

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
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 (Morning). Creation of Adam from Whēnua... with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Saturday 1 April, 9-10.30am. ZOOM. Fee: \$25. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/>

YouTube Recording The Notion of 'Church' with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/02/muffin-talk-with-prof-thomas-oloughlin/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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

Recently deceased: Colleen Miller, Brian Gillespie (*Coopers Beach*, past parishioner), Peter Webb, Margaret Cadwgan, Clive Chamberlain (father of Nick).

Anniversaries: Ken Holmes, Chetwin Dewasurendra, Hazel O'Donnell,



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
26 March 2023 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD)
Entrance: Matthew 21: 1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

I am the resurrection and the life.

It is one of the most powerful statements of who Jesus is. He proclaims it to Martha in today's gospel story. It is the third story in a series of instructions for the Catechumens.

He is **Living Water**. He is the **Light of the World** and today he is the **Resurrection and the life**. This gospel is a favourite one for Eastertime and for funerals. But is that the only time we engage with this passage? It seems to me it should be something we are constantly preaching all through the year and not just at Funerals.

We do need to proclaim Jesus as the resurrection and source of life in all the events of our daily lives, not just at the time of death of a loved one. Somehow it can lose its power and effect if we only save it up for funerals. If we think of the events of every day as "little deaths" and "little resurrections" we can see this mystery as something that flows through everything we do. We have a fancy name for it "The Paschal Mystery". That through death we achieve resurrection and new life. When we are patient with someone, kind to someone, considerate to someone, go the extra mile for them then we are dying a little bit ourselves so that God's power of new life can flow into that situation. What did Lazarus do in today's gospel? He just lay there and let God's power bring him back to life. Belief in the resurrection is sometimes about waiting for Jesus to arrive into a situation so that our "little deaths" can blossom into new life. How it will happen, when it will happen we are not sure. We don't control that but we trust that God does.

Fr Peter McDermott s.m.

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

Stations of The Cross: Friday 31 March at 7pm here in our Church.

Holy Week and Easter Timetable

Sunday 2 April: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.

Sat. 6pm (Vigil) Mass - Procession from St Francis Xavier School
Sun. 8am: Mass - Procession from St Francis Xavier School
Sun. 10am Miha - Procession from St Francis Xavier School



Monday 3 April: (One Mass only)

Chrism Mass is the only Mass today 12 noon.
The Celebrant is Bishop Steve Lowe.



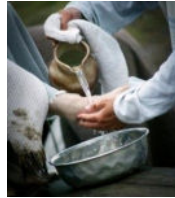
Please bring a plate of finger food for our shared lunch, which you can leave in the Parish Hall from 11am onwards.

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 Church
- Solemn Liturgy 3pm at St Francis Xavier Church Retiring Collection for the Holy Places.



Other Services at other Places on Good Friday:

- † Stations of the Cross: Maungakarama 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:

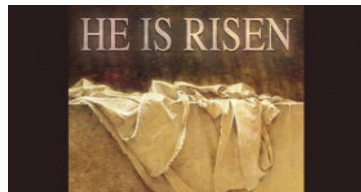
St Francis Xavier: 8am Mass. 10am Mass.

Whangarei Heads: 7.30am.

Maungakarama: 9.00am.

Ruakaka: 10.30 am.

Hikurangi: 10.30 am.



Easter Monday 10 April: 8am Mass.

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Monday 10 April:** Easter Monday. 8am Mass. See notice.
- ◆ **Tuesday 11 April:** Easter Tuesday. Parish Office closed.
- ◆ **Sunday 16 April:** Sunday of Divine Mercy.

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.



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.

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



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.

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.

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



Christian Meditation Community Day

has been postponed. More details to come.



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.

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



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship next meet on Wednesday 19 April

at 7pm for prayers, praise and worship. All men 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. Thank you.

Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese: Collection for the Holy Places Good Friday 7 April.

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

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.



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