

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 1: 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 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donation/Koha appreciated.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Brian Reed, Margaret Hibbert, Liam Whitehouse, Dora Hampton.

Recently deceased: Shirley Reed (Auckland, sister-in-law of Brian and Mary Anne Reed), Graeme Nelson, (Cambridge, former parishioner, husband of Kose), Jacqui Bignell (Nelson, former parishioner, wife of Ross), Jack Webb.

Anniversaries: Nell Newton, Gloria Bustamante, Islay Fidler.



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 July 2023 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Hospitality and Service.

Our Sunday readings continue to instruct us in the essential elements of discipleship, and encourage us to make our relationship with God first in all we do. We are not all called to be apostles, or to be prophets like Elisha, but even the least among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to his Church.

In our 1st Reading we see a great example of sharing in God's work. The Shunammite woman wanted to be involved in the work of God and she did so in a way that was possible for her. She willingly opened her home to those in need and shared the good things that God had given her, provided hospitality to the prophet Elisha, and as a reward, she found favour with God and was promised a son. By her actions she participated in the work of God.

She is a great example for those among us who feel unable to be directly involved with the mission of evangelisation. The key, is to share what we have. What are your skills and talents and possessions that can contribute to the mission of the Church? Perhaps you are in trade or a professional in finances, law, engineering, medicine, education and so on. Could you offer your services for the benefit of those in need? If you have access to extra foods and grocery items, could you help our St Vincent de Paul Society with providing food for the hungry families in Northland? Being hospitable and serving others are among the basics of discipleship.

On top of all that, in the Gospel passage, Jesus says, true discipleship also requires prioritising our love and devotion to him. He is above everyone and everything in our lives - even family members!

He also stresses the importance of welcoming and supporting those who come in his name. If we do that, Jesus promises that even the smallest acts of kindness towards his disciples will be rewarded. We "will most certainly not lose his (our) reward."

Dcn Nimo Ponifasio

2023 is Year A in our Lectionary and it is the Year of Matthew.

Would you like to explore deeper into the gospel of Matthew?

When you hear a gospel passage read at Mass from Matthew's Gospel it will help you to have a greater appreciation of what it is about and the background of that passage..

We are beginning a small group study on the gospel of Matthew.

It will involve meeting at a regular time weekly for SIX weeks to discuss a passage and

Some resource material (selected podcast) which you will have listened to during the preceding week. The discussion session will be ONE HOUR only and it will be a chance to Share your learnings and insights into the topic for that week.

Venue: Side room of the Hall. If you are interested please indicate your interest on the sign up sheet in foyer of Church. The starting evening will be ...Tuesday 11th July at 7pm.



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



Baptism Course. Sunday 13 and 20 August. 2pm to 3.30pm here in our Church. If you are expecting a child, now is a good time to do the course. For further information and to register please phone Janet at the Parish Office.437 7902.

Music Workshop. Saturday 15 July 10am - 11am at St Josephs Room, St Francis Xavier Catholic School. All parish musicians most welcome to learn new Mass parts and psalms.

2024 ENROLMENTS. Pompallier Catholic College Board of Trustees have implemented an Enrolment Policy. The Enrolment Policy can be viewed on our website www.pompallier.school.nz Preference enrolment applications for 2024 open on Thursday 1 June and close on Friday 4 August. We will be unable to offer places to Non-Preference students in 2024. Enrolment application forms are available at the College Office, or our website. Enrolment applications received after the closing date shall be added to any waitlist arising from the enrolment process. For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz

Youth for Christ Annual National Convention will be held at Whangarei Boys High School from 7 to 9 July. We welcome them and pray for the organisers and participants.



Day of Prayer for Seafarers - 9 July On this Day of Prayer for Seafarers please remember the contribution that seafarers make to your daily lives, and the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) that supports them. Go to <https://aos.org.nz/> for more information.

Important Information. We have been advised by the Diocese that all the trees around the Church building perimeter need to be removed. The reason is because the tree roots and gardens are compromising the integrity of the flooring and walls of the Church. The tall palms with their seeds and branches litter the internal and external guttering's of the Church causing internal flooding. For example, the side Chapel. Once these trees have been removed we will landscape the Church grounds appropriately. The Parish Pastoral Council and the Management and Finance Committee gave unanimous approval to conserve the integrity of the Church.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 23 July: Caring Sunday and World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

Peter's Pence Collection: "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."



Kamo Prayer Group meet every Tuesday during the school term. 10am to 12 noon.



Joshua Northland Men's Fellowship next meet on Wednesday 19 July at 7pm here in our Church. All men very welcome.



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



Martha and Mary next meet on Friday 7 July at 10am in Eymard House. All welcome.



Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Every Wednesday at 6pm here in our Church. All welcome.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned baked beans, tinned sweetcorn and jam 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.

Auckland Christian Meditation Retreat. Registrations for the 21 - 23 July Auckland retreat are coming in. The topic is the Spirituality of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ. The early bird cost is \$290.00 which ends June 30th after that the cost is \$330.00. Registrations close July 9th. Go to <https://christianmeditationnz.org.nz/auckland-retreat-july-2023/> We encourage you to book early. Vincent Maire 027 276-6032. vincentmaire12@gmail.com



Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese: Caring Sunday 23 July.

The Catholic Caring Foundation is the Bishop's charity which assists vulnerable children, at risk youth, older people living in isolation, victims of domestic violence, refugees, homeless and all living in extreme hardship. It gathers donations made to the Foundation and distributes grants to community groups working in areas of very high need.



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 Par-



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