

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: Beauty in Islam with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst. Saturday, 22 July, 10.00-11.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25/session. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/beauty-in-islam/>

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

Recently deceased: Jacqui Bignell (*Nelson, former parishioner, wife of Ross*), Jack Webb, Karen Emmerson, Elizabeth Taumoepeau, (*Auckland, Aunt of Ella Schaumkel*). Clive Puckey (*husband of Joan*), Judy Wiki, (*Whananaki*).

Anniversaries: Eva Schaumkel, Bev Clifton, Shirley Gunnell, John McKenzie, Adam Anderson, Michael Kooge.



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Next Week's Readings: (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43.

Why Not

“The mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them”. The words of Jesus might seem to suggest that the disciples are some type of select, “inner” group of people who have some special enlightenment.

Rather, what is meant by mysteries is: the hidden plans or designs of God for history and in particular for establishing the Kingdom of God over evil. When the disciples open themselves in faith and hope to God revealing the plan of salvation in Jesus, then there can be progress in understanding it. Through it all, God is in ultimate control and will win out in the end.

The quote from Isaiah reinforces the desire of Jesus to save all people. The difficulty is centred around overcoming the fear of being converted and healed by Jesus.

God's plan for salvation is ongoing today and will continue in future. The challenge of the Kingdom of God overcoming evil is still with us. Understanding that plan for our salvation involves opening ourselves to Jesus, the Word of God, in faith and trust and love. It involves an ongoing conversion of heart and healing.

Then, we can begin to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of God in our day and age.



Holy Hour with Exposition of the 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.



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.



The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the third time in 2023 on **Sunday 23 July** – the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. Theme for 2023 is "His mercy from age to age"



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



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

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Roster: The new roster (July - October) has now been distributed. Contact Gerardine 0274384056 if you have not received your copy.

Meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Saturday 5th August (9am - 10am) at St Francis Xavier Church.
The purpose of the meeting is to update our role in this ministry.

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI. Miha on **Sunday 16 July at 12 noon** at Takahiwai Marae, 229 Takahiwai Road. Followed by shared Kai. Ph Kara 027 255 1840

Himene practice, (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church
Miha Maori: First Sunday of the month at 10am.



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 close on **Friday 4 August.** We are 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 enrolment queries, contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201 or admin@pompallier.school.nz

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

◆ **Sunday 23 July:** Caring Sunday and World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Thought For The Week: "Your companions are like buttons on an elevator. They can either take you up or they will take you down". Proverbs 13:20. Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.



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



World Youth Day Auckland. Join us for an incredible experience at World Youth Day Auckland 2023! Aust 6@ 2pm—9pm at Sancte Maria School, Flatbush. Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us at Sancta Maria College for this unforgettable celebration of our Catholic Faith.

Get ready for uplifting music, inspiring speakers, mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, a delicious (FREE) dinner, reconciliation, adoration and HUNDREDS of young people.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: only 20 spaces left!

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/23! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.



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.



The Beginning Experience. A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood will be held on 25 - 27 August. The Weekend Program is open to any person, anywhere in the Country, of any religion or of no religion.

The cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, materials and follow up event is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 26 July.

For more information please phone Lynda 027 489 8003 or (09)478 9742 / Kelly evenings 027 686 4416. www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Christian Meditation meet every Wednesday in Eymard House. 5pm to 6pm. Newcomers most welcome.

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 cost is \$330.00.

Registrations close 9 July. Go to <https://christianmeditationnz.org.nz/auckland-retreat-july-2023/> We encourage you to book early.

Vincent Maire 027 276 6032. vincentmaire12@gmail.com



Newcomers - please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a *New Parish-ioner 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