

### 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 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.					



**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.

**Baptism Course.** The next Baptism Course is on 30 April and 7 May. If you are expecting your first child, now is a good time to do the Course. For further information and to register please phone the Parish Office 437 7902.

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Brian Reed, Bev Costello, Margaret Hibbert, Anne Stead.

**Recently deceased:** Margaret Cadwgan, Clive Chamberlain (father of Nick).

**Anniversaries:** Slavko Rosandic, Marie Holmes, Alan Churchouse, Pat Crossett, Perry Mason.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**2 April 2023 Year A**

**Next Week's Readings: (Sunday of the Resurrection)**  
**Acts 10:34, 37-43; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9.**

### Palm Sunday 2023

There is so much that one could focus on in the readings for Palm Sunday. One key word that stands out to me is something that enshrines the whole of Jesus' work and purpose. That word is "**covenant**". This **covenant** is built on a commitment and is a pledge to be faithful to one another forever. Even if one side doesn't fulfill their side of the agreement, the other side still must uphold their end. Even though we sometimes break our end of the covenant through sin, God still upholds his end by continuing to love us. This is the covenant that we celebrate in each Eucharist.

At the Last Supper Jesus said, "Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." What Jesus was saying at the Last Supper was this: Because of my life, and above all because of my death, a new relationship has become possible between you and God. It's as if he said, "You have seen me; and in me you have seen God; I have told you and I have shown you how much God loves you. That is what God is like". Because of what Jesus did, the way for everyone is open to all the love that this covenant with God offers.

As we enter into Holy Week, let us reflect on and thank God for this new and everlasting covenant.

Dcn Jim Nees.

## Holy Week and Easter Timetable

### **Monday 3 April:** (One Mass only)

Chrism Mass is the only Mass today 12 noon.

The Celebrant is Bishop Steve Lowe.

Please bring a plate of finger food for our shared lunch, which you can leave in the Parish Hall from 11am onwards.



### **Tuesday 4 April:** 9am Mass

### **Wednesday 5 April:** 12.10pm:Mass

### **Thursday 6 April: Holy Thursday.** (One Mass only)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm. Bring food for the needy - Society of St Vincent de Paul Food baskets will be brought up at the Offertory Procession. (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass till 10pm)



### **Good Friday 7 April:**

**Stations of the Cross:** 10.30am St Francis Xavier School Grounds

•**Solemn Liturgy:** 3pm at St Francis Xavier Church.

Retiring Collection for the Holy Places.

**(Children's Liturgy in the Parish Hall for Primary School aged children.)** Parents to drop children to the Hall and collect them following the Solemn Liturgy.



### **Other Services at other Places on Good Friday:**

† Stations of the Cross: Maungakaramea 11am.

† Ecumenical Service: Waipu. (begin walk at 9.30am from Waipu Anglican Church and process to Waipu Presbyterian Church for the Service at 10am.

### **Holy Saturday 8 April:** (One Mass only)

Easter Vigil 7.30pm.

### **Easter Sunday 9 April:**

**St Francis Xavier:**

8am Mass.

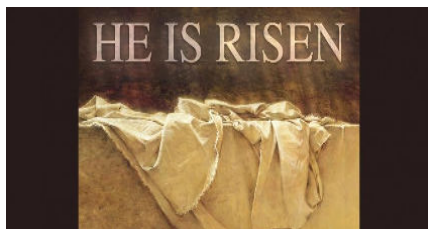
10am Mass.

**Whangarei Heads:** 7.30am.

**Maungakaramea:** 9.00am.

**Hikurangi:** 10.30 am.

**Ruakaka:** 10.30 am.



### **Easter Monday 10 April:** 8am Mass.

**Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 11 April.

**Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese** Collection for the Holy Places: Good Friday 7 April. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered.

**PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION:** They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" John 12:13

### **On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper.**

The theme for our liturgy is "Being one with Jesus, having something in common with Jesus". We do this in a number of ways.

One way is through The Rite of Washing of Feet. Jesus shows the disciples how they can have something in common with Him. He invites them to do the same, emphasizing love and service of each other. You are all invited to have your feet washed and to wash the feet of others. – *family members, friends, fellow parishioners and so on.* There will be multiple stations throughout the Church.

Another way is through Adoration at the Altar of Repose. It is our way of being one with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. After Holy Communion, join the candle lit procession as we proceed to the Altar of Repose which will be outside in the School garden. There will be seats available. If you wish, bring cushions and blankets to sit or kneel on the ground. We will conclude our time with Night Prayers at 10pm.

### **Market Day for the Ukraine.**

Last Saturday morning a week ago we held a very successful Market Day in the Parish Hall to raise funds to help the people of Ukraine. Well over 5 thousand dollars was raised and it was a real collective effort. So many people contributed in so many creative and colourful ways and everyone did their bit so that such a wonderful amount was raised as our Parish donation to the cause. Special thanks to those who helped organise it and make it happen. It was a real community building effort and was a fun and social occasion for everyone.

Our money will be sent via two sources: Caritas International and Arts for Ukraine. It was also a great consciousness raising event of the plight of people in Ukraine and our contribution to doing something real and practical to help.

### **Visit to the Islamic Centre on Sunday**

Last Sunday evening nine of our parishioners were welcomed by the Muslim community to share Iftar with them at the Islamic Centre. We were welcomed by them and then shared a meal as well as some prayer together.

We were aware of the things that our two faiths have in common: they observed the month of Ramadan and we journey through Lent. We both fast, have more intense time of prayer and help the poor. It was a moving experience for all who attended 5 women and 4 men and there is a second opportunity for a group to visit this Saturday evening 1st April. Next year we hope that we might return the invitation to them around this time of year.

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023.**

#### ***"Ready The Way"***

**Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Communion.** For baptised children who will be 8 years of age, or older by September 2023. Enrolment forms available from the Parish Office. The Programme will begin Sunday 30 April at 10am Mass, followed by a shared picnic lunch. Enquiries to the Parish Office. Thank you

**Pax Christi** next meet on Tuesday 4 April at 7pm in Eymard house.



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*