> 2nd Tuesday of month - 6pm Mass with Prayer at 5.30pm; 4th Sunday of month - 5pm Mass <b>Filipino Community:</b> 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.

*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:** Gwen Gregan, Tess Sheehan, Fr David Whelan MHM, Ane Yovich.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8 August 2021 Year B**

**Next Week's Readings:** THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

### One for the Body

When the people of Israel were in the desert, they were totally dependent on God for food.

There was nothing else. It was a matter of life or death.

But God provided food day by day.

We too pray "give us each day our daily Bread".

While we may not physically hunger, what do we yearn for spiritually?

I believe I depend on God. I sat in prayer on a retreat and pondered "Lord, you are the source of my Life, my Love and my Joy".

Jesus invites us to each ask ourselves What do I truly desire?

Today is the Feast Day for Sr Mary of the Cross (Mary McKillop).

I once prayed at her Grave on my Birthday. We as a Parish owe a debt of gratitude to her Sisters of St Joseph who founded and staffed our original Primary Schools (St Mary's and St Josephs) here in Whangarei.

As I finish writing this, I am off to have my Covid Vaccination. I'm in my 65<sup>th</sup> year!

I do this not just for myself but "one for the Body", the community to which we belong.

All Blessings

Fr Chris M s.m.

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




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

**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.

**NEXT 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.

**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.

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

**The Season of Creation** starts 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Theme: "A home for all? Renewing the *Oikos* of God"

**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. 4.00pm 7<sup>th</sup> – 6.00pm 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Iks, workshops, prayer fellowship and fun. 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. Registrations open in August and further announcements will be made on the line-up of speakers. 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.

**On Friday, 6 August** we celebrated the feast of the Transfiguration. It was also the day of remembrance for all those who died as a result of the nuclear bomb dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki by USA in 1945. We continue to remember and pray for the thousands of people affected by the bombing and that we will work for peace and reconciliation throughout the world. *Pax Christi.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Mary MacKillop said "Never see a need without doing something about it"

**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.

 **Joshua Men's Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 18 August at 7pm here in our Church. Men very welcome to join us.

 **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

**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

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

**Martha and Mary Group** next meet on **Friday 3 September** at 10am in the Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. All welcome. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012


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



**ALONE AGAIN?** A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 13-15 August. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The total cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials and reunion is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 23 July. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or (09) 4789742 or Kelly 0276864416 [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

**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.

**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.

**Special Collections in Auckland Diocese. Auckland Diocese. Sunday 22 August Māori Pastoral Care Collection**  
This money is used to fund initiatives, schools, projects of the Auckland Diocesan Maori community.

 **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 \$4,562.30 Thank you. 

Please remember the Parish in your Will