

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

Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donation/Koha welcome.

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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, Roz Macken.

Recently deceased: Ron Sharp (*Motueka, brother of Janette Sorensen, dec*), Francis Schriiffer.

Anniversaries: Bobbie Turner, Harold Harris, Monica Tehira, Rosa Manson.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Acts 8: 5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

Gates

With the arrival of driveways at people's houses, GATES have become a thing of the past. They were a form of access to a person's property, opening and shutting, a way through a fence, a barrier, that allowed you access into a person's life and world.

Our Gospel today uses the image of a GATE. In the time of Jesus, a gate provided access to a sheepfold, a secure area where sheep were kept overnight. The gate was the only access through a wall that was designed to keep out predators, both animal and human, that could harm the sheep. Once the sheep were inside for the night and the gate was closed, the sheep were safe.

But the sheep couldn't stay forever in the safety of the sheepfold. There was no food there, the food and water were outside. In the morning, the gate would be opened. The sheep would have to leave the safety and security of the sheepfold and venture out into the wider world in order to get food and water which enabled them to grow.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Disciples that He is the GATE of the sheepfold. He closes around them and provides safety and security for them. But He also opens and sends them out. They can't stay forever in the safe and secure space that He provides. Their food is outside. Their mission is not to be in the sheepfold for each other. It is to be outside, in the unfamiliar places to which they will be guided.

Jesus is also a GATE for us. He is there as a closed gate to provide safety and security. But He is also there as an open gate, sending us out, urging us to go out, to the unfamiliar places of our world to which the Holy Spirit guides us. In doing so, we will find the food and drink that will help us to grow as His disciples.

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. **The Programme begins today, Sunday 30 April** at 10am Mass, followed by a shared lunch.



Auckland Catholic Diocese News.

◆ **Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** will be accepting enrolment for Second Semester for Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology between April 24 – May 19. Full-time or part-time study, in-person or online learning available. Email admin@ctc.ac.nz call (09)3611053 or check the website www.ctc.ac.nz for more information.

◆ **Whāia te Tika** the latest newsletter of the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Combined-Final-March-27.pdf>. On Friday, 31 March 2023, the Continental Stage, that is, the second stage of the **synodal process**, officially ended. The inclusion of a time to listen, dialogue and discern among the Churches of the same geographical area after the Local Stage (diocesan and national) represented a new feature. You can download and read the response to the Continental document *Expanding the Tent* from the Oceania community at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

◆ Combined prayer for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Friday 26 May, 7pm, Takapuna Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna, Auckland 0622.

Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.

Please collect your Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts from 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

- ◆ **Sunday 14 May:** Mothers' Day
- ◆ **Sunday 21 May:** Ascension Sunday, World Communications Day
- ◆ **21-28 May:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ◆ **Sunday 28 May:** PENTECOST SUNDAY

Thought For The day: Cast your cares upon the Lord, for he cares about you. - I Peter 5:7



National Day of Prayer for Myanmar. Today (Sunday 30 April) at 7pm. This Ecumenical Prayer Service will be live-streamed. <https://www.youtube.com/@csbc311/streams>.



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



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.



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



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



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, 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.

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.



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

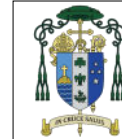


Pax Christi.

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



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



Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese

Peter's Pence Collection: Feast of SS Peter & Paul **Sunday 2 July**

This money goes direct to the Pope via the nunciature in Wellington to use in whatever projects he thinks necessary.



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