

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 |
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| 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: The Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 07/14/21 Aug and 04/11/18 Sep, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series (incl. study material). <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, Dora Hampton, Liam Whitehouse, Margaret Hibbert, Ros Macken, Mo Evans, Anne Jennings, Maureen French, Joe Carroll.

Recently deceased: Karen Emmerson, Elizabeth Taumoepau, (Auckland, Aunt of Ella Schaumkel). Clive Puckey (husband of Joan), Terangi Tepania, Noelene Shaw, (sister of Des Harrison), Rayma Gunson (mother-in-law of Jane Gunson), Bill Gibson (husband of Mary).

Anniversaries: Fr John Mori SM, Fr Robert (Bob) Lee SM, Eva Schaumkel (mother of Ella), Lyle Turner, Tony Moroney.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 July 2023 Year A

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

1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Spiritual Farming

Today's readings are a continuation of last Sunday's parable about the sower and the seed. They show that God is very patient and compassionate and is hopeful that the so called 'weeds' will be converted. The first reading gives us a picture of a merciful and patient God who governs with great leniency. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in our weakness and thus, we should be patient with ourselves. Finally, the gospel assures us that we are in the field of God.

How often have we been a weed in the garden of the Lord? After hearing and reflecting on these readings, how many of us would have wanted to be plucked up at those times when we were that weed? It's safe to say that none of us would! Therein lies one of the important life lessons to be taken from the readings: God wants us to take a good look into the field of our own lives to see what's growing there. Examine where the weeds are and take action on them. Above all, we need to be patient with ourselves as we invite God to work in our lives and get rid of the weeds.

Dcn. Jim Nees



The Transfiguration of the Lord. Sunday 6 August.



Feast Day St MARY OF THE CROSS. Tuesday 8 August.

**A 9 DAY NOVENA
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
@ ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH:
6-14 AUGUST 2023**



Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Patronal Feast for Aotearoa, New Zealand. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

In preparation for the feast day, we at St Francis Xavier Parish are having a Parish Novena at the Church, starting on Sunday 6th August at 6.30pm. From then on every day at the same time finishing on Monday 14 August. The next day, Tuesday 15 August, is the Feast of the Assumption.

*Please take an Information sheet from the foyer.
For Outlying Areas, copies are in the Suitcase.*

Please come and pray this novena with your fellow parishioners.

It is customary to pray for a special favour or for a particular intention at novenas. It is suggested that you come with a particular intention in mind, perhaps written down so that you can keep asking for that same favour, every day for 9 days. Your intentions are your own. They are private and you will be given the opportunity to silently state your own intentions.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH WHANGAREI

We are still seeking someone to be responsible for the daily financial resourcing/management of the Parish and to administrate the Parish Properties and Assets.

This is a part-time position and could suit a qualified/experienced person looking for flexible hours 9am to 3pm, (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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Roster: The new roster (July - October) has been distributed. Contact Gerardine 027 438 4056 if you have not received your copy.

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

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ♦ **Tuesday 15 August:** Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary. See notice.
- ♦ **Sunday 1 September:** Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Thought For The Week: "And I will still be carrying you when you are old. Your hair will turn grey, and I will still carry you. I made you, and I will carry you to safety."



First Holy Communion. Sunday 13 August 10am Mass. All are invited to join the Sacramental Programme (ready The Way) youngsters and their families at this Mass.

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

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.



Pompallier Catholic College 2024 Enrollments. Preference enrolment applications for 2024 close on Friday 4 August. Enrolment application forms are available at the College Office, or our website. For enrolment queries, contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz



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! 6 August 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.



Society of St Vincent de Paul
Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned baked beans, tinned sweetcorn, 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.

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.



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