

St Francis Xavier Parish Usual Timetable					
<b>Pass Masses</b> – Vaccine Pass required (Limit 100 - Red) Unlimited - Orange					
<b>Open Masses</b> – 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
Maungakaramea (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)
<b>Reconciliation Rite I</b> : 11.30am Fri & Saturday.				<b>Exposition</b> : Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary</b> : Saturday after 8am Mass	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community.					
5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community. (Pass Mass)					

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Evar Davis, Bunny Kiwi, Anne Stead, Anne Jennings, (sister of Bill Gibson).

**Recently deceased:** Sheila Anderson, Timothy Walsh, (brother of Cathy Torvik), Chetwin Dewasurendra, (brother of Dirk).

**Anniversaries:** Norma Valido, Rose Henare, Terri Rahui, Sylvia Hammerton, Denis Green-Thompson.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**20 March 2022 Year C**

**Next Week's Readings: (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

**Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

## That Fig Tree

In the early days of the Bible, the Vine was a symbol for the northern kingdom of Israel and the Fig Tree was a symbol for the southern kingdom of Judah. The two kingdoms were brought together in the time of King Saul and King David. So, when Luke, in his Gospel speaks of a Fig Tree growing in a Vineyard, Luke is speaking of a unity and togetherness of these two former kingdoms. The fig tree and vine are also symbols of prosperity and peace. So, all appears well.

However,

the Fig Tree in the Gospel is not bearing any fruit. The Fig Tree is resplendent in leaves but has no fruit. All show and no character. [elsewhere, we will hear that the Vineyard produced only sour grapes]. Through teachings, healings and miracles, Jesus has continued John the Baptist's call to "repentance for the forgiveness of sins". After three years [three being the number for completion] there has been no fruit produced.

However,

Jesus is patient and prepared to wait another year. On the one hand, we have the compassion of Jesus for the disciple who may stumble on the journey. On the other hand, there is a crisis looming for unproductive disciples. On the one hand I feel very relieved, on the other . . . . .

Fr Trevor Tindall s.m.

**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.**

**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.

If any one or family is in need of help, food, or assistance by isolating please contact the parish and we will assure you of support and help. Ph 437 7902.

The 10am Mass will be livestreamed on our Facebook page.

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**Baptism Course.** The next Baptism Course is on 1 and 8 May. If you are expecting your first child, now is a good time to do the Course. For further information and to register please phone the Parish Office 437 7902. Thank you.

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



**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.



**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](mailto:vocations@smnz.org.nz) Text: 021 025 78466

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

- o **Friday 25 March:** The Annunciation of the Lord. Day of Prayer for Family Life
- o **Sunday 3 April:** Daylight Saving ends at 3am on Sunday 3 April. Turn clocks back 1 hour.
- o **15 April:** Good Friday. Collection for Holy Places.
- o **Sunday 17 April:** Sunday of the Resurrection
- o **Monday 18 April.** Easter Monday - 8am Mass, Parish Office closed.

**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.



**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". Thank you.

**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 on Tuesday 12 April at 7pm in Eymard House. Please note change of day and date.



**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. We have boxes in the foyer for donations. Cereals, tinned and dried food, spreads etc. All donations warmly received. Thank you.

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

**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 from [patlythe@gmail.com](mailto:patlythe@gmail.com) / Ph 09) 483 9903. We'd love to hear from you.

**Faith Formation.** Kids Korner for this week.

**Kids Korner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/kids-korner-3/>  
**Parent Ponderings:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/parent-ponderings-3/>

**Sacred Heart College Enrolment for Year 9 Boarding in 2023 is now open.**

A Sacred Heart education provides a foundation of faith and aspiration to succeed at the highest level in personal and professional life. Places are available for boarding in Year 9, 2023. Applications are prioritised in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Scholarships are available. Applications will close **Wednesday 13 April 2022.** Visit [www.sacredheart.school.nz](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz) for more information.

**Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese:**

**Collection for the Holy Places - Good Friday 2 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*