

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 |
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| 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 |
| Maungakarama (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

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| 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) | | | | | |

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

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

Recently deceased: Chetwin Dewasurendra, (brother of Dirk), Hazel O'Donnell, Slavko Rosandic.

Anniversaries: Ken Holmes, April Music, Vincent Mathew (India).



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
27 March 2022 Year C

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

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philipians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

This Sunday we listen to the Gospel of John telling the story of the healing of the Blind Man. We listen to this gospel because our OCIA Candidates are celebrating a Rite of the Second Scrutiny. The story is one of how the man who was blind from birth comes to gradually see who Jesus is and comes to believe in him. The man does not see or know who Jesus is at the beginning. He just does what he is told to do. He washes in the pool after having mud smeared on his eyes by Jesus. He is given the gift of sight but still can't recognise Jesus until Jesus makes himself known to him. He journeys from hearing his voice, to obeying his word, to recognising him by sight and to believing in him as the Messiah. All the while he is being harassed by the Pharisees and eventually he will be expelled. He is however the witness to the goodness of the grace of God through Jesus.

Our OCIA candidates also are journeying to being washed in the pool of Baptism at Easter and receiving the light of Christ by which they too can believe who Jesus is in their lives. We are privileged to walk alongside them through this Lenten time so that we can relive our own coming to life in Christ. Our own enlightening by grace. Their journey is our journey. We all celebrate the gracious mercy of God in our lives who has called us to be his sons and daughters. Let us continue to pray for our candidates and for each other this Lenten time.

Fr Peter McDermott s.m.

LITURGY CALENDAR:

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7pm.

From Fr Brian.

◆ In the Holy Week we have been asked and have agreed to Home the Icon Picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This has traveled throughout New Zealand and now making its way in the North. Information is available about the reason and the purpose of the Madonna Painting can be accessed in the New Zealand Catholic. Go to <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/?s=Artwork>



◆ Are there any experts or notable artisans or artificers for the following areas in need of help. Canva is a programme that produces publications. Web designers and enablers for online processes that can be used for Registrations online. The ability for to make donations and contribute to the Church on line. To have information to join or be part of the various groups and services in the Church online.

◆ St Francis Xavier anniversary. Did you know it was 400 years ago that He was made a Saint. **He landed at Goa in India and began a vast apostolate lasting over ten years. Here he instructed the adults, gathered the children by ringing a bell in the streets, catechized them, and also visited the hospitals and prisons. He then turned to the indigenous people of the land, teaching by versifying Catholic doctrine and fitting the verses to popular tunes. He then went on to Cape Comorin and began the conversion of the Paravars, some days baptizing so many that at night he could not raise his arm from fatigue. Then to Travencore where he founded forty-five churches in various villages. Then to Malacca in Malaya, and for eighteen months from island to island, preaching, instructing, baptizing.** Pray for us who bear your name.

◆ Good Friday Stations of the Cross with the Schools Pompallier and St Francis Xavier in the St Francis Xavier Catholic School grounds at 10am on the school courts. All parishioners welcome to attend.

◆ **Preparing for the Sacrament after Easter hopefully we will begin our time of Learning and preparation. Parents and Gaurdians you will be invited and are necessary fort his time of getting ready for your children. More to follow.**

◆ **Zoom.** We now have a Parish Zoom account for parish use for committees and groups. Please contact the Parish office for signing in details. Only one committee or group can use Zoom at one time.

◆ **Experimenting with Live Streaming.** We are still in the process of experimentating, but thank you for so much positive feedback to Ben and his team. Well done.

DATE TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 3 April: Daylight Saving** ends at 3am. Turn clocks back 1 hour.
- **15 April:** Good Friday. Collection for Holy Places.

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.



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

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

Society of St Vincent de Paul

◆ **Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. At this time, we are helping people who are isolating and who are in urgent need of food. There are boxes in the foyer, for donations. Cereals, tinned and dried food, spreads etc. All donations warmly received. Thank you.

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

◆ **Rosary.** The Society of St Vincent de Paul members will be praying the Rosary for Hazel O'Donnell, for the happy repose of her soul. Thursday 31st March at 5pm here in St Francis Xavier Church. Hazel, who passed away this past week was a life member of the Society. This will be a Vaccine Pass event but this is an open invitation to all parishioners with Vaccine Passes. There will be a cup of tea after the service in the gathering area. For more information please contact Anna at awjwsvdp@outlook.com



Martha and Mary Group. Joan will email members to let them know if there is a meeting next Friday 1st April. Queries to Joan 435 4012.



Our Parish Playgroup will not meet during Red Traffic Light setting. They will resume when we are at Orange Traffic Light.

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/meeting/register/tZcqcOGgqzosGdVi1rGdGMwWGWPImVb-oOWG> to register.

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.

Himene practice, (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church.



Thank you. Your prayers and ours have been answered. The operation has given me improved mobility. God bless.

Anne Stead.



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.

Help Needed. The Parish Office has an Access database which is linked to Online forms on Google Drive. At present we are having issues. Do we have a clever parishioner who can help sort out this problem we are having? Please contact Janet at the Parish Office. Thank you



It costs \$5,270.24 per week to meet running costs of our Parish including our Outlying Areas. This week we received \$4,179.50 from all collections. Thank you



Please remember the Parish in your Will