

### 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				
<b>Weekday Masses and Other Ceremonies</b>					
Monday 7am Mass	Tuesday 9am Mass	Wednesday 12.10pm Mass	Thursday 7am Mass	Friday 12.10pm Mass	Saturday 8am Mass
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat following 8am Mass				<b>Reconciliation Rite I:</b> 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](http://www.studyjoy.nz) <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/> For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

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

**Recently deceased:** John Silson, (son of Margaret).

**Anniversaries:** Sister Gaynor Laverty SMSM, Sister Kenny Meredith SMSM, Delia Ruane, George Holmes-Kinsella, Anne Whetton.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**Next Week's Readings: (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

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

## There's No Place Like Home


Growing up as a child I can still recall that every time my dad drove into our driveway after we had been away on a trip my mother would always say, "There's no place like home." That's exactly what Jesus is telling his disciples in today's gospel....." There's no place like home." Home is a place we associate with familiarity, love, a safe place.

Most of us have heard this Gospel reading many times but have you ever considered that there's more than one home involved in today's Gospel. When you think about it, there are actually two homes being prepared. First and most obvious is our eternal home. The one that Jesus is preparing for us in Heaven. Secondly, as we build our trust and faith in Jesus within ourselves by way of our prayer life, attending Mass, and receiving Holy Communion, we are actually building a second home ...a home for Jesus to live inside of us, in the Spirit.

While we provide a home for Jesus within us while we are still on earth, he is busy preparing our eternal home so that when we meet Him, we will be able to say with absolute conviction..... "There's no place like home."

Dcn. Jim Nees

**Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.**  
Please collect your Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts from the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

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



### Auckland Catholic Diocese News.

#### Catholic Musicians Gig, Thursday 11 May.

Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry, in partnership with Enemy Love Records, is excited to bring you this event with three talented Catholic musicians: Emma Fradd, David Kruse and Valere. Join us for an evening of fantastic music at Good George Mission Bay on Thursday 11 May from 7pm. Find out more at [Facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

**Bishop Steve's Cyclone and Flood Appeals raise \$621,000.** A huge thank you from Bishop Steve for the generous support for the two emergency appeals to support our brothers and sisters impacted by the floods and cyclones in Auckland, Northland, the Coromandel, Hawkes Bay region and Gisborne/Tairāwhiti. Both campaigns have now closed. To find out more, please visit the Caring Foundation's website news & events page <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/news/> or pick up Bishop Steve's letter and update from your church notice board.

#### Rest and Redirect: Retreat for Musicians, Saturday 13 May.

Musicians, you're invited to join us for a day of keynote sessions, great food, adoration, reconciliation and plenty of opportunities for personal prayer. The retreat will be led by Emma and David Kruse, two talented Catholic musicians who are the founders of Enemy Love Records. Join us on Saturday 13 May, 9am – 4pm at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre in Ponsonby. Find out more at [Facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

**Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2023** For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 8 June 2023. Please contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz) call (09)3611053 or check the website [www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz) for more information.

 **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.

**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 14 May:** Mothers' Day
- ◆ **Sunday 21 May:** The ASCENSION of the LORD. World Communications Day.
- ◆ **21-28 May:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ◆ **Sunday 28 May:** PENTECOST SUNDAY
- ◆ **Sunday 4 June:** The Most Holy TRINITY

**Thought for the Week: Authority makes some people grow - and others just swell.**  
Matthew 23: 11,12 The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

**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](mailto:paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com). This is free of charge.


**75th Anniversary of the Nakba.** Saturday, 13th May, is the 75th anniversary of the Nakba which marks the ethnic cleansing of more than 700,000 Palestinians from their land and homes by Israeli militias in 1948. The Nakba (catastrophe) continues today with house demolitions and land theft across Palestine. Let us pray for the situation in Palestine and for other places in the world where injustices continue.

 **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.


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

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

 **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. New members 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.

**Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre**  
For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651

**Franciscan Spirituality Series** - Learn about how Jesus' teaching was acted on and acted out by St Francis and how we can do the same. Next session is this Sun 7 May- 'The Upside Down Franciscan' by Robert Hardie OFS - 2pm-4pm (Free)  
**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

 **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*