

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
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat following 8am Mass				<b>Reconciliation Rite I:</b> 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.					



**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.

### Titipounamu Study & Joy

**Online Sessions (Evening): The Gospel of Matthew** with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 24 October and 7 & 14 November. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session which includes resources. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/10/02/the-gospel-of-matthew/>

**Ride to Mass needed.** Two parishioners living in Kamo need a ride to 6pm or 8am Mass. Please phone Janet at the Parish Office if you can help.

**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, Fabiana Nazareth (*Goa, sister of Clara Correa*).

**Anniversaries:** Gerry O'Donoghue.



# 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: Lalyn Luna

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 October 2022 Year C

**Next Week's Readings:** ((Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
**Wisdom 11: 22 – 12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2; Luke 19:1-10**

## "A Poor sinner, your brother"

This week's Gospel follows directly from last Sunday's. Last week's reading focused on the power of persistence and determination in prayer. This weeks adds the value of humility. Both the Pharisee and the tax collector believed in the same God, belonged to the same religion, and worshipped in the same temple. Yet, only one went home at peace with God. Why? The Pharisee seemed self-sufficient as to merely desire God's approval. The tax collector, however, was conscious that he needed to acknowledge his sinfulness in order to move closer to God. The following true story highlights this point.

In Vienna there is a church in which the deceased members of the former ruling family in Austria, the Hapsburgs, are buried. They ruled from 1282-1918. When the royal funeral processions arrived at the church, the mourners would knock at the door and ask to be allowed in. A priest inside would ask, "Who is it that desires admission here?" The mourners would call out, "His majesty, the emperor." The priest would then respond, "I don't know him." Then the mourners would knock a second time, and the priest would again ask who was there. The mourners would repeat, "The highest emperor," and would receive the same response from the priest. On the third knock and question from the priest, the mourners would reply, "A poor sinner, your brother" -- and the funeral procession was allowed to enter. (*A World of Stories* by William J. Bausch).

In today's parable, Jesus reminds us that a humble acknowledgement of our sinfulness, combined with trust in God's mercy is the first condition for the efficacy of our prayers. "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Dcn. Jim Nees

✠ **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.

### **Auckland Catholic Diocese News.**

**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 will be no cost, registration is appreciated. Register at [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz) or <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/liturgyformation/> See noticeboard.

**NZ Catholics** are being urged to support the under-funded hospice and palliative care services by donating, volunteering in hospice shops, and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority. Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC, says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but must fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost. Bishop Steve says: "When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End-of-Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation" Full details online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/>

**Registrations** are now open for **Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023**. Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to hikoi with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. We will explore, experience and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. Don't delay, get your group together, hire a van, pack the car and we'll see you there!! <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwa-e-pilgrimage/> or contact: Wiga Autet: [wigaa@cda.org.nz](mailto:wigaa@cda.org.nz) Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) Manuel Beazley: [manuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:manuelb@cda.org.nz)

 **Unborn Remembrance Day** (Memorial to the Babies aborted in 2021) Pro-life supporters from throughout Northland will be gathering on the grassed area on the corner of Maunu and Hospital Roads (outside Whangarei Hospital) at 1pm –2pm on Saturday 29 October to mark New Zealand's hidden death toll at the annual Unborn Remembrance Day. More details can be found on Facebook here: [www.facebook.com/events/894710125243879/](https://www.facebook.com/events/894710125243879/) or the Voice for Life website here: <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/events/whangarei-unborn-remembrance-day22>

**Making Crosses for Unborn Remembrance Day** - Tuesday 25th October, from 1pm at Whangarei Central Baptist Church, we will be making the crosses which will be laid at the vigil outside Whangarei Hospital the following Saturday. All materials will be provided. Thank you.



**Please note: On Monday 24 October** there will be a Liturgy of The Word with Holy Communion at **8am**, as it is a Public Holiday (Labour Day).



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

**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 Parish Office [admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz) before 30 November 2022. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area. Thank you.

**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.



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



**Blaze Youth Group** (secondary age). Join us each Friday during term time, 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall. Queries to the Parish Office.

**55+ Group 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 poster on noticeboard.



**Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of peanut butter, baked beans, pasta or weetbix and dried pasta 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.

**Our 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.

**Please note:** Doug and Raiquel Te Puni are now Kaitiaki for our Church. They will be locking the Church during the week at about 5pm. For those who are praying in the Church, don't be alarmed.



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

### **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. Thank you.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,093.30 from all collections. Thank you.



**Effpos Machine** is at the rear of the Church

*Please remember the Parish in your Will*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "He who is waiting for something to turn up might start with his own shirt sleeves".** Proverbs 14: In toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.