

### 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 June, July, August) 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha)	6pm Sat Vigil (5pm June, July, August) 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil (5pm June, July, August) 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil (5pm June, July, August) 8am Sun 10am Sun (Family Mass)	6pm Sat Vigil (5pm June, July, August) 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	5pm Sat Vigil May –October 6pm Nov - April	8:30am *Liturgy	///	8:30am *Liturgy	///
Maungatapere	///	///	8.30am *Liturgy (starts June 2022)	8.30am Eucharist	///
Maungakaremea	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	Wednesday 12.10pm Eucharist	Thursday 7am Eucharist	Friday 12.10pm Eucharist	Saturday 8am Eucharist
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat 7.30am..				<b>Reconciliation Rite I :</b> 11.30am Fri & Saturday.	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					



**Thank you** to the good people of our parish for your prayers and kind messages. God bless you all. *Margaret Pool*

**Maria Assumpta Parish in Beach Haven, Auckland** is celebrating its Golden Jubilee over Labour Weekend. 22-24 October, 2022. Register your interest and get updated details from [patlythe@gmail.com](mailto:patlythe@gmail.com) Ph 09 4839 903 or text 0273441663. We'd love to hear from you.

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Evar Davis, Annette Carson, (sister of Margaret Crawford).

**Recently deceased:** . Sister Gaynor Laverty SMSM, Harold Harris, Monica Tehira.

**Anniversaries:** Luningning Davison, Mary Robinson, Peggy Martin.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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Ruakaka; Hikurangi; Whangarei Heads; Maungatapere;  
Maungakaremea; Matapouri; Poroti; Pipiwai.

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

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 May 2022 Year C

**Next Week's Readings: (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelations 21:12-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29**

### Downloading and Installing Upgrades.

This week has been a busy one. I've received notification from the bank that they are upgrading their logo and other bits and pieces to bring a whole new fresh look to their banking experience, I've had downloads and installation of upgrades on the phone as well as having my understanding of the world scene improved [upgraded] via the local newspaper and TV news. So, you can see that it has been a very busy time. But it has all been to my advantage.

Much to my surprise, there is a bit of upgrading going on in our Readings for this Sunday.

In the First Reading, Paul and Barnabas are reporting back on all that God had done through them and how God had opened the door of faith to the pagans. They are encouraging both the communities they preached to and the community in Jerusalem.

In the Gospel, the disciples would have been familiar with the commandment from the Book of Leviticus about "loving your neighbour as yourself". Now, in the Gospel, Jesus upgrades this to a new commandment – love one another *as I have loved you*. This commandment is "new" because it is grounded, not in the love commands of the Jewish tradition from Leviticus but in the self-offering of Jesus. That is to be the measure of the disciples love for others. It's about loving others as Jesus had loved them. The commandment is the distinctive mark of the Christian community among outsiders.

Upgrades are never easy. They alter, change or even replace what I've known and I have to learn new ways of applying them. However, they are usually to my advantage. Loving others *as I have been loved by Jesus* keeps challenging me to newness of life.

Fr Trevor Tindall s.m.

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



**Public Holiday.** As Monday 6 June is a Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday), Mass will be celebrated at 8am.

**Pentecost Vigil of prayer.**

Proposal: that the parish has a vigil of prayer on the Eve of Pentecost to the morning of Pentecost Sunday.

The organisation of this is determined by the willingness of families and groups to take a small part of this through the night. If insufficient support it won't happen. The possibility to have a shared Sunday Meal at Midday on Pentecost Sunday. Once again if no interest if won't happen. Why we should do this, the birthday of the Church, and the Renewal of our mission to Proclaim Christ to all. Please contact the Parish Office.

**It would be great if the committees** and groups provided a small summary of their decisions, in the Bulletin after each meeting, for good communication and information. How do we know what is going on in the committees that are working in our parish.

**Winter Mass time change.** In June, July and August we will have Mass at 5.00 pm rather than six. It is proposed next year we align ourselves to Daylight/Ordinary time changes for the change of Mass time for the Evening Masses we have.

**An important call to all Musicans and Music ministries in the parish.**

Please Note that this Thursday Meeting is very important to gain coordination, ministry, and working together for the worship of God by the people of our Parish. This is a very important and necessary meeting. Thursday this week, at 7.30 pm in the Church.

**It is important** also to realize that once enrollments have been closed for First Communion, people seeking to enroll will do so for the year 2023. Just be fair to those who are doing the preparation and the work behind the scenes. Please don't delay for enrollments.

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

**Today Sunday 15 May is the Anniversary of the Nakba** (catastrophe in Arabic), when up to a million Palestinian people were driven off their land by the Israeli militias in 1948. Let us stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine and pray for them this day.

**Maungatapere Interdenominational Memorial Church.** Our usual schedule resumes this month with Mass at 8.30am on Sunday 22 May. LOWHC has moved to the third Sunday of the month at 8.30am and resumes in June.

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 24 May:** Our Lady, Help of Christians

**Sunday 29 May:** World Communications Day

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The phrase "do not be afraid" is written in the Bible 365 times. That's a daily reminder from God to live every day being fearless.



**Joshua Men's Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 18 May here in the Church at 7pm. All men welcome.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul.**

**Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of sweetcorn, tinned vegetables /dried or canned soup are very welcome.

**5pm First and third Thursday of the month.** All welcome. First Thursday is Rosary, and 3rd Thursday is a meeting. We are always looking for more helpers, especially to help with making meals for elderly or visiting.

**Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes**

Please collect your Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts from the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

**Enrolling your child in Pompallier Catholic College for 2023?** Some important information to know in advance. Enrolments for the College will open in the coming months. The closing date for all enrolments is likely to be late August or early September. The school is very close to its maximum roll. **Therefore, no applications will be considered after the closing date.** The roll has grown rapidly recently. Consequently we will be unable to offer places to non-preferential students for 2023. The Board of Trustees has developed an enrolment policy which will help parents discern if their child is eligible to attend the College. This will be published on the College website in the near future. Please keep up to date with further information regarding enrolments at Pompallier in the College newsletters, College website, St Francis Xavier Catholic School newsletters and the Parish Bulletin. If you have any queries regarding 2023 enrolments, please contact Kelli Adams at Pompallier Catholic College. [admin@pompallier.school.nz](mailto:admin@pompallier.school.nz)



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

**Kamo Prayer Group** meet every Tuesday during term time, 10am to 11.45am. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

**Laudato Si** - Pope Francis calls on all of us to hear the "Cry of the Poor" and the "Cry of the Earth" Platform for suggestions for action <https://laudatosi-actionplatform.org>. Suggestion for this week. Live a more sustainable lifestyle. Reduce car use, buy local, eat plant based food.

**Gold Card Group** are in recession during the winter months.



**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 formation and care of our young people.

**Parish Playgroup** meet every Tuesday during term time, 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. 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.

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

**Auckland Diocese Special Collection.**

**Peter's Pence Collection** (Sunday 26 June) This money goes direct to the Pope via the nunciature in Wellington to use in whatever projects he thinks necessary.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we



received \$3,983.50 from all collections. This includes an annual donation. Thank you.

Please remember the Parish in your Will