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	111	8:30am *Liturgy	10am. Combined Community Service		
Maungatapere		///	///	8.30am Mass			
Maungakara- mea	10.30am Eucharist	///	///	///	///		
Matapouri, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - March; May; July; Sept; Nov			* Liturgy means Liturgy of the Word with			
Poroti, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday	of Month: - Feb; April; J	une; Aug; Oct; Dec	Holy Communion /// means no LOW or Mass			
Pipiwai, Miha	12 noon 5th Sunday o	f 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 6 Rosary: Sat follo	am; & 11am - Midday. wing 8am Mass	Reconciliation Rite I : 11.30am Fri & Saturday.					
<ul> <li>5.30pm. 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mass - Syro Malabar</li> <li>5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.</li> <li>6pm. Every Wednesday of the month. Novena - Filipino Community.</li> </ul>							

<u>Titipounamu Study & Joy</u> Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday 10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donation/Koha welcome.

**Muffin Talk radio programmes** are available online at: <u>https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/</u> For more information: <u>www.studyjoy.nz</u> <u>https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/</u> For more information: <u>www.studyjoy.nz</u>

*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:** Jacqui Bignell *(Nelson, former parishioner, wife of Ross),* Jack Webb, Karen Emmerson.

Anniversaries: Bruce Biggins, Ellen O'Hagan.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 July 2017 Year A

<u>Next Week's Readings</u>: (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time) Isaiah 55: 10-11; Romans 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23

The gospel of today makes more sense if you read the preceding four verses of Matthew chapter 11. These are "the woes to unrepentant cities": Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. Jesus is speaking like a prophet foretelling their future destruction. They have not accepted the Way of the Kingdom and are hurtling towards their own demise. Their leaders and important influential people have ignored his message to seek peace and non violence. They are on a one way path to the grave.

However it is the "little ones", the poor and unimportant who have heard him and repented. People like Matthew the tax collector and his bunch of scruffy friends. Those considered insignificant have responded to Jesus' message. They are invited to take up his yoke and learn from him. A yoke when placed on an animal distributed the weight better and rather than taking away their burdens Jesus helps them to bear them ...with restful, peaceful hearts. Burdens are not quite so difficult if there is a purpose for them or a meaning we can see in them. Those towns he chastised were epicenters of violence and revolution. Jesus is warning them: don't go there...the path of violence. Our world still needs to hear his message of peace. It still needs us to be it's Ambassadors too. Peace can only be spread by peaceful hearts.

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou katoa

Fr Peter McDermott s.m.

MATARIKI Maart New Year Mass will be celebrated at 8am and the Parish Office will be closed.	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.	<b>hat they</b> see your good	Christian Meditation m
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## 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 study group 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 fover of Church. The starting evening will be ... Tuesday 11th July at 7pm. 

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.

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



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

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



The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the third time 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"

#### DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 23 July: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Northland Men's hip next meet on day 19 July at 7pm men very welcome.



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

meet every Wednesday in Eymard House, 5pm to 6pm.

**Beginning Experience.** A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood will be held on 25 - 27 Auwww. The Weekend Program is open to any person, anywhere in the Coun-

try, 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



so that they may

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same way, let your light shine before ve glory to your Father in heaven.

Thought For The Week: "P hear." Matthew 5:16 In the sa works and give

"People know what you are by what they see, not

### 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.

### **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.

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

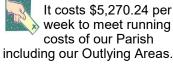
# caring

#### 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-



Please remember the Parish in your Will