

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 <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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

Recently deceased: John Silson, (son of Margaret), Margaret Pitman, Karmin Petera.

Anniversaries: Luninging Davison, Mary Robinson, Peggy Martin, Marilen Menor.



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Next Week's Readings: (The Ascension of The Lord)

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28: 16-20

If you love me you will keep my commandments

Do we keep commandments out of duty or out of love? Most of us growing up learnt that in a family or a community there were rules and regulations. In Maoridom it is called "tikanga" or doing the right thing. Many of us grow up knowing what is right or wrong because we get growled at if we do the wrong thing and praised if we do the right thing. Today's gospel Jesus reminds us that doing the right thing is our way of showing we love someone.

God has given us guidelines for our lives because they are both good for us and good for others too. He has also given us the Holy Spirit to both be a guide and an empowerer. He is called the Paraclete. Which means a helper or guide, or advocate. When we get into a tricky situation he is alongside us to support us and help us. The disciples no longer had Jesus' physical presence with them after he ascended so he gave them the Holy Spirit to support and guide them. The Book of Acts is like the story of how the Holy Spirit helped the first Christian disciples. He helps us too when we go into new or tricky situations to do the right thing.

We can call upon the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom in difficult times and believe that we will receive it. When things are too much for us, give it over to the Holy Spirit that's what he was given for. The Spirit of Love will help us to love.

Fr Peter McDermott s.m.



Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother gives life
and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women, that they may be
strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



Every Friday 11am - 12 noon. Come and spend some time with the Lord.



Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Starts again on Wednesday 21 June at 6pm here in our Church.

Auckland Catholic Diocese News.

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2023

For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 8 June 2023. Please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

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.

Pax Christi Aotearoa

Zoom session on Maori Peace Making, Tuesday, 16th May, 7-8:30pm.

Rangi Davis is offering a zoom presentation on "Indigenous Peace Making from a Maori Perspective". This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about peacemaking in the Maori tradition. Enrol by Friday, 14th May by sending an email with your name on it to paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com. This is free of charge.

Laudato Si Week 21 - 28 May: "Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity"

You are invited to see the film "the Letter" on Sunday 21 May, 3pm - 5pm at St Francis Xavier Church. This is a powerful documentary movie that tells the story of five leaders who find hope for the earth and humanity in their encounter with Pope Francis and each other. This includes time for discussion and a cup tea. Please bring a small plate to share.

New roster for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. May - July. This was emailed to all Leaders this week. If you are a commissioned EMoC and would like to be added to the roster please contact Gerardine 027 4384056

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Sunday 21 May:** Ascension Sunday, World Communications Day
- ◆ **21-28 May:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ◆ **Sunday 28 May:** PENTECOST SUNDAY
- ◆ **Thursday 1 June:** Celebration of Confirmation. 6pm

Thought For The Week: Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."



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.



Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet every Friday during term time 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall.



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

Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.

Please collect your Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts from the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

Christian Meditation meet every Wednesday in Eymard House, 5pm to 6pm.



Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your continued support. Donations of Spaghetti, pasta, pasta sauce, noodles 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. Newcomers most welcome.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Wed 17 May | Thu 8 Jun | Tue 4 Jul

24Hr Quietude – For those who seek a short retreat – Fri 7pm – Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | Jul 7th/8th | September 8th/9th **Book of Ruth Retreat** - Join us for a study and reflection on the Book of Ruth by Dr Alice Sinnott RSM | Fri 21 Jul 7pm - Sat 22 Jul 7pm | Overnight \$150pp | Sat only \$95 pp. For more info/dates and to book visit www.sfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651.

Reflecting on St Luke's Gospel. A Social Justice Retreat focussing on social justice aspects of the Gospel of Luke will be held 9.30am-4pm on Saturday 10 June at St Francis Retreat Centre 20 Hillsborough Road. Led by Bible Scholar Br Kieran Fenn, FMS who has taught the Scriptures in New Zealand and overseas for more than 40 years. Cost: \$30 including lunch. Applications to Peter Garrick email peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730 by 31 May 2023.



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