

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 - Middy. 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.					

 **Daylight Saving begins Sunday 24 September 2am.** Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour.

Lost Property. We have a collection of lost property in the Parish Office. If you have lost any items pop in or phone the Parish Office. We may have it here.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Margaret Hibbert, Ros Macken, Ida Moroney, Michael Pukeroa.

Recently deceased: Mareece van Huenen, Bill Gibson (*husband of Mary*), Lyn Geritzlehner, Susanna Vink, Sue Claridge (*wife of Clive*), Leonie Maxwell (*mother of Aroha*), Joan Lambeth-Gilmour (*sister of Terese Karp*).

Anniversaries: Eric Grant, Mara Milina, Sr Susanne Keenan SMSM, Varjhese K. George.



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 August 2023 Year A

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

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Prize fighter wins by kneeling.

“But the woman had come up and was **kneeling** at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘**help me.**’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take **the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.**’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but **even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.**’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘**Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.**’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.”

The end result.

- Your daughter is well again.
- It took some strong language to bring this healing.
- House dog.
- Scraps.
- Masters table.
- The woman would not allow herself to be silenced.
- The woman had great faith.
- The woman’s wish granted.
- She is a kneeler, not a stander, nor a sitter, nor a moaner, nor a ‘from a distancer...’
- She comes up and is kneeling at his feet.


We have no right to any miracle or grace or blessings. To gain entry to the mercy of God and his healing power we are told again; the importance of kneeling, begging, pleading, fighting, and even demanding from our knees the healing power of God through Christ Jesus. The Canaanite woman has more to her than the disciples of the Lord, who try to usher her away, silence and corner her into the forgotten. This woman will have none of that.


Neither should we!

Here is a master-class demonstration of prayer and knowing it will be answered. If only we are visited by the woman from Cana this Sunday. And learn how to be a master-prayer fighter from our knees.

Fr Brian Prendeville SM.

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.


 **Day of Prayer for Care of Creation. 1 September 2023.** Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The Season "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. The theme this year is *Let Justice and Peace Flow*.

Social Justice Week 2023. Imagine Peace for All: Peace Begins with You? Social Justice Week runs from 3 - 9 September 2023. For the next three years, the focus of Social Justice Week will be on peace and responding to conflict. The overarching tagline is: 'Imagine Peace For All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa'. The focus for 2023 it is: 'Peace begins with you! / Ka timata tonu te Rangimārie i roto i ā koe!' 'Imagine Peace For All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa'. Reflection Booklets available from the Parish Office for groups or individuals to use.

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.

 **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 become more acquainted with the Catholic community and the Gospel values by which we try to live. It is for adults wishing to become Catholic or interested in asking questions about the Catholic faith. A warm welcome is assured. Queries to Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.


A BIG thank you to all those who helped out with the parking over the weekend. Thank you for your generosity and your work. Thank you also to St Francis Xavier Catholic School for the use of their staff car parking area. We were able to provide parking not only for our parishioners and our hall clients but also for those who were attending the International Hockey tests. We parked well over 200 vehicles for people attending the hockey and raised over \$1000 for the parish. *Congratulations, thank you and may God bless you all.*


DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.


- ◆ **Tuesday 22 August:** The Queenship of Mary.
- ◆ **Sunday 27 August:** RCIA Enquiry Meeting. See notice.

Thought For The Week: "Success comes in cans; failure comes in can'ts"

Philippians 4:13. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

 **Kamo Prayer Group** meet every Tuesday during term time, 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

 **Pax Christi** next meet on Tuesday 5 September at 7pm in Eymard House. All welcome.

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

 **Martha and Mary** next meet on Friday 1 September at 10am in Eymard House. All welcome



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.



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 \$350.00
For more information please phone Lynda 027 489 8003 or (09)478 9742 / Kelly evenings 027 686 4416. www.beginningexperience.org.nz



Can You Help?
Computer Operators needed to operate the laptop during Sunday Masses. Adults and Secondary School students that attend the 5pm/6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, or 8am or 10am Mass on Sunday. If we get enough people volunteering you will be rostered once a month. Simply load the Service Plan then click through the Mass. Training given. Please contact Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.



Special Collections in Auckland Diocese.
Sunday 27 August: Māori Pastoral Care Collection
This money is used to fund initiatives, schools, projects of the Auckland Diocesan Māori community.



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