

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. Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 04/11/18 Sep, 7pm - 8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/>

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, Barbara Ashwell, Anne Jennings, Lorraine Merito.

Recently deceased: John McNabney (*husband of Tessa Hansen*), Martin Cribb (*husband of Emma*), Joan Lambeth-Gilmour, (*sister of Terese Karp*), Jack March, Ave Maria Russell (*Australia, sister of Anne Jennings and the late Bill Gibson*).

Anniversaries: Barry Boundy, Evan Hampton, Ann Jackson, James McCreedy, Arapeta (Snowy) Smith.



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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 August 2023 Year A

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

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12: 1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

To our ears, 2000 years later, this answer may sound like Peter is just stating the obvious. But for a Jewish fisherman from the 1st century, this answer was a radical turnaround. For Peter to say that Jesus was the Christ: the anointed one sent by God was one thing. To say that Jesus was the son of the living God was quite another thing altogether. For the faith of the Jews was that there was only one God. To say that Jesus is the Son of God is to say that Jesus IS God. And this is what's so astounding about this whole episode.....the radical turnaround. We also have to remember that this answer came from a man who certainly struggled with his faith at times. Throughout the gospels we read about Peter's ups and downs with his faith.....even to the point of denying Jesus three times.

And that's where all of us enter into this story because Peter's story is also our story. We also blow hot and cold. Sometimes we are strong in our faith, and other times we are weak. Christ asks us this same question many times in our lives. “Who do **YOU** say that I am? As was the case with Peter it's a question that sometimes challenges our faith in order to make our faith grow. It also asks us to make a commitment to Jesus. In answering this question perhaps our daily routine will be challenged. We may have to re-evaluate some of our beliefs and behaviours. The critical question for each of us is: Who is Christ for me? Is he the Son of the Living God for me? And, if He is, how does this belief affect the way I live? And so, our daily challenge continues!

Dcn. Jim Nees



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*. The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God.



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 is: 'Peace begins with you! / Ka tīmata 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. The National Liturgy Office has relevant information here: <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/social-justice-week-3/> Substantial resources to download from Caritas Aotearoa NZ here: www.caritas.org.nz/



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.



RCIA. An Information meeting will be held today, 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.

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.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ◆ **Tuesday 29 August.** Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist.
- ◆ **Friday 1 September:** World Day of Prayer for Creation. (1 September - 4 October: Season of Creation)
- ◆ **3 to 9 September:** Social Justice Week

Thought For The Week: "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." - St. Augustine



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



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.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 120 September at 7pm here in the Church at 7pm. All men are 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. **Urgently Required.** Treasurer for the Society. Please contact northlandsvdp@outlook.com

Choir Practices resume in September. Wednesday 6 September 4.30pm - 6pm Thursday 14 September 4.30pm - 6pm. Newcomers most welcome.



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, 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. Cathedral Appeal Sunday 17 September. This money is used to support long-term maintenance of our Mother Church – The Cathedral of St Patrick's and St Joseph – A Precious Heritage entrusted to us.



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.



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

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.

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



Daylight Saving begins Sunday 24 September 2am. Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour. **Please Note:** St Francis Xavier Church Saturday Vigil Mass will return to 6pm after Sunday 24 September when Daylight Saving begins. **Saturday 30 September - 6pm Vigil Mass.**



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