

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, Hannah Gibson (granddaughter of Bill and Mary), Gerry Nyssen (Auckland).

Recently deceased: Mary Hape, Nancye Milroy.

Anniversaries: Marjory Vujcich, Josephine Waru.



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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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 October 2022 Year C

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

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2; Luke 18: 1-8

As children, many of us were taught to say two important words: “please” and “thank you”. It was teaching us to be polite and to have manners. But in today’s gospel the story goes one step further. The leper who returns to say thank you is not just being polite, he is displaying his faith, his recognition of who Jesus is as the source of that healing. Jesus acknowledges his faith and says that it is what has saved him. It was not a requirement that the lepers have faith in order for Jesus to heal them. He healed them as a gift of grace. The one who returned had the “sight” to recognise Jesus as the source of that healing and the faith to respond in thanksgiving. The Greek word that is used in this passage for “thanksgiving” is *eucharisteo*, from where we get the word Eucharist. If we recognise that giving thanks at the feet of Jesus is what we do when we gather for Eucharist, for Mass we are drawn into an act of faith that will save us also.


A sense of gratitude is something that marks us out as Christians. A sense of gratitude for the good and the bad in our lives. The Samaritan leper could give thanks for not just the healing but everything that led up to that moment of encounter with Jesus: his struggles, poor treatment by others, hardships. When we can thank God for all the events of our lives that have formed us to be who we are today, we are on the way to being saved. Amen.

Fr Peter McDermott s.m.


SAFEGUARDING FORMATION & TRAINING WORKSHOP Saturday 15 October

Mark your calendar for this event if your ministry within the parish brings you in contact with children, youth or vulnerable adults. This workshop is mandatory for you if you wish to continue with your ministry. For more information see the noticeboard at St Francis Xavier Church or our website: www.whangareicatholic.org.nz

Support Life Sunday. Today 9 October 2022 - Tautokona te Rātapu Whakaora 2022. This year the Bishops theme chosen by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops for Support Life Sunday is - Mental illness, and the focus is on accompanying and caring for people living with mental illness.

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

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). If you missed our information evening last Tuesday, come along on **Tuesday 11 October** at 7pm in Eymard House. (Brick House). A warm welcome is assured. Queries to the Parish Office.


 **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.


Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. We may soon return to receiving communion under both kinds. This will require the return of many more Extraordinary Ministers at Mass. We invite all who have previously been commissioned and wish to recommit to the ministry to indicate that desire. There is a clipboard in the foyer where you can register that commitment. by supplying your name and contact details, or alternatively, email contact details to sfx@whangareicatholic.org.nz. If you have chosen not to recommit to this Ministry, we sincerely thank you for your past involvement. The opportunity for nomination and training of new/additional Extraordinary Ministers will soon be made available.
The Liturgy Committee


World Mission Sunday 23 October 2022. Theme: "You shall be my witnesses" – *The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ*. Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" ([Acts of the Apostles 4:20](#)). He reminds us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."


LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR. You are invited to join us for a Life in the Spirit Seminar with 4 sessions on Zoom: Oct 11, 18, 25 and Nov 1st from 7.30pm - 9pm, followed by one live session on Nov 5th 9.30-1pm in Ponsonby. If you live outside of Auckland contact Deidre to discuss possible alternatives for the live follow-up. Registration is free, email Deidre at aucklandccr@gmail.com and we will send zoom details just before 11 October. A life in the spirit seminar is designed to help each person establish or deepen a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Do not allow yourselves to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best" - Mother Teresa.

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

 **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

 **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.

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


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 at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/liturgyformation/> See noticeboard.

 **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.

Youth News Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa. 18 - 22 January at Saint Peters College, Cambridge. A camp run by the Auckland Diocese for youth aged **13-17**. Register on 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 very welcome to join us.

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

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.

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 \$4,758.60 from all collections. Thank you.
Eftpos Machine is at the rear of the Church
Please remember the Parish in your Will