

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: The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?... with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 24 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material)
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/> See poster on small noticeboard

YouTube Recordings: Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

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: , Bev Costello, Patricia (Pat) Price, Ron Sharp (*Motueka, brother of Janette Sorensen, dec*), Francis (Frank) Schriiffer.

Anniversaries: Erys Gavin, Anne Roughan, Theresa Topia, Rommel Otaday, Mary Edmonds, Mary Edwards, Simon Holden



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Acts 2: 14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10.

There they are: two disciples with heavy hearts, full of regrets and foreboding, going in the wrong direction i.e. away from Jerusalem.... Jesus walks beside them and talks with them, but they are unable to recognise him. This story is an image of what we all are, much of the time. But it also reassures us that our bewilderment is not the full story.

The story is also a perfect model of how Christians should read the Scriptures. The Lord is with us unawares. He teases out our fears and doubts and disillusionment.... He calls our attention to what we have overlooked or misunderstood. Finally we “recognise him in the Breaking of Bread.” This is a phrase that Luke repeats (verses 31 and 35), as if to make sure we notice it. Throughout, the language is eucharistic, the same that Luke had used a few chapters earlier in describing the Last Supper (22:19). That phrase, “the Breaking of Bread”, is used repeatedly in the Acts of the Apostles (also written by Luke) to refer to the ritual meal of the Christian community, the Eucharist (Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7; 27:35) or Holy Mass as it is usually called. Disciples in every century have continued to recognise Him in “the Breaking of Bread.”

About five years later, Paul, the persecutor of Christians, was to have his strange experience on the road to Damascus. He was thrown to the ground, and he heard a voice, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? I am Jesus whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9:4, 5). Jesus, then, is still beside his followers. He is only dimly recognised and by few. “You were with me,” wrote St Augustine some centuries later, “but I was not with you” (*Confessions*, X, 27). But we are able to recognise Him in the Breaking of Bread.

Fr Peter Janssen s.m



Anzac Day

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

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.**
- ◆ **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.



Baptism Course for Infants. The next Baptism Course is on 30 April and 7 May, 2pm to 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 437 7902.

Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.

Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts are now available in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.



Pastoral Care of the Sick. If you have family members who are sick or cannot come to Mass, please notify the Parish Office so that we may visit and take Communion to them on a regular basis.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Monday 25 April: Anzac Day** (National Holiday) 8am Mass. See notice.
- ◆ **Friday 28 April:** Feast Day of St Peter Chanel
- ◆ **Sunday 30 April:** Day of Prayer for Vocations, Seminary Collection.
30 April - 6 May: National Vocations Awareness Week
- ◆ **Sunday 14 May:** Mothers' Day
- ◆ **Sunday 21 May:** Ascension Sunday, World Communications Day
- ◆ **21-28 May:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

THE ODE TO THE FALLEN: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We remember them.



Couples for Christ Family Ministries invites all parishioners to attend a Christian Life Programme. Begins Saturday 6 May in the Parish Hall, 1pm to 4.30pm. For further information please contact Ben and Jane Lim 021 027 22026. Thank you



Society of St Vincent de Paul

Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your continued support. Donations of baked beans, toilet paper, tinned fish and macaroni 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.



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



Pax Christi

Their next meeting will be Tuesday 2 May at 7pm in Eymard House.



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



Choir Practice. Thursday 18 May 4.30pm-6pm.



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



Martha and Mary next meet on Friday 5 May, 9.45am to 12 noon in Eymard House. **Please note the new venue.** All welcome.

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.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship next meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 17 May here in the Church at 7pm. All men welcome.



Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese:

Seminary Collection. Sunday 30 April.

Vocations Sunday - 4th Sunday of Easter.

The monies collected help towards the fees for the Auckland students for the priesthood.



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