

### 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. St Francis Xavier Church Saturday Vigil Mass will return to the time of 5pm after Sunday 2 April when Standard Time begins.  
**Please Note: Holy Saturday 8 April (Easter Vigil Holy Night Mass) 7.30pm. 5pm Vigil Mass will be from Saturday 15 April.**

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

**Recently deceased:** Colleen Miller, Brian Gillespie (*Coopers Beach*, past parishioner.)

**Anniversaries:** Sheila Anderson, Timothy Walsh.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**19 March 2020 Year A**

**Next Week's Readings: (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**  
**Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45**

**Seeing** Seeing **Seeing** Seeing **SEEING** seeing

Having a grandfather who was blind helped me to come to understand just what it meant to be able to see. Trying to imitate him by walking around with my eyes closed didn't last long.

In the Gospel today, we hear about the gift of sight being given to someone who was blind from birth. It was a life changing moment for him. Being able to see his parents, seeing colour for the first time, having an independence that he never had before. Surely a time of celebration and joy along with a special bond between him and the person who had gifted him his sight, Jesus.

But more than that. He comes to know Jesus on a deeper level. There is a development from "the man called Jesus" to "He is a prophet" to "if this man were not from God, he wouldn't be able to do such a thing" to "Lord, I believe". He goes from seeing Jesus as a man, to seeing Jesus as the Son of Man, God.

In the First Reading, Samuel had difficulty in seeing who was to be king among Jesse's sons. Slowly, he learnt to see as God sees.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to see as God sees – to see our relationship with God, our relationship with others and our relationship with ourselves. It might be a life changing moment for us as we come to see Jesus, not as a judge of right or wrong, but rather as a merciful, compassionate Lord. Also, the Sacrament might be a time when, seeing ourselves and our relationships, we seek to trust in the continuing power of Jesus to forgive and heal. Either way, it can enable others to see the works of God being displayed in us.

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

**Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7pm.**

**Rite II Reconciliation: Ruakaka - Wednesday 22 March 7pm**



**Community Market Day for Ukraine. 25th March in Parish Hall 8.30am-1pm.**

Responding to Pope Francis' call to us to help the people of Ukraine, the Parish Pastoral Council are organising a Market Day fundraiser for Ukraine. We are inviting suggestions of Art for Sale, Stalls, Entertainment and any other suggestions of ways we can raise funds to help support the people of Ukraine. Please call the Parish Office if you have ideas or initiatives you are willing to contribute. Any goods you wish to donate, please bring to the Parish Office. Thank you

**Iftar - 7pm on Sunday evening 26th March.** To be held at the Mosque at 11 Porowini Ave, Morningside. 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.** Thank you those who have put their names on the list. **Unfortunately we cannot add more people to the list as numbers are limited.**

**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. For more information and to register visit [fli.org.nz/conference2023](http://fli.org.nz/conference2023) or Michelle 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-



**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.



**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

**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

- Monday 20 March: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Saturday 25 March: The Annunciation of the Lord. Day of Prayer for Family Life
- Sunday 2 April: **PALM SUNDAY** of the **PASSION** of the **LORD.**

**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.



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



**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.



**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. Queries to the Parish Office.



**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. Thank you



**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. 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*  
Deputy Principal

**Choir Practice**

Thursday 30 March 5-6.15pm. New members needed. Please contact Maree 027 597 9893

**MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.**

**Himene practice,** (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church.



**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



**Christian Meditation.** Meet every Wednesday in Eymard House 7.30pm-8.30pm. All welcome. **Christian Meditation Community Day** has been postponed. More details to come.

**Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese:**

**The Bishop's Lent Appeal 2023**  
The Appeal supports the work of Caritas their 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