

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	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
Maungatapere	Eucharist	///	///	11am *Liturgy (Starts 22 May 2022)	///
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				
Piwiwai, 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)					

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Day of Prayer for Vocations
Seminary Collection.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Anne Jennings, Evar Davis, Nicolette Buisman, Margaret Pool, Tim Howard, Dora Hampton

Recently Deceased: Harold Harris, Monica Tehira, Denis Vuyketich (Auckland, brother of Mario), Theresa Topia, (sister of Patrick Butler, Mary Edwards, Simon Holden.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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Ruakaka; Hikurangi; Whangarei Heads; Maungatapere; Maungakaramea; Matapouri; Poroti; Piwiwai.

Priests Fr Brian Prendeville sm (pp), Fr Peter McDermott sm, Fr Trevor Tindall sm, Deacons Jim Nees, Nimo Ponifasio.

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Next Week's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13;14,43-52 Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

Today's gospel raises two interesting questions:

After one has confessed "My Lord and My God, then what?" The answer is to be **fishers and shepherds**.

Peter, back home in Galilee, has decided to go fishing and his friends go with him. The events that transpire remind him that he can do very little fruitful work if it is not directed by the Lord. Soon he will also be given instructions to tend his lambs and feed his sheep. The commission given to Peter and the disciples reminds us that we both have to look outward to make new disciples and also to care for the ones we have. That's always a balancing act.

Secondly it alludes to one of the most important characteristics of our Church community? The gospel writer stresses the number of fish caught 153. It is thought that it might represent the number of all the known nations of the world at that time. So the mission is to every land and every nation. But despite the large number the net is not **horn**. The Greek word used is *schizo* from which we get the word schism or division. How can we form a community made up of many different peoples and nationalities and yet remain united? That is always the challenge of the Church, to reach out and be inviting of all people and yet form them into people of unity and charity for each other. The answer may lie in what we do each Sunday. Jesus gathered his disciples on the beach to share a meal as he had done many times before in many locations. He continues to gather us too to listen to his word and feed us for his mission and work. Kia kaha.

Fr Peter McDermott sm

Sunday 8 May: Mothers Day; Look after all our Mothers. Spend up large on appreciation and gratitude to them .Perfume them with prayer and praise. Next Sunday...but today also.



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.

Kia ora friends i**Pax Christi Aotearoa NZ** invites you to a two-part zoom study on **Laudato Si-Care for Our Common Home.**

Tuesday, 3 May and Tuesday, 10th May 7:30-9:00pm. Presenters Mary Betz and Liz Beazley. You can simply enrol by replying to this email. paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com.

Or phone 0274714120. On enrolment you will be sent the zoom link. See noticeboard for more details. **Online prayer service for the people of Myanmar**

On Sunday 8th May there will be an online global prayer service at 7:30pm NZ time to pray for the people of Myanmar. If you would like to take part phone Liz 0274714120 and you will be sent a link via email for you to register for this event. Let us join in solidarity for people who suffer injustices in their own country.

We welcome into our parish family those baptised during April. Rovianna Embile, Willow Correa, Izaac Jose, Liam Sweeting and Amaiah Singh.

Welcome back to our School Young People.

To our Teachers of our Schools and their teaching of faith and learning for our children to be immersed in an atmosphere of knowing and loving the good, the way of living goodness and coming to know the source of that Goodness, Christ Jesus the Risen Lord.

Finance Meeting.

Anyone interested in buying a Parish Car, Mitsubishi Galant, 150K, \$6500. Apply the Parish.

We are considering trialling an Electronic way of Collection. This may be strange to some, but our age is the card and people do not carry cash. We are not crying poor or saying we need more, but a significant number of people look for ways they can handle their giving and electronic means suits many people. We have some minor repairs needed to the Church building. Roofing and Painting. We have major repairs needed to the Priest house which is owned by the parish. We are updating our overall strategy for maintenance and upkeep of all our building assets. Including Signage and Landscape. Plus an overall understanding of future needs.

We spend very little of our money on Apostolic and Evangelisation of our people. We need an assessment of this.

Thought for the week - "It is better to be silent and be considered a fool than to speak and remove all doubt. Ecclesiastes 10:3 Even when fools walk on the road, they lack sense, and show to everyone that they are fools."

Every Wednesday at 6pm, the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. Masks required Thank you.



Martha and Mary Group meet on Friday 6th May at 10am in our Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. All welcome. Enquires to Joan 435 4012

Servers: We are looking to bring back our servers, and a full complement of Readers Rosters.

Meeting for Musicians and Music Coordinators.. and all interested in Music there will be a meeting in the church **19th May, 7.30 pm.** As stated before we have a need to gather, to reorganize and regroup ourselves after Covid, to update our readiness and willingness to schedule musicians. Preparation and planning of Music and a general overview of Sacred Music for all. **Please note change of date**

Evangeline Killalea, (Vangie), has been cleaning the Church and office, Hall and Eymard Centre for 19 years and she has finished her service to you the community of St Francis Xavier. We thank you for your generous and committed service in cleaning the church and making it a great place to worship and be at peace. We have a big debt to pay you. Thank you. Salamat Po, and to all our cleaners and carers of the Church thank you as well.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support. Donations of cereal, tinned and dried food, spreads are our greatest need at present. Thank you.

Meeting. First and third Thursday at 5 pm, Eymard House.

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.

Youth News- Time to begin again the formaton and care of our young people.

Pax Christi.

Their next meeting will be Tuesday 4 May at 7pm in Eymard House.

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.

Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.

Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts are now available in the Church foyer. Thank you for your

Synod Meeting: PPC invites you to attend our second meeting to work on our synod submission. We will meet in the Church gathering area at 3.00 pm Sunday 1st May. Inquiries: email Graham Franks gj.am@xtra.co.nz (0210 390 080) or Madeleine Armstrong 71arms@gmail.com (027 757 1575). The first meeting came up with three areas we would like Pope Francis to hear our views on.

It costs \$5,270.24 per week to meet running costs of our Parish including our Outlying Areas.



This week we received \$4,338.70 from all collections. Lenten Appeal: \$300.00. Thank you.

Please remember the Parish in your Will