

### 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 - Middy. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat following 8am Mass				<b>Reconciliation Rite I:</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.					



### 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.

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

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

**Anniversaries:** Dannie O'Shea, Thelma Buisman.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**5 March 2023. Year A**

**Next Week's Readings: (Third Sunday of Lent)**  
**Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42.**

## Living in the Present Moment

One of the themes in today's readings is about change...of transforming—transfiguring one's self.

Did you ever notice that after people reach a milestone wedding anniversary sometimes they put a notice in the local paper accompanied by a picture of the couple. Quite often they look similar to another. It might be the twinkle in their eyes, maybe it's their smile. Love does this. Love makes you like the person you love. You still retain the basics of the personality that you were born with but some aspects of who you are change. If we really love Jesus, we should begin to resemble Him by virtue of our **actions**.

If we want to be transformed or transfigured so that we are more Christ-like in our lives, we can start by uniting with Him even in the mundane things that make up a lot of our lives...the everyday "stuff."

Perhaps we need to revisit this idea of 'holiness.' It needs to be a holiness based on "**living in the present moment.**" We can't change the past and the future isn't here yet. The present moment is all we can concentrate on.

Are we the same person that we were 5-10-20 years ago? Probably not. Can you point to a moment when your personality dramatically changed in an instant? Probably not. And that's the point....that's the nature of living in the present moment. Our transfiguration will most likely be a slow and subtle transformation.

Dcn. Jim Nees

**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.**
- ◆ **Do you wish to join a Caritas Reflection group?** It is an opportunity to gather in a small group with others (about 5 or 6) to prayerfully reflect on a Lenten theme. This year the **Lenten gospels** are the basis for our reflections. If you would like to be part of one of these groups, please indicate this by signing the sheet in the Church foyer. Please indicate your name, contact number, area and time of day you prefer to meet. The programme runs for the 6 weeks of Lent. **Last day to sign up is Monday 6 March.**

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

Response to the Market Day is very good. However we still need people for the Steering Committee. If you are able to help, please speak with the Priest after Mass or text Janinka 027 436 2052. 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 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 021 280 9285 or email [quilon1913@gmail.com](mailto:quilon1913@gmail.com).



**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.

**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.

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



**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.



**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** next meet on

Wednesday 15 March at 7pm for prayers, praise and worship. All men most welcome.



**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.



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



**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 bi-annual camp is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience kayaking, yachting, hiking, archery, and many other activities. 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.

**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 cannot give"  
For further enquiries and to secure a place: Phone Michael 09 436 5663  
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**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



**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.



**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.



**Daylight Saving** ends at 3am on Sunday 2 April. Turn clocks back 1 hour.

**Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese: Lenten Appeal**

The Lent Appeal is run by Caritas on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) to support our 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