

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.					

55+ Group MONTHLY MORNING TEAS. Due to the resignations from our long term committed committee members and the low support from parishioners, it has been deemed prudent to cease these monthly meetings, causing this social event to go into recess for the foreseeable future. To those who have supported this group over the many years, we say a big thank you. Regards
Reg Sweeney

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Brian Reed, Margaret Hibbert, Anne Stead, Moyna Farrelly, Evar Davis.

Recently deceased: Pauline McGuire, (mother of Geradine McCarrison), Terry Daly, Auckland, son of Neil (dec) and Ann Daly, Bev Costello, Patricia (Pat) Price.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy).

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Next Week's Readings: (Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2: 14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday.



This is the image of our Lord Jesus as seen by Saint Faustina *when He appeared to her several times.* It shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is on his chest from which gush forth two rays: one red for the **blood** of Jesus, which is the life of souls - and white, for the water which justifies souls. *At the bottom of the picture is the message "Jesus, I trust in You".* The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God for us.

As we look back at the liturgy, mystery and drama of Holy Week, we see how the great love and mercy of God led Jesus to give us the Eucharist, suffer and die on the cross for us, and then rise from the dead.

Today's Feast reminds us that although we are sinners and deserve punishment, God loves us. God loves us and pours out his mercy upon each one of us to purify us, bless us and to draw us closer to the beautiful love of God. It is also given to us to share with others so that we may be instruments of God's mercy in the lives of those around us, those who are so desperately in need of mercy. How? Through works of mercy: By the kind acts (corporal works of mercy) by which we help our neighbours with their material and physical needs such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless etc... Become active and involved in such organisations as St Vincent de Paul etc.. We can also share God's love and divine mercy through acts of compassion (spiritual works of mercy) by which we help our neighbours with their emotional and spiritual needs such as instructing & advising, consoling and comforting, bearing wrongs patiently etc..

Through all these, we are totally dependent on God, so keep in mind and say this simple prayer that is at the beginning of the Divine Mercy Chaplet: **"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!"**

Dcn Nimo Ponifasio

The Easter Candle for 2023. This year's Easter Candle has some beautiful symbols as part of its decoration. An explanation leaflet is available from the base of the Paschal Candle.

Anzac Day
As Tuesday 25 April is a National Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 8am.



We welcome into our parish family, those adults and children who received the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Deborah Robinson, Glenda Robinson, Karyn Marnitz, May Zhou, Rynne O'Leary, Sonia Elliot, David Robinson, Raiquel Te Puni, Douglas Te Puni, Mark Smith, Caleb Elliot, Eliza Chhor, Emily Ritchie, Felix Andrae van den Bosch, Georgia Johnson, Jasmine Climie, Levi Nathan, Pragati Yerripalli, Quinn Buxton, Raena Croad, Toby Chamberlain, Kimberlyn Bradshaw, Corban Bradshaw.

Auckland Catholic Diocese News.

- ◆ **Nga Whaea Atawhai O Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy**, invite young women aged between 18 and 40 to a "Come and See Day" to discover more about our mercy life! Saturday 22nd April 2023 | 9.30am to 1.00pm | Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings 104 The Drive, Epsom. RSVP Monday 17th April for Catering and for more information. vocations@mercy.org.nz or 0210360781
- ◆ **Update: Cardinal John Dew** As he let us know earlier, Cardinal John had surgery on 21 March. He is doing well in his recovery. He is still in a little pain, but this was expected. He continues to take things slowly and will do for some time yet. He has been very touched by the messages of support he has received and thanks everybody for their continued prayers for him.
- ◆ **New website for Catholic Enquiry Centre** A reminder that the Catholic Enquiry Centre has a new website. Visit it to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make a donation: <https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/> The former CEC website has now been removed.
- ◆ **Executive Director NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, Wellington-based job opportunity.** The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference - Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa is seeking a Wellington-based Executive Director who will be responsible for working with NZCBC agencies in implementing the decisions of the bishops. The closing date for applications is 17 April, 2023. Full details of the position and how to apply are here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/exec-director/>
- ◆ **Achieving Pregnancy Naturally** The Billings Ovulation Method™ can help you to optimise your chances of conceiving naturally. Our Fertility Educators will teach you to recognise your body's natural signs of fertility and pinpoint the most fertile day in your cycle. The Billings Ovulation Method™ is effective, non-invasive and affordable! It is backed by over 50 years of medical research. For a free information leaflet, contact Billings LIFE NZ. 0800 693 378, info@billingslife.org.nz www.billingslife.org.nz


Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes. Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts are now available in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Mercy Quote: Jesus said to St. Faustina, "Souls that make an appeal to My mercy DELIGHT me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion (Diary, 1146)"


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. **Registrations close on Thursday 27 April.** **There will be an Information and Orientation meeting for all the Parents/Guardians on Friday 28 April at 7pm here in our Church.** This will explain the requirements of the programme and the Kaupapa **The Programme will begin Sunday 30 April at 10am Mass**, followed by a shared lunch. Enquiries 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.

 **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** next meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 19 April here in the Church at 7pm. All men welcome.

 **Pompallier Catholic College Art Fundraiser.** They are selling a painting of Jesus which is hanging in the Church, (on the wall, to the left of Our Lady). This fine piece of art by renowned local artist *S Renee* is being sold to the highest bidder, with funds going towards the new multi-sport facility at Pompallier Catholic College. The canvas work, complete with gold leaf, measures 765mm x 1020mm. Please email your best bid to ptfa@pompallier.school.nz by 4pm, 21 April. If you need any further clarification please call Mark 027 497 7085.


MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI. **Himene practice,** (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church. **Miha Maori:** First Sunday of the month at 10am.



 **Christian Mediation** meet every Wednesday in Eymard House, 5pm to 6pm. **Please note** new time.

 **Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.** Starts again on Wednesday 21 June at 6pm here in our Church.

 **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.

 **Couples for Christ Family Ministries** invites all parishioners to attend a Christian Life Programme. Begins Saturday 6 May in the Parish Hall, 11.30am to 5pm. For further information please contact Ben and Jane Lim 021 027 22026

 **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