

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

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: Judy Wiki, Terangi Tepania, Noelene Shaw, (*sister of Des Harrison*), Rayma Gunson (mother-in-law of Jane Gunson), Rosalie Beazley.

Anniversaries: Fr Peter Walsh sm, Dean Franklin, Pat and Jim Nash.



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 July 2023 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (Transfiguration of The Lord)

Daniel 7: 9-10; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Matthew 17: 1-9

Something New and Old.

We feast this Sunday on another set of parables from Matthew's gospel. We have pondered the Sower and the Seed...and the Weeds among the Wheat. Now we have treasure in a field, a pearl of great price, a dragnet and a householder with things both new and old. A real mixture alright. Each of the parables make us think about facets of this wonderful thing called the Kingdom of God. Jesus told parables so that some people would get their meaning and some people wouldn't. But they are always casting fresh light upon our experience of the life of God. When he says "Have you understood all this?" He is addressing it to us too. Have you wrestled with the meanings and insights of these stories so that they can cast new light upon your experience and life with God at the moment.

A householder who brings out things both new and old is like a living Tradition. Tradition is learning and experience that is passed on through the generations that sheds fresh light upon our own experience in this generation. If the parables are to speak to us today we must let them speak to our own circumstances and our own world. How are we hearing the Word of God afresh for today and our time.? As one writer put it "Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living." We want our faith to be alive and living and speaking to our world and connected to those who have lived it in past generations. Then it will be truly new and old.

Fr Peter McDermott s.m.



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 finishing on Monday 14 August. The next day, Tuesday 15 August, is the Feast of the Assumption. As this is a novena to our Mother Mary, we will also pray the Rosary.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY - NINE DAY NOVENA IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Day 1	Sunday	6 Aug	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Day 2	Monday	7 Aug	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Day 3	Tuesday	8 Aug	7.30pm – 8.30pm

Please note Time Change


Day 4	Wednesday	9 Aug	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Day 5	Thursday	10 Aug	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Day 6	Friday	11 Aug	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Day 7	Saturday	12 Aug	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Day 8	Sunday	13 Aug	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Day 9	Monday	14 Aug	6.30pm – 7.30pm

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

Tuesday 15 August.
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses:
9am;
1.30pm (SFX Catholic School);
5.30pm.

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 [a dmin@whangareicatholic.org.nz](mailto:dmin@whangareicatholic.org.nz).

 **RCIA.** An Information meeting will be held on Sunday 27 August at 11am in Eymard House (Brick House). The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a programme where you can ask questions, become more acquainted with the Catholic community and the Gospel values by which we try to live. It is also for adults wishing to become Catholic. A warm welcome is assured. Come, bring a friend, neighbour or anyone interested. No commitment is necessary and no pressure to go beyond your own pace. Everyone is welcome. Queries to Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902

Thought For The Week: "It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing." Mother Teresa
It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving"



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.

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

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.

Oceania Cup Hockey Series

On Thursday 10 August through to Sunday 12 August this Hockey series will be held at Park Avenue Hockey Stadium. We are going to offer car parking for this event as a parish fundraiser to raise funds and to ensure that we have enough parking for Mass times and other Church activities. **We need roughly 10 people per day to be Parking Wardens for:**
Thursday 10 August from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.
Saturday 12 August: from 12.30pm to 5pm.
Sunday 13 August: from 12 noon to 4pm.
Can you volunteer for a couple of hours to help? Sign up sheets are in the Foyer. Queries to the Parish Office. 437 7901. Thank you.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.
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.*



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



Whangarei Josephite Companions will hold our prayer reflection and lunch on Saturday 5 August in St. Francis Xavier Catholic School staffroom, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. All are welcome. Contact Jane 021 163 4058

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



Society of St Vincent de Paul
Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned tomatoes, tinned sweetcorn and peanut butter 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.



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