

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.					

Living on the Wings of the Spirit - Explore and learn about your faith so that you can integrate and share it with others. An afternoon session of formation in faith on Wings Nga Parirau to be held at: Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby, Sunday 26th February 2023 from 1pm to 4pm. Afternoon refreshments provided. Please RSVP to diannaf@cda.org.nz or 021 261 2189. More information at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/living-on-the-wings-of-the-spirit/>

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: David Robinson, Sam Jelavich, Brian Reed.

Recently deceased: Fr Ruben Elago M.S.P.

Anniversaries: Denis Vuylketich, Rikki Marinkovich, Alice Moroney, Martin Simmons, Fr Mikaere (Mick) Ryan MHM.,



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

12 February 2023 Year A

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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Have you noticed how what we think, and how we feel, become what we speak, and what we do, how we act? They become our action. This is at the heart of what Jesus wishes to teach us in today's gospel.

Jesus reminds us that sin begins in our hearts long before we say, or do, anything evil. We first reject God's divine wisdom in our hearts and then, we allow ourselves to inflict evil on others in speech and action. So our hearts need to be pure.

Purity of heart, is being devoted only to God and his will. God comes first, and everything else comes after him. It means our heart loves God and seeks only to please him. A pure heart will keep us away from sin.

In Jesus' teachings in our Gospel passage today, we can clearly see that what matters most to him is the human heart. Our hearts tend to listen to the voice of evil. But the voice of God speaks directly to our hearts. The natural law of divine wisdom is already written in our hearts!

Jesus says that: instead of holding on to anger, in charity, we must reconcile with our brothers or sisters, and only then shall we find peace; instead of committing adultery in our hearts by nurturing our lusts, with love, we must control our eyes and hearts; instead of deceiving others through lies and fake news, we should humbly and with charity in our hearts speak only what is true. Our hearts must be pure and it's only by being in constant communion with God can this be achieved.

So, let us approach the altar of the Lord today, in Purity of Heart, seeking always to be united with our God in the Eucharist. Dcn Nimo Ponifasio

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

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

Masses: 7am, 12.10pm.

Anglican/Catholic Ecumenical Services:

St Francis Xavier Church 7pm. Ruakaka. Holy Family Church 7pm

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, 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.

Each Lent Caritas runs a Lenten Reflection Programme. It is an opportunity to gather in a small group with others (about 5 or 6) to prayerfully reflect on a Lenten theme. This year the **Lenten gospels** are the basis for our reflections. If you are willing to host and lead a small group please indicate this by signing the sheet in the Church foyer. Please indicate your name, contact number and time of day you would host the group. The programme runs for the 6 weeks of Lent.

Message from the Pastoral Office. Responding to the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We join the rest of the global community in shock and horror reading about the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We pray that the love of God maybe seen in the care and concern of the international family in responding to their needs. Caritas are in contact with partners on the ground as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs at this time. They are also accepting donations for this <https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>

Caring Foundation Emergency Flood Response Appeal. Bishop Steve has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. The Caring Foundation, will be accepting donations to help Catholic agencies in the diocese deliver vital help to the many families severely impacted by the floods.

Donations received will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Donations can be made directly online to the Foundation <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> so that assistance can get to families quickly.

World Marriage Day: 12 February 2023. *"Marital love is inseparable from marriage itself, in which fragile and limited human love meets divine love, which is always faithful and merciful."* Pope Francis

An invitation to the Sacrament of Baptism for School Age Children. Do you have a child or children between the ages of 7 and 12 who have yet to be baptised? A new programme is starting on Sunday 12 February after 10am Mass and runs during term 1. The programme is called Walk in the Light-Hikoi i te Marama. For more information please email Mrs J at St Francis Xavier Catholic School glenys@sfx.school.nz or contact Janet at the Parish Office.

World Day of Prayer: Taiwan 2023. Friday 3 March. *"I Have Heard About Your Faith". Ephesians 1:15-19. Theme: God's promise in the letter to the Ephesians, which is an invitation to active listening, which is the ground of our prayers.*

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 12 February: World Marriage Day.

THOUGHT FOR THE DWEEK: "I have a great need for Christ and I have a great Christ for my needs"



"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.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship next meet on Wednesday 15 February at 7pm for prayers, praise and worship. 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.

Meetings: 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 to join us.



Can You Help? Computer Operators needed to operate the laptop during Sunday Masses.

Adults and Secondary School students that attend the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, or 8am or 10am Mass on Sunday. If we get enough people volunteering you will be rostered once a month. Simply load the Service Plan then click through the Mass. Training given. Please contact Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.



Choir Practice. Thursday 16 February 5pm to 6.15pm. New members needed. Please phone Maree 027 597 9893.



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



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. Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. 9-11.30am during school term.



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



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

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

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.



Please remember the Parish in your Will