

### 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.					



**Daylight Saving** ends at 3am on Sunday 2 April. Turn clocks back 1 hour. **Please Note:** St Francis Xavier Church Saturday Vigil Mass will return to the time of 5pm after Sunday 2 April when Standard Time begins. **Starts Saturday 15 April - 5pm Vigil Mass.**

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

**Recently deceased:** Jim Kelly, Raymond Linwood (*Western Australia, nephew of Marie Cook*), Kevin Pomeroy (*husband of Martha*), Siril Perera (*Sri Lanka, brother of Jasintha*), Doug Simpson (*husband of Joyce*).

**Anniversaries:** Chetwin Dewasurendra, Norma Valido.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**12 March 2020 Year A**

**Next Week's Readings: (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

**1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41**

### Lenten Disciplines being offered to you.

Lent is traditionally the time to fast, pray and give to those in need.

This Lent we have two ready-made opportunities to do this which are initiatives of our Parish Pastoral Council.

The **Market Day for Ukraine** being held on the 25th of March in our Parish Hall is an opportunity to fundraise for the people of Ukraine. Preparations are well underway for this but there are still opportunities to help out with your talents or goods or money. You can find practical suggestions inside this bulletin to help us but please support this great initiative. It is a practical and effective way to help people most in need.

This Lenten season we also share a time of fasting and prayer with the Muslim Community whose time of Ramadan overlaps with our Lent. Our community of St Francis Xavier have been invited by the Mosque here in Whangarei to share **Iftar** with them. Iftar is the breaking of the daylight fast at Sunset. **It will be at 7pm on Sunday evening 26th March.** This will be a time of sharing food (vegetarian) and joining in a short prayer time with them. If you would like to be part of a group going to the Mosque to join in this "break-fast" please either write your name and contact number on the clipboard in the foyer or call the Parish Office during the week to register your interest. It is a great opportunity to join in strengthening bonds between our two communities.

**LITURGY CALENDAR:** Please mark your diary.

**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.**

**Market Day for Ukraine. Please help if you can.**

Can you help us with the following suggestions?

- Providing music or entertainment.
- Fun activity for the kids
- Nail painting or other beauty ideas.
- More baking or arts n crafts
- Helping the day before Friday evening to set up
- Preparing a sign to go out in front of Church to advertise it.

If you can help us please contact Janinka 027 436 2052

Or contact Janet at Parish Office. Thank you.



**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](http://fli.org.nz/conference2023) or Michelle Kaufman 027 526 1199. See noticeboard.



**Current of Grace Conference. 24 March 26 March 2023.**

To be held at El Ranch, Waikanae. Go to <https://charisnz.com/event/charis-nz-aotearoa-national-conference/> to register. A 12 seater bus will be travelling from Whangarei to this event. **If any**

**parishioners are still considering going to this conference,** transport cost on this bus will be between \$120 & \$180 per person depending on the number travelling. Registrations close 14 March. If anyone would like to travel with us, Mike Lobo is the transport co-ordinator. Ph 0212809285, email [quilon1913@gmail.com](mailto:quilon1913@gmail.com).



**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.



**Baptism Course.** The next Baptism Course is on 30 April and 7 May, 2pm-3.30pm here in our Church. 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.



**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** next meet on Wednesday 15 March at 7pm for prayers, praise and worship. All men welcome.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

- Monday 13 March: Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis
- Friday 17 March: Feast Day of St Patrick.
- Monday 20 March: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**LENTEN REFLECTION:** Give up complaining—focus on gratitude. Give up pessimism—become an optimist. Give up discouragement—be full of hope. Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness. Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.

**Kamo Prayer Group** meet every Tuesday during the school term. 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657



**Pax Christi** next meet at Eymard house, Tuesday 4



**Society of St Vincent de Paul**

**Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned vegetables, tinned spaghetti and tinned fish 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.

**Parish Playgroup.** 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. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

**Choir Practice**

Wednesday 15 March 4-5.30pm;  
Thursday 30 March 5-6.15pm.  
New members needed. Please contact Maree 027 597 9893

**Christian Meditation Community Day.** Saturday 25 March at the Anglican Hall. Cnr Deveron St./ Kamo Rd, Regent. 9.30am-3pm. Bring your own lunch. Tea/ Coffee provided. No cost. A small koha appreciated. **Theme: "Peace that the world can't give"** For enquiries and to secure a place: Ph Michael 09 436 5663. Email [d1@outlook.co.nz](mailto:d1@outlook.co.nz)



**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.

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



**St Francis Xavier Catholic School Year 5 and 6 Camp.** At the end of this term, our Year 5 and 6 students will be going to camp on Kawau Island. This The cost for the four-day camp is \$130.00. In the past, some very generous parishioners have given a donation to help our children attend this camp and we would be very grateful for any help with the 2023 camp. Please see us at the school officer ask for Mrs J. Many thanks and every blessing. Glenys Jakicevich

**Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group:** A new group for single Catholic men & women in their 30s & 40s. Axe Throwing. Saturday 8 March 2023. 2pm. Sweet Axe Throwing Co. 110 Nelson Street, Auckland CBD. Please RSVP by 14 March to: [aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com) or click going on the Facebook

**Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese: Lenten Appeal.** Money collected throughout Lent to be disbursed by the national Caritas Office for development funding, educational projects and emergency aid.



**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.



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