


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				
Piipiwai, 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.					

**Faith Formation:** A Journey through the Bible. Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/THIRTY-THIRD-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>  
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/6-Essential-Bible-quotes-for-teens-who-are-feeling-a-little-lost.pdf>

 **Newcomers** - please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a *New Parishioner Pack* from the foyer, fill out and return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Sam Jelavich, Terri Vaatuitui (*Auckland, mother of Julia Hartshorne*), Brian Reed, Pat Kinsella (*Australia, brother of Theresa Kinsella*), Anna Morris (*Australia, daughter-in-law of Tony*).

**Recently deceased:** Patrick McNamara (*Whanganui, past pupil of St Mary's*), Herb Isherwood (*Auckland*), Arthur McKechnie, John Shaw (*Auckland*), Nicolette Buisman.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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

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

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**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**13 November 2022 Year C**

**Next Week's Readings: (OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE)**  
**2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23: 35-43**

## Persevere in Holiness

Our liturgical year is ending soon with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King next Sunday and then we are in the Advent season. As we do so, our Scripture readings become darker as the Church looks to the end of the world and highlighting our call to holiness.

In the First Reading this Sunday, we are reminded in a rather blunt and terrifying way, that our lives and this world don't last forever. The Day of the Lord is coming. And the Psalm continues the same theme: the Lord is coming "to rule the earth with justice." When we live in friendship with Christ, in holiness, this is a great and joyful message but if we don't it's frightening.

The ways of the Lord are not comfortable and in our Gospel passage, Jesus warns us that our lives won't be easy and that we will be continually challenged by the world because of our faith. He however promises his help in our struggles and protection from real harm, but he does not promise a quiet and easy life.

We are not created for comfort, we're created for greatness. So our Lord encourages us to persevere in our journey with Him. He says: "By your perseverance, you will secure your lives." There can be no holiness without perseverance.

Are we in friendship with Christ? Are we faithful disciples of the Lord?  
How are we living? Would we be ready to meet Jesus face to face today?

*Dcn Nimo Ponifasio*

**Remembrance Cards:** The Basket of Remembrance cards is on display till the end of November for people to enter the names of your loved ones who have died. People named, will be remembered at Mass throughout November. Place your remembrance card in the basket in the Sanctuary. Blank cards are in the foyer.

**Feast of Christ The King - Sunday 20 November.**

**World map:** We have a World map in the foyer for parishioners to place a pin on their country of origin. At 10am Mass: you are invited to wear National Costume. We ask parishioners to please bring a plate for our shared lunch in the Parish Hall following Mass. Thank you.



**Liturgy of the Hours**

**Vespers (Evening Prayers) During Advent**

**@ St Francis Xavier Church: 28 November – 22 December 2022**

At St Francis Xavier Parish we are praying the Liturgy of the Hours – Vespers (Evening Prayers) during Advent in preparation for the Christmas season.

While it is the practise for the clergy and most religious orders to pray the Liturgy of the Hours daily, it is in fact all the peoples' prayer. In the early church, the faithful gathered with their priest twice daily to pray the psalms – Liturgy of the Hours. Both the Council of Trent and the Second Vatican Council warmly encourage all to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, or Divine Office as it is also known. This is an official, public prayer of the Church, a liturgy.

We will pray The Liturgy of the Hours twice every week during Advent except the 4<sup>th</sup> week. It will be prayed 3 times that week.

Please come and pray The Liturgy of the Hours with your fellow parishioners at our church.

**Vespers – Evening Prayer – Dates & Timing**

Week 1 Monday	28 November	6 - 6.30pm
Week 1 Wednesday	30 November	6 - 6.30pm
Week 2 Monday	5 December	6 - 6.30pm
Week 2 Wednesday	7 December	6 - 6.30pm
Week 3 Monday	12 December	6 - 6.30pm
Week 3 Wednesday	14 December	6 - 6.30pm
Week 4 Monday	19 December	6 - 6.30pm
Week 4 Wednesday	21 December	6 - 6.30pm
Week 4 Thursday	22 December	6 - 6.30pm

**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 [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.

**National March For Life 2022.** Saturday, December 3, 2022 1pm - 4pm, Civic Square, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington. The National March for Life is an important opportunity to come together in solidarity to stand for life; to stand for mothers and fathers; to stand for love. For more information and to sign up for March for Life updates visit [www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)

**World Day of Peace for the Poor - 13 November.** On this day Pope Francis invites us to make a personal and communal look at the many forms of poverty around us, and reflect on how we can be in solidarity with those who have less or have been excluded. "If you can't feed a hundred people then just feed one" Mother Theresa. Pax Christi.



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



**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday 16 November here in the Church at 7pm for prayers, praise and worship. All men welcome.



**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.

**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.

**World Youth Day 2022 Auckland:** Join with hundreds of young people (aged 13-30yrs old) to celebrate World Youth Day in Auckland at Holy Cross Papatoetoe on Sunday 20 November from 4PM – 9PM. Registrations close on Sunday 13 November. Visit [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) to find out more!

**Young Leaders Celebration Dinner:** Youth and Young Adult ministry leaders, you're invited to join Bishop Steve on Sunday 27 November for an evening of affirmation, celebration, and some fantastic kai! To attend, email [samb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samb@cda.org.nz).

**Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of instant noodles, tinned fruit, baked beans, pasta and jellies are welcome.

**We gather at 5pm on the first and third Thursday of the month.** First Thursday we pray the Rosary and third Thursday we have a meeting. All welcome.

**Christmas Gifts:** We are looking for donations of unwrapped gifts for our Christmas parcels for teens and younger children. e.g. cars, balls, blocks, books, body wash, playing cards, hair and nail products. Chocolate and tinned biscuits are always welcome. Donations need to be taken to the Parish Office by Friday 9 December please. Gifts will then be delivered to families. Thank you.



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



**Our Parish Playgroup** meet every Tuesday during term time from 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.

**Kamo Prayer Group** meet every Tuesday during term time, 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

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

**Volunteer Gardeners needed.**

Do you love gardening? We are looking for people to help out with weeding our Church garden, an hour or so a week. Please contact the Parish office if interested. Thank you.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,507.10 from all collections. Thank you.



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

Please remember the Parish in your Will

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Those who deserve love the least need it the most".** Matthew 5:44. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.