

St Francis Xavier Parish Usual Timetable

Pass Masses – Vaccine Pass required (Limit 100 - Red) Unlimited - Orange

Open Masses – Vaccine Pass not required (Limit 25 - Red) 50 – Orange

(Liturgy of The Word with Holy Communion will be offered in the Parish Hall for overflow at 6pm Vigil, 8am, 10am and 12 noon Masses)

	1st Sun of Month	2nd Sun of Month	3rd Sun of Month	4th Sun of Month	5th Sun of Month
St Francis Xavier	Pass Masses: 6pm Sat Vigil 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha) Open Mass: 12 noon	Pass Masses: 6pm Sat Vigil (Youth Mass) 8am & 10am Sun Open Mass: 12 noon	Pass Masses: 6pm Sat Vigil 8am & 10am Sun Open Mass: 12 noon	Pass Masses: 6pm Sat Vigil; 8am Sun 10am Sun (Family Mass) Open Mass: 12 noon	Pass Masses: 6pm Sat Vigil 8am & 10am Sun Open Mass: 12 noon
Ruakaka (Pass Masses & Pass LOW)	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy
Hikurangi (Open Masses & Pass LOW)	8:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am *Liturgy
Whangarei. Heads (Pass Masses & Pass LOW)	6pm Sat Vigil	8:30am *Liturgy	///	8:30am *Liturgy	10am. Combined Community Service
Maungakara- mea (Open Mass)	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 (Open Mass)	Tuesday 9am Eucharist; (Pass Mass)	Wednesday 12.10pm Eucharist (Open Mass)	Thursday 7am Eu- charist; (Pass Mass)	Friday 12.10pm Eucharist (Pass Mass)	Saturday 8am Eucharist (Pass Mass)
Reconciliation Rite I : 11.30am Fri & Saturday.				Exposition : Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. Rosary : Saturday after 8am Mass	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community.					
5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community. (Pass Mass)					



Daylight Saving ends at 3am on Sunday 3 April. Turn clocks back 1 hour.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Evar Davis, Bunny Kiwi, Anne Stead.

Recently deceased: Thelma Buisman, Sheila Anderson, Timothy Walsh, (brother of Cathy Torvik).

Anniversaries: Teresa Rahui, Grant Alexander.



REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Next Week's Readings: (Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9

**Then your light will shine like the dawn
and any wounds you may have quickly heal over.
Your integrity will go before you.**

What person does a Good Lent? Three things,

A Generous Person

A Holy Person

A Sorry Person.

We have to be real.

Turn back to God and follow the Gospel, is the call of Ash Wednesday. It has to be real. "Is this the sort of fast that pleases me - it is the Lord who speaks – to break unjust systems and undo the burdens placed on people, to let the overloaded go free and break every burden, to share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the person you see to be naked and turn not from your own families ". (Isaiah 58)

Do we do this?

Too busy, too occupied, too programmed, too structured, too intent on our own purposes. Living in narrow worlds.

Lent has to irritate us.

Challenge us,

Disturb us.

Agitate us.

Niggle us,

Question us...in our disturbance Christ finds fertile ground and we become more and more the people of God, a Holy People, a Generous people and a people who know how to say Sorry.

This will be evident in our joy, happiness, and our love for one another. Our light then shines in the darkness. We give proof of the existence of God in and through Christ Jesus.

Have a good one.

Fr Brian Prendeville sm.


LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

Stations of the Cross. In preparation for Easter, we invite you to participate in the Passion of Christ during this Lenten period.

♦ **Fridays at 7pm.** We need groups / individuals to lead on the following dates: April 8, 15. Simple booklets available to assist in leading the Stations. Please register your willingness to lead by contacting the Parish Office.


♦ **Bishop's Lenten Appeal (Caritas).** Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving in preparation for Easter. Each year the Lent Appeal is run by Caritas on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) to support our work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, including Aotearoa New Zealand.

♦ **Caritas Lenten Programme "Called to be Peacemakers"** Lenten Resource Kit is available from the Parish Office for any groups or individuals to use. Information and resources on Caritas website - www.caritas.org.nz

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

From Fr Brian.

The Parish of Francis Xavier is offering Scholarships with all tuition fees paid, for three candidates who are secondary school pupils, to learn Music, (Piano and Keyboard). In this scholarship they will seek out their tutors that will be approved and, in this time, will be given the principles of Sacred Worship and Liturgy to a high level of competency. Apply in writing to the Parish Priest.

 **Vocations.** The Society of Mary is running a 'Come and See' weekend in April at the Marist Seminary, Auckland. The purpose of the weekend is to help young men discerning a vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life. Please contact Fr Pat. Society of Mary NZ, Vocations Director. vocations@smnz.org.nz Text: 021 025 78466

Joshua Men's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday 16 March at 7pm here in our Church. Please bring your "My Vaccine Pass" Thank you

Every Wednesday at 6pm, the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. Please bring your "My Vaccine Pass".

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- o **Thursday 17 March:** Feast Day of St Patrick.
- o **Saturday 19 March:** St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- o **Friday 25 March:** The Annunciation of the Lord. Day of Prayer for Family Life
- o **15 April:** Good Friday. Collection for Holy Places.
- o **Sunday 17 April:** Sunday of the Resurrection

THOUGHT FOR LENTEN REFLECTION: Give up complaining—focus on gratitude. Give up pessimism—become an optimist. Give up discouragement—be full of hope. Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness. Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.



Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support.

Help Needed. At this time, we are helping people who are isolating and who are in urgent need of food. Next week there will be boxes in the foyer, for donations. Cereals, tinned and dried food, spreads etc. Thank you.

Meeting. First and third Thursday at 5 pm in Eymard House. Please bring your "My Vaccine Pass".

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

55+ Group have decided not to hold gatherings during this time.



Parish Playgroup will not meet during Red Traffic Light. They will start once we are at Orange. Traffic Light. These will be Pass Gatherings.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. Online Event. "Who do you say I am?" Thursday 31 March, Via Zoom, 6.30pm-8pm. . Presenter: Therese Luatua. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcqcOGgqzosGdV1rGdGMwWGWpImVb-oOWG> to register.

Faith Formation. Kids Korner. A Journey through the Bible. Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/kids-korner-3/> Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/parent-ponderings-3/>

The latest digital issue of NZ Catholic is available online. Go to <https://indd.adobe.com/view/e7fba446-52c8-4585-aa31-2a70f63285eb>

Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese:

Collection for the Holy Places - Good Friday 15 April. The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered.



Newcomers - please make yourself known to a greeter before 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 per week to meet running costs of our Parish including our Outlying Areas. Thank you to all those who give so generously to our parish.



Please remember the Parish in your Will

Youth News,

Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) are not able to meet during this time. Further details to come.



Pax Christi. Their next meeting will be in Tuesday 12 April at 7pm in Eymard House. Please note change of day and date.

Maria Assumpta Parish in Beach Haven, Auckland is celebrating its Golden Jubilee over Labour Weekend. 22 - 24 October, 2022. Register your interest and get details patlythe@gmail.com/ Ph 09) 483 9903. We'd love to hear from you.