

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				
Pihipiwi, 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.					

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Online Sessions (Evening): Stories, Films & the Bible with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.
Monday 12 December: **The Father** (2020). Koha/Donation.

ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Brian Reed, John Bolton, Prue Torkington, Grazia Russo (*wife of Mario, mother of Maria Wilson*).

Recently deceased: Bill Crum (*father of Richard*), Carmen Del Amo (*Spain, mother of Luis Guio*), Gary Clemmett (*brother-in-law of Peter Jackson*).

Anniversaries: Augustus (Gus) Karels, Lena Williams, Melanie Ponifasio.



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

Online at: www.whangareicatholic.org.nz Email: sfx@whangareicatholic.org.nz

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11 December 2022 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

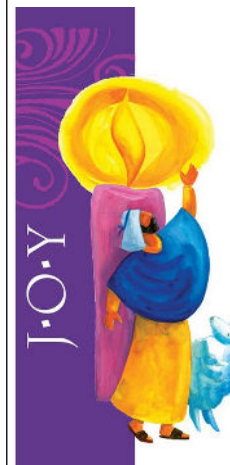
Gaudete Sunday

Today we light the pink candle, the candle of joy. We also shift our focus from the Coming of Our Lord at the end of time to the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Only two weeks to go.

It is still a time of waiting but in expectant joy. We reflect on what God has done by being born into our world, by becoming one like us, sharing our fears and our sadness. But he has come as a light in the darkness. We are still afraid, we are still anxious over many things but the promise of the light is that it will overcome the dark.

God sending his only Son to save us is a promise that he is invested in us and will go to extraordinary lengths for us. Let us wait in expectant hope and joy and not lose heart. Please pray for expectant mothers and newborn children, they are a gift of love. Amen.

Fr Peter McDermott s.m.



Sacrament of Reconciliation Pre Christmas Opportunities at St Francis Xavier Church

- Friday 16 December** 11:30am - 12 noon
- Saturday 17 December** 11:30am - 12 noon
- Friday 23 December** 11:30am - 12 noon, 4pm – 5pm.

Liturgy of the Hours Vespers (Evening Prayers) During Advent @ St Francis Xavier Church:

Vespers – Evening Prayer – Dates & Timing

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Are you available to minister at any of our Christmas Masses? There is a list on the table in the foyer (under the Roster). Please either tick the box for the Mass you are available for, or email gpmccarrison@gmail.com Thank you

Registrations are now open for **Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023.**

Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6 January to 8 January 2023. All are welcome to hikoī with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. See noticeboard for more information. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/>



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.

Journey to the Holy Land with Bishop Steve Lowe.

Commences 5 March 2023. 17 nights / 20 days. Contact Harvest Journeys. **AU Toll-Free:** 1800 819 156 | **NZ Toll-Free:** 0800 819 156. See flyer on noticeboard. www.harvestjourneys.com

CAROL SERVICE "Get into the true spirit of Christmas" Here in our Church. Sunday 18 December at 5pm.



A warm invitation for all families to join with the parish in celebrating Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm in our Church. Any child wishing to be part of the Gospel dramatisation should come dressed as an Angel or Shepherd and sit with your families till you are called.



EMAIL SCAM ALERT: Please delete any emails from Fr Brian Prendeville with the email address onlineoffice49404@gmail.com. It is not from Fr Brian.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 18 December:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Sunday 25 December:** Christmas Day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives"

Parish Working Bee. As you would have noticed, our church grounds are in desperate need of tidying up with: gardens needing weeding; bushes and trees to be trimmed; car parks to be swept and a big pile of rubbish to be removed. We need your help! **Please mark your calendar for Saturday 17 December at 10am** to come and help us tidy up our grounds before Christmas. All are welcome. If you can pull one weed – come! Bring your gardening tools, gloves, leaf blower, weed eater, yard brooms, trimmers, shovels, wheelbarrows etc... We will have a sausage sizzle to finish up at about midday. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

St Francis Xavier Catholic School is continuing their initiative to spread the Word of God and ensure that all new, new entrant families coming to our school will have a family Bible. Our school wishes to gift a Bible to each new entrant family. The cost of each Bible is \$34.99. If you are able to assist us towards the cost of this initiative please contact Maria Wilson at School. Ph 437 1039



Society of St Vincent de Paul

Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support. Donations of instant noodles, baked beans, spaghetti and 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.

Auckland Vocations. "A Women's Discernment Retreat". Married life, Religious life or Consecrated Single life. Friday 16 - Sunday 18 December at St Francis Friary, Hillsborough. Email aucklandvocations@gmail.com.



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

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

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



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.

Ride to Mass needed. Parishioners living in the Regent kindly ask if they could get a ride to either 8am or 10am Mass. Please phone Rosemary 021 235 8357



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.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,675.00 from all collections. Thank you.



Eftpos Machine is at the rear of the Church

Please remember the Parish in your Will