

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
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.					

Lost Vase. Could the person who removed the tall vase from the Church please return it as it is used every week. Thank you.



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*), Prue Torkington.

Recently deceased: Herb Isherwood (*Auckland*), Arthur McKechnie, John Shaw (*Auckland*), Nicolette Buisman.

Anniversaries: .Deacon John Kooge, Janette Sorensen, Dr. Ponifasio (Sio) Ponifasio .



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.

Parish Secretary: Janet Ponifasio, Administration Manager: Lalyn Luna

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
20 November 2022 Year C

Next Week's Readings: (First Sunday of Advent. Year A)
Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44

Today on this feast of Christ the King, we acclaim Jesus as the Universal King.

However, like me, you may feel a bit uneasy about doing so, because Jesus was and is a King unlike anything we have ever known. He was not born into a palace or educated at a rich private school. He did not have servants or royal advisors. He did not gather together any armies or march off to battle. He did not arrive home in any victory parade nor was he crowned with any pomp or ceremony. He is in most ways the complete opposite of what our image of a King sounds and looks like.

The gospel writers are at pains to tell us that instead of being acclaimed and honoured, He was instead mocked, scoffed at, scourged and enthroned in a public ceremony of humiliation, shame and powerlessness. Yet He is the one who has come to save His people. He is the one through whom God's true-power is revealed.

What makes the kingdom of God so different is that when Jesus proclaimed it quite openly to His contemporaries, it did not look anything like what they were expecting.

So different was it that they had to ask Him over again: "Are you the King of the Jews?" It was just too hard to believe. So we can rightfully ask who is this King that today we acclaim and swear allegiance to? If we truly pray that God's Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven, then we must also be prepared to act in a most unkingly way too. Seeking after power or prestige or recognition is the opposite of God's Kingdom.



It is more likely to be found in washing other people's feet, seeking out the lost and the lonely, shunning the limelight and rejoicing in the simple joys of life. May Christ the true King reign in our hearts and in our families.

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.

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 4th 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 before 30 November 2022. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area. Thank you.

An Invitation to Spiritual Direction. *Spiritual Direction*, also known as *Spiritual Companionship*, is a reflective practice of helping you to awaken to the Mystery called God in all of life. It's about being encouraged to draw closer in your relationship with God who seeks you wherever you are in life's journey. For more information see the noticeboard or phone Liz 027 471 4120


DATE TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 27 November: First Sunday of Advent - Sundays Year A;
Weekdays Year 1

Saturday 3 December: Feast Day of St Francis Xavier.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: " Give, and it shall be given to you. For whatever measure you deal out to others, it will be dealt to you in return." Luke 6:38.


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.

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


EOHSJ - Investiture: Congratulations to Colin Lamb of Maungakarama on being admitted to the order of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem as a Papal Knight. Colin is being invested into the order as a knight this weekend at the Cathedral in Auckland. While this is indeed an honour, it is also a lifelong allegiance to the Supreme Pontiff, a commitment to strive for holiness, and an obligation to serve the Church through prayer and good works. Please pray for Colin.


Advent Course from Sycamore, Diocese of Westminster. For practicing Christians, or for people with some Christian background, who wish to renew their faith in the Season of Advent. To be held at Holy Family Church, Ruakaka, 7pm over 4 Tuesday evenings, beginning 22 November. All welcome. For further information, check it out at <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

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.
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.

 **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 3rd Thursday we have a meeting. All welcome.

Our Annual Christmas Gift Appeal for children is underway.
 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 for your generosity.

 **Thank you.** On behalf of us both we would sincerely like to thank the Committee, Helpers, Volunteers, Janet (Parish Office), and the Parishioners of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, for all your help in making our luncheon for the 55 Plus last Thursday such a success. Your help was very much appreciated. Congratulations also to all the raffle and spot dots winners, well done. Once again many thanks.
Reg and Anne Sweeney

Kamo Prayer Group meet every **KaKamo 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.

 It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,438.80 from all collections. Thank you. 
Eftpos Machine is at the rear of the Church
Please remember the Parish in your Will