

### 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
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat following 8am Mass			<b>Reconciliation Rite 1:</b> 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, Sam Jelavich.

**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 Laly*), Adrianus van Altvorst (*husband of Rebecca*), Bruce Kitchingman (*Auckland, father of Anne Kerrisk, father-in-law of Allan*), Fr Ruben Elago M.S.P.

**Anniversaries:** Betty Keane, Brendan Keane, Bill Roughan.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**5 February 2023 Year A**

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

**Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37**


### Sermon on the Mount---Act 2

Last Sunday we heard Jesus give us the Beatitudes----the setting for them is commonly referred to as the 'Sermon on the Mount.'


Today's gospel passage is also taken from the 'Sermon on the Mount' where, using two simple metaphors, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world. We know what it's like to eat food that is flat and tasteless. The food might sustain the life of the body, but there is no zest, no joy, only an effort to get the food down. Jesus used the image of salt to describe how his disciples are to live in the world. Our task is to be the salt of the society, preserving, reconciling, adding taste, giving meaning where there is no meaning and giving hope where there is no hope.

Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as a light eliminates darkness and enables us to see, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Because of Him, we can have confidence that our light will shine and that our salt will flavour.

Dcn. Jim Nees



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

**Anglican/Catholic Ecumenical Service:** Here in our Church at 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.



**Message from Bishop Steve re Caring Foundation Flood Appeal.**  
My Caring Foundation is accepting donations to help our partner agencies deliver vital help to so many. You can make an **online donation** today so that assistance can get to families quickly. <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>  
The full letter from Bishop Steve is available from our website, the Church foyer and in Suitcases for Outlying areas.

**New Priest Arriving.** The Marist Administration has arranged for us to have an extra priest in our Parish for the next 6 months while Fr Brian is still unable to take up full duties in the Parish. His name is **Fr Peter Janssen** sm. Fr Peter J has returned from working in Italy over the last several years, working in prison ministry among other things. Coming to Whangarei is a chance for Fr Peter to settle back into life and ministry here in Aotearoa. We look forward to welcoming him in the next few weeks when he arrives.

**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

**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.




**We welcome in to our parish family those baptised in January:**  
Samuel Quinn, Ben Quinn, Gianna Wood.

**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 Mara-ma. For more information please email Mrs J at St Francis Xavier Catholic School [glenys@sfx.school.nz](mailto:glenys@sfx.school.nz) or contact Janet at the Parish Office.  
There is an expectation that at least one parent will accompany the child/children to Mass and to the sessions. **Sunday 12 February:** 10am Mass; 11am - Gather in the St Joseph's Room at St Francis Xavier Catholic School.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** “The measure of a person is not how great their faith is, but how great their love is”. 1 Corinthians 13:13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**“Receive Holy Spirit Power” Current of Grace 2023 Conference by Charis NZ** at El Rancho, Waikanae 24th to 26th March.  
[www.currentofgraceconference.info](http://www.currentofgraceconference.info) to register.  
**Speakers:** Cardinal John Dew, Fr John Rae SM, Dr Mary Healy, Robert Falzon, with Archbishop Paul Martin SM celebrating final Mass.


**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.

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


**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.




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

**New Roster for EMOc.** Please note the new roster has been emailed to you. Please check your dates and arrange a swap if your date does not suit.

**Speaking Tour by Br Peter Bray** 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.



**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 5 February 10am, followed by morning tea and the Maori Committee meeting at 12 noon.

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

**Choir Practice.** Thursday 9 and 16 February 5pm to 6.15pm. New members needed. Contact Maree 027 597 9893

**Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese:**  
**Lenten Appeal:** During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps us to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. Each year, Caritas develops resources for parishes and communities to guide reflection and prayer throughout the six weeks of Lent.

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