

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, Mark Baker (Taranaki, brother of Paul)

Recently deceased: Margaret Pitman, Karnin Petera, Nancy Martinovich, Evar Davis, Abraham (Sonny) Clark.

Anniversaries: Jemima Warrington, Mavis Urlich, Trevor Russek, Walter Steiner.



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Next Week's Readings: (Pentecost Sunday)

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

This Sunday, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord.

Before he physically leaves the world, Jesus calls his disciples to a mountain in Galilee where he commissions them and sends them out to continue his work in the world.

This is also our commissioning.

Salvation is no longer the sole birth right of the Israelites. Baptism now extends it to all in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. We are to be the Lord's witnesses and we are to teach what the Lord teaches.

He sends out the disciples even though they are still uncertain about what was happening. Change continues in life. This was the case for them as it is for us, but Jesus' final words bring comfort to them and to us, especially in times of doubt or difficulty. He says "I will be with you always, even until the end of the world."

How do you experience God's presence in your life?

In what way does the words of our Lord in the Gospel today speak to your experience of life? How do you respond to Jesus' command to be a witness to him?

Just as the disciples have been sent by Jesus, so too are we sent out at the end of each Mass with the words, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord"

Most of us don't have a mission to go to the ends of the earth. Our mission field is the place where we are, with those whom we come in contact with in our day to day life.

Let us be alert, especially this week, of the practical ways that we can witness to Christ in our lives: such as by our hospitality, our treatment of others, our response to their needs, the way we live and share our faith, our joy....

Dcn Nimo Ponifasio



Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament every Friday 11am - 12 noon. Come and spend some time with the

Lord.



Public Holiday.

As Monday 5 June is a Public Holiday (King's Birthday), Mass will be celebrated at 8am.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH WHANGAREI.

We are seeking a person to take responsibility for the daily financial resourcing/management of the Parish together with administration and the maintenance of Parish Properties and Assets.

This is a part-time position of up to 20 hours a week and would suit a suitably qualified/experienced person looking for flexible hours (some core hours required) in a caring and pastoral environment. Interested?

Please forward your CV or Resume highlighting your relevant experience to admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz.

Proclaimers of the Word Ministry.

We are in need of more Proclaimers of the Word (Readers) at all Masses at St Francis Xavier Church. If you feel called to this ministry and are willing to commit to it, please enter your name and your best contact phone number and email on the sheet in the foyer of the church. You will be on a roster and will receive formation and training.

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

Pax Christi Aotearoa

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.

Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.

Please collect your Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts from the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **21-28 May:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ◆ **Sunday 28 May:** PENTECOST SUNDAY
- ◆ **Sunday 4 June:** The Most Holy TRINITY
- ◆ **Sunday 11 June:** The Most Holy BODY of CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

Thought For The Week: "At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter"



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



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



Christian Meditation 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.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT WHANGAREI... a volunteer run inter church mission opening in the near future in Whangarei. This will be at the VINE OP SHOP, corner of Vine and Walton St. "The Catholic moral tradition holds that without exception, the living embryo, has from the moment of fertilisation, an absolute right to life" (*Nathaniel Report 69 April 2023*). For further information contact Mary-Anne Kaye 021 550 284 or pswhangarei@gmail.com



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.

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) | 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

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651.

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 15 June 4pm-5.30pm. Newcomers most welcome.



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