

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.

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

Recently deceased: Sam Jelavich, Patrick Pukeroa, Graziella Russo, (wife of Mario).

Anniversaries: Marie Quinn QSM DCHS.



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Next Week's Readings: (First Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Ordinary Time – Yeah, right.

We have come to the end of a short period of Ordinary Time in the Church's year. It began following the birth of Jesus at Christmas, followed by the visit of the Magi and His Baptism in the Jordan. It has ended with the most significant weather event for some time in the history of Aotearoa/New Zealand. It has been far from ordinary.

So, in all of this, where has been the new-born Christ Child?

One way He has been present is in the numerous people who have come together to assist others in times of need. As the First Reading reminds us, "You must love your neighbour as yourself". The Reading expands the idea of love to include not holding grudges, not exacting vengeance, not bearing hatred for another in your heart. In times of suffering, those things are put to one side and compassion, empathy, resourcefulness take over – checking on the neighbours, offering shelter to strangers, praying, feeding the hungry, comfort to the afflicted, clothing those who have lost everything.

The Gospel expands the idea of who our neighbour is – "I say this to you, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' ". It seems to take a time of suffering to remind us that we are all sisters and brothers in Christ.

The time since Christmas, all eight weeks of it, has been far from ordinary. However, ordinary people have responded extraordinarily. The Christ Child is alive and present to us.

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

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

Masses: 7 am; 9am (St Francis Xavier School), 12:10pm.

Anglican/Catholic Ecumenical Services:

St Francis Xavier Church 7pm.

Holy Family Church Ruakaka 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.

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.

We are pleased to announce that the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa will be officiating at the Opening Mass at St Michael's Parish, Remuera, on Thursday 23 March. More information at fli.org.nz/conference2023

Go Forward in Hope International Pro-Life & Family Conference – Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 March, Auckland. Be informed, inspired, and equipped to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Life and counter the sexual revolution with compassion. Featuring thirteen international and local speakers passionate about their areas of expertise in pro-life and family issues - including Gianna Emanuela Molla, the daughter of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla. For more information and to register visit fli.org.nz/conference2023 or Michelle Kaufman 027 526 1199.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22 February: Ash Wednesday. See notice.

Sunday 26 February: First Sunday of Lent.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts, the evenness of our reflection, the seat of meditation, the rest of our cares, and the calm of our tempest"



"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.

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 to join them.



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.

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



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



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.

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://>



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.

55+ Group will not be meeting in March.

Pax Christi are not meeting in March. The next meeting will be at Eymard house, Tuesday 4 April at 7pm.



Parish Playgroup. We would love to see you on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. 9-11.30am during school term. You will meet other parents and grandparents. Please bring a gold coin and fruit for shared morning tea.

Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese: Lenten Appeal

Begins Ash Wednesday 22 February. 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