

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.					

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: 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, Mareece van Huenen, Lyn Geritzlehner.

Anniversaries: Piet Luiten, Ngarie Matthews, Douglas Birt, Donny Nathan, Fr David Whelan.



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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6 August 2023 Year A

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

1 Kings 19:9,11-13; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

The Transfiguration of Jesus is recorded in the first three Gospels (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9). The fourth does not recount the story, but John 1:14 could possibly be a reference to it: "We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." And Peter wrote, "We were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18).

This voice from heaven was heard before, at his baptism in the Jordan. The words were the same (Matthew 3:17. In Mark 1:11 and in Luke 3:22 the words are, "You are my Son, the Beloved..."). In each case a cloud overshadows him (in the Old Testament the cloud was frequently an image of God's presence: for example, in Exodus 19:9; Leviticus 16:2; etc.). So the scene is like a backward glance to the beginning of his work. It is also a glance to the future: it is like a moment's preview of the Resurrection. The beginning and the end of the story are brought together in one luminous moment.

Fr Peter Janssen s.m.

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



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

ASSUMPTION NOVENA - DATES & TIMINGS


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 change of time
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



Tuesday 15th August 2023 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patronal Feast for Aotearoa, New Zealand – Holy Day of Obligation


Masses: 9am; 1.30pm - (SFX Catholic School); 5.30pm.


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

 **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

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.

 **Baptism Course.** Sunday 13 and 20 August. 2pm to 3.30pm here in our Church. If you are expecting a child, now is a time to do the course. For further information and to register please phone Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.

 **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.

Thought For The Week: "God understands us better than we understand ourselves or each other." St. Mary MacKillop



Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Every Wednesday at 6pm here in our Church. All welcome. **Please note:** No Novena on Wednesday 9 August.

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 7902. Thank you.



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

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Scholarship. There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before 15 August.

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



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



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.

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