

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

- The Infancy Narratives in the Gospel of Matthew** with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 19 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-infancy-narratives-in-the-gospels/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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

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*), Anne Jennings, Nola Weber (*Hastings, sister of Janet Ponifasio*), Les Jelavich.

Recently deceased: Gary Clemmett (*brother-in-law of Peter Jackson*), Teresa Davis.

Anniversaries: Richard McLeod, John McLoughlin, Pat Hayes.



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18 December 2022 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

Day readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

What is your Christmas gift for Jesus?

“When Jesus called that Christmas week I wasn’t at my best;
And the house was much too cluttered to entertain a guest.
He seemed to notice everything, the card still unaddressed,
The gifts piled high awaiting wraps, the baking and the rest.
He eyes fell on the evergreen and the presents ‘neath the tree,
‘It’s my birthday that you celebrate--what are you giving me?’
‘What am I giving him?’ I thought; ashamed no words I found.
So many costly things I’d bought, he looked at me and frowned.
I prayed he’d let the question pass, but when he did persist,
I blurted out the truth at last, ‘You were not on my list.’” (Louise Teisberg)

Is Jesus on *our* list this Christmas? What special gift are we giving to Jesus this Christmas? We all know the pleasure of finding the right present for our husband and wife, for our children, a good friend, a parent. What special gift are we giving to Jesus this year to honor his birth and what do we expect from God? God sent Jesus from heaven to earth to give us what we really needed most in life: hearts filled with love. That is the gift which Jesus expects and that is what you and I need from God this Christmas – a heart filled with love. We have tons of wants. But we have one essential need: a heart filled with love. God wants to give each of us a heart filled with love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness on this Christmas and every day of our lives.

Dcn. Jim Nees

**CHRISTMAS EVE 24th
(Saturday)**

6:00pm FAMILY MASS } St Francis Xavier
11:30pm CAROLS } St Francis Xavier

CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00am MIDNIGHT MASS } St Francis Xavier
8.00am MASS } St Francis Xavier
10.00am MASS } St Francis Xavier
7:30am LOW Whangarei Heads
9:00am LOW Maungakaramea
10:30am MASS Ruakaka



* LOW means Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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

Vespers – Evening Prayer – Dates & Timing

Week 4 Monday 19 December 6 - 6.30pm
Week 4 Wednesday 21 December 6 - 6.30pm
Week 4 Thursday 22 December 6 - 6.30pm



The Catholic Caring Foundation: Our Christmas Appeal. Your Christmas gift will help families and communities in need. Give a more impactful gift this Christmas. Give a gift of joy to our most vulnerable. To donate, visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz.

Or online: BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00

Proclaimers of the Word for Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

6pm Family Mass: Maureen Fairclough, Cushla Stenberg.

12.00am Midnight Mass: Aileen Cordiner, Allan Kerrisk.

Christmas Day:

8am Mass: Elly Kearins, Karen Sturge.

10am Mass: Luz Croucher, Aidan Waggott.



CAROLS:

“Get into the true spirit of Christmas” Here in our Church. Today, Sunday 18 December at 5pm.

Syro Malabar Community will celebrate Mass at 5.30pm on Friday 23 December here in our Church.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 25 December:** Christmas Day.
- Friday 30 December:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
- Sunday 1 January 2023:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God.
- Sunday 8 January:** The Epiphany
- Monday 9 January:** The Baptism of The Lord

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

Youth News- Life Teen Summer Camp 2023. Registrations are now open! We want your parish or group to join us (AND 400 YOUNG PEOPLE!) at Life Teen Summer Camp 2023, 18-22 January. To find out more and to register your group, head to www.lifeteen.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.



Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. The Filipino community have finished for the year. Their first Novena in 2023 will be Wednesday 25 January at 6pm in the side Chapel. All welcome.

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

Voice For Life: Close to 3000 pro-lifers filled Wellington's Lambton Quay as they walked in the annual March for Life on a sunny Saturday, 3rd December.

They came in vans and buses from all over the country, the Far North and the Deep South, gratifying numbers of young people and family groups, chanting "Life is Beautiful" and "March for Life". A small group of pro-abortion protesters were present, holding an incongruous banner "Get Out Fascists!"

The Marchers filled the lawns in front of Parliament to hear Kate Cormack, president of Voice for Life, and other speakers. TV3's Newshub covered the event on the evening 6pm news, showing the opposition and the Marchers, with comment from Kate Cormack.

The large turnout of young people at the March for Life is a moving witness that many young people are prepared to challenge the status quo supporting abortion and are adding to the ranks of the pro-life movement in New Zealand. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.



Parking for Christmas Masses. There is extra parking available in the School grounds on the courts and in the Marist clubrooms car park.



Christian Meditation have finished for the year. They will start again on Wednesday 25 January in Eymard House 7.30pm-8.30pm. All welcome.



The Parish Playgroup has finished for the year. They will start again in Term 1 2023.



Kamo Prayer Group has finished for the year. They will start again in Term 1 2023. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657



Newcomers - please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a *New Parish-ioner 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 \$4,309.70 from all collections. Thank you.



Eftpos Machine is at the rear of the Church

Please remember the Parish in your Will