

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 Family Mass (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 (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving)	8:30am *Liturgy	///	8:30am *Liturgy	10am. Combined Community Service
Maungatapere	///	///	8.30am *Liturgy	8.30am Mass	///
Maungakaramea	10.30am Eucharist	///	///	///	///
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.					

Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening): Genesis – In the Beginning...

Part 1: The Creation Story (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. **Part 2: The Creation of Adam** (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Prayers please for these people and their families:

Recently deceased: Derek Proctor (*husband of Robin*), Catherine Buckton (*wife of Snow*), Bunny Kiwi, Christine Schuster (*mother of Simon*), Lorenzo Luna, (*Philippines, father of Norman, father-in-law of Lalyn*), Adrianus van Altvorst (*husband of Rebecca*), Bruce Kitchingman (*Auckland, father of Anne Kerrisk, father-in-law of Allan*).

Anniversaries: Anna Harden, Concepta Farrelly, Frank Mulcare, Rogan Williscroft, Maureen McMonagle.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

29 January 2023 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Today we are presented with a well-known series of 9 Blessings we commonly call the Beatitudes. Jesus is taking a well-known pre-existing way of talking and teaching used by Rabbis to express social values and does this by pronouncing blessings on people. 100 years before Jesus of Nazareth another teacher called Yeshua Ben Sira wrote a collection of blessings praising, among other things, the man who sees the downfall of his foes, the one who doesn't serve an inferior, the one who speaks to attentive listeners. He is praising those who are thought important by others, whose voice is heard and heeded, who has status and probably quite wealthy. He is saying these are the ones blessed by God. This was the prevalent way of thinking.


Now compare this with who Jesus says is blessed by God: The poor and insignificant, the voiceless, sick, hungry for justice. The exact opposite. He is saying that the Kingdom of God is first announced to those most in need of it. They are not ideals to be attained as much as types of people for whom the Kingdom has first arrived. They were the people surrounding him...the losers of his society. If you don't hear the surprising thing Jesus is doing then you are yet to really grasp the incredible message of Good News it was for them. It should shock your socks off. It might also be incredible Good News to you too.

Fr Peter McDermott s.m.

Weekday Mass at 8:00am till Monday 30 January. The normal schedule will start on Tuesday 31 January with 9am Mass.

 **Anniversary Day is on** Monday 30 January.

 **Waitangi Day Monday 6 February.** - 8am Mass.

 **“Blessed Palms”** Please put your Blessed Palms in the basket for burning for Ash Wednesday. Outlying Areas can place their Blessed Palms in a plastic bag in the suitcase.

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.


Wednesday 22 February: Ash Wednesday. (Day of Fast and Abstinence).

Masses: 7am, 12.10pm

Anglican/Catholic Ecumenical Service: 7pm here in our Church.


Stations of the Cross. In preparation for Easter, we invite you to participate in the Passion of Christ during this Lenten period.

♦ **Fridays at 7pm.** February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.
We need groups / individuals to lead on these dates please. Simple booklets available to assist in leading the Stations. Please register your willingness to lead by contacting the Parish Office. Thank you.

 **Caritas Lenten Programme.** The theme for Lent 2023 – *“I am the Light of the World”* – reminds us that Jesus bring light to a world often darkened by disease, disaster, violence, lies and hypocrisy. Jesus’ life, and his proclamation of the truth, is a challenge to each of us to lead our lives following His example. *“I am the light of the World” - John 8:12.* The Lenten Reflection Leaflet is available from the Parish Office for any groups or individuals to use.

Please note: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon on Monday 3 April.

Blessing of School Teachers and Staff at Mass. If you are a teacher, Board of Trustee member or staff member at St Francis Xavier Catholic School, Pompallier Catholic College, or at any other school, you are warmly invited to attend our 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 11 February for a blessing for the coming school year.

 **Baptism Course.** The next Baptism Course is on Sundays 12 and 19 February 2pm - 3.30pm here in our Church. Please contact Janet at the Parish Office, 437 7902 with enquiries and to register.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- o **Wednesday 2 February:** Candlemas Day. Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.
- o **Monday 6 February:** Waitangi Day. 8am Mass.
- o **Saturday 11 February:** World Day of Prayer for the Sick.
- o **Wednesday 22 February:** Ash Wednesday. (Day of Fasting and Abstinence).



The Presentation of the Lord.
Wednesday 2 February.

The Blessing of Candles will take place on Thursday 2 February 7am Mass. Please bring any candles you wish to have blessed.

Filipino Mass - Sunday 29 January at 5pm here in our Church.

Every Wednesday at 6pm, the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church.



Martha and Mary Group are not meeting at the present time. Queries to Jan 437 0426.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meet for prayers, praise and worship on the 3rd Wednesday every month here in the Church at 7pm. All men welcome.



Society of St Vincent de Paul
Parish Food Basket.

Thank you for your continued support. Donations of baked beans, tinned tomatoes, pasta and rice are very welcome.

SVDP will have the first Rosary meeting of the year; 5pm at Eymard house for 1 hour, open to all parishioners and led by Deacon Nimo. We pray for the sick, the deceased, our earth, natural disasters, homeless, any intention you may have.



YOUNG FAMILIES - we would love to see you at our Parish Playgroup! You will meet other parents and grandparents. Please bring a gold coin and fruit for shared morning tea. We have available; ride on toys, toddler slide, climbing, sandpit, books, craft + more! Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. 9-11.30am during school term. We start on Tuesday 8 February.



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

Speaking Tour by Br Peter Bray from Bethlehem University, Palestine.

Br Peter Bray, Vice Chancellor of the Bethlehem University in the occupied West Bank of Palestine, is coming to talk about the experiences and challenges his students face today. This talk will be held at St Francis Xavier Catholic School Staffroom, 1 Percy St, Whangarei at 7pm on 9 February.

In preparation for this you are invited to watch Br Peter's brief introductory videos. Please check the links t:www.youtube.com/@nzcbc2977.



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



Kamo Prayer Group meet every Tuesday during the school term. 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.

Miha Maori: Sunday 6 February 10am, followed by morning tea and the Maori Committee meeting at 12 noon.

55+ Group will not be meeting in February and March.

Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese: Lenten Appeal

Begins Ash Wednesday 22 February. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving in preparation for Easter.

Each year the Lent Appeal is run by Caritas on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) to support our work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, including in Aotearoa New Zealand.



It costs \$5,270.24 per week to meet running costs of our Parish including our Outlying Areas.



Eftpos Machine is at the rear of the Church.

Please remember the Parish in your Will

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Believe you deserve the kindness you show other people"