

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 Masses	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha) (live-streamed)	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (live-streamed)	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (live-streamed)	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (live-streamed)	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (live-streamed)
Ruakaka	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Mass	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Mass	10.30 am *Liturgy
Hikurangi	8:00am Mass	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am Mass	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am *Liturgy
Whangarei Heads	5pm Sat Vigil Mass May –October 6pm Nov - April	8:30am *Liturgy	///	8:30am *Liturgy	10am. Combined Community Service
Maungatapere	///	///	8.30am *Liturgy	8.30am Mass	///
Maungakaramea	10.30am Mass	///	///	///	///
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 Mass		
Poroti, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - Feb; April; June; Aug; Oct; Dec				
Pipiwai, Miha	12 noon 5th Sunday of the month				
Weekday Masses and Other Ceremonies					
Monday 7am Mass	Tuesday 9am Mass	Wednesday 12.10pm Mass	Thursday 7am Mass	Friday 12.10pm Mass	Saturday 8am Mass
Exposition: Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. Rosary: Sat following 8am Mass				Reconciliation Rite I : 11.30am Fri & Saturday.	
5.30pm. 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mass - Syro Malabar 5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community. 6pm. Every Wednesday of the month. Novena - Filipino Community.					

Board Wanted. New parishioner is seeking Board with a family closer to her work in the Regent. If you can help, please phone Rosemary 022 540 6246. Thank you

Titipounamu Study & Joy.

- Online Sessions (Evening): The Gospel of Matthew** with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 17 & 24 October and 7 & 14 November. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$80 (NZD)/4 sessions <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/10/02/the-gospel-of-matthew/>
- Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, inter-faith and community available at** <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Evar Davis, Peter Harris, Sam Jelavich, Simon Nash (*grandson of Colleen Breslin*)

Recently deceased: Patricia Welsh.

Anniversaries: Theresa Anaki, Cyril Breslin.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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

Priests: Fr Brian Prendeville sm (pp), Fr Peter McDermott sm, Fr Trevor Tindall sm.

Deacons: Jim Nees, Nimo Ponifasio.

Parish Secretary: Janet Ponifasio, Administration Manager: Laly Luna

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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Next Week's Readings: (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

Years ago, a young girl was learning to write her name. That Christmas, she wanted to send a Christmas card to all her classmates. She was determined to personally sign each and every card. Her mother sat with her at the dining room table as she painstakingly wrote her name in her best handwriting on each card. As the evening wore on, the stack of unsigned cards remained taller than those she had completed. Worried that she might be getting tired her mother asked her if she would like to stop the project. The girl looked at her mother with the most earnest expression and proclaimed "Mum, I'm no quitter."

In the Gospel, the widow wasn't a quitter. She believed that she was in the right and her faith in her cause helped her to persevere in her quest for justice, even in the face of opposition and difficulty over a long period of time. Moses persevered in his quest on the mountain top, even though it was a long time coming. He did have support, literally, in the form of Aaron and Hur. Nevertheless, along with their support, his faith, his belief won out in the end.

Our faith, our belief in God can be very easy to profess when large numbers of others are there with us. However, it can be tested when we are on our own in the face of huge difficulties like the widow or when what we hope for seems to be a long time coming. Discouragement can set in and alternatives begin to be attractive.

What can be done for our faith to be sustained and strengthened over a long period of time.


† **Solemnity of All Saints. Tuesday 1 November:** Mass times: 9am; 5.30pm

† **All Souls Day Wednesday 2 November:**

Mass times: 12.10pm; 5.30pm - Bereavement Mass. During November you may wish to bring a small remembrance card with names of your loved ones who have died. Please place the card in the basket on the Remembrance Table in the Sanctuary. The basket will remain in the Sanctuary throughout November. Blank cards will be available on a table in the foyer from 30 October.

† **Blessing of Graves:** All are welcome to come on Sunday 6 November at 3pm to Maunu Cemetery for prayers and the blessing of graves. Meet at the entrance.

Request for Parish Budgets: The Management and Finance committee is about to commence planning for the next financial year - 1 January to 31 December 2023. Parish groups/areas requiring funding are requested to present a detailed budget to the office email admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz before 30 November 2022. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area. Thank you.

 **World Mission Sunday 23 October 2022.** Every baptised person is a missionary. Mission Sunday is a day to celebrate our being missionaries during the Mass. It is also the time to share our financial gift to help the work of the Church in many mission territories all over the world. Your gift is your legacy to missions. To donate online: <https://missio.nz/donate> Thank you.

 **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday 19 October here in the Church at 7pm for prayers, praise and worship. All men are welcome.

 **Baptism Course for infants** is on Sundays 6 and 13 November 2pm - 3.30pm here in our Church. Please phone the Parish Office with enquiries and to register.


Formation Day - Liturgy. "For the people of God" Come, listen, chat, discuss and be inspired as we unpack Pope Francis' letter... to us. Saturday 29 October at Rosmini College. 9.30am to 3pm. There is no cost but registration is appreciated. Register at liturgycentre@cda.org.nz or <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/liturgyformation/> See noticeboard.


MAORI COMMUNITY. Wananga for Advent. Saturday 29 October in the Parish Hall, 10am to 2pm, the Māori Community will hold a music 'Wananga for Advent'. This session will cover practicing the old, and learning any new himene/waiata, acclamations, and psalms. All welcome. Food for a shared lunch would be appreciated.

KO NGA PANUI. Himene practice, (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church. All welcome to join us.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 23 October:** World Mission Sunday. See notice.
- Friday 28 October:** Feast Day. Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles.
- Saturday 29 October: Unborn Remembrance Day** (Memorial to the Babies Aborted in 2021). See poster on noticeboard.


 **Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every Friday 11am - 12 noon

 **Please note:** Monday 24 October being a Public Holiday (Labour Day) Mass will be celebrated at 8am.


THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The best way to be successful is to follow the advice you give others"
Proverbs 15:32 Those who ignore instruction despise themselves, but those who heed admonition, gain understanding.


Youth News **Blaze Youth Group** (secondary age). Join us each Friday during term time, 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall. Queries to the Parish Office
Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa. 18th - 22nd January 2023 at Saint Peters College, Cambridge. A camp run by the Auckland Diocese for youth aged 13-17 including fun outdoor activities with an opportunity to make new friends and grow in faith. Register at www.lifeteen.nz See noticeboard.


World Youth Day 2023: This Diocese is planning on taking 50 young people to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Our pilgrimage will be an incredible 24-day journey through France and Portugal. Interested in being part of it? Email samuelb@cda.org.nz.

 **Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned spaghetti, tinned fish and 2 min noodles are welcome.

We gather at 5pm on the First and third Thursday of the month. First Thursday we pray the Rosary and 3rd Thursday we have a meeting. All welcome to join us.

 **Martha and Mary Group** next meet on Friday 4 November at 10am in the Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. All welcome. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012

 **Every Wednesday at 6pm,** the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. All welcome.

 **Our Parish Playgroup** will restart on Tuesday 18 October. 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall and each Tuesday during 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.


Christmas Child - Operation Shoebox. The shoeboxes may be dropped at Newberry's Funeral Home, between the 17 - 28 October and only between the hours of 8.30am - 10.30am, and 2.30pm and 5pm so as not to interfere with funerals.

55+ Christmas luncheon. Thursday 10 November in the Parish Hall. Luncheon at 12noon onwards. Assorted menu of Finger food and Christmas delights. Raffles, lucky number, spot prizes. Christmas Carols. All welcome and bring a friend. See noticeboard.



Christian Meditation meet every Wednesday in Eymard House 7.30pm-8.30pm .

Kamo Prayer Group meet every Tuesday during term time from 10am to 11.45am. All welcome us. Queries to Anne Marie 021 140 4657

Thank you. I wish to thank all parishioners for their prayers and good wishes. I am now back home and recovering well. God bless you all.
Gerry Nyssen.

 **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.

Auckland Diocese Special Collections. World Mission Sunday 23 October. This money is distributed by the National Missions Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese for 12 months in a missionary country.

 It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$3,866.90 from all collections. 
Thank you.
Eftpos Machine is at the rear of the Church
Please remember the Parish in your Will