

### 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					
<b>Monday</b> 7am Mass	<b>Tuesday</b> 9am Mass	<b>Wednesday</b> 12.10pm Mass	<b>Thursday</b> 7am Mass	<b>Friday</b> 12.10pm Mass	<b>Saturday</b> 8am Mass
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat following 8am Mass				<b>Reconciliation Rite I:</b> 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: Letters to the Corinthians - who were they?** with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Margaret Hibbert, Ida Moroney, Michael Pukeroa, Barbara Ashwell, Lorraine Merito, Elinor Jackson (mother of Kate McKenzie), Brian Reed, Zane Jones (*son-in-law of Cathy Roberts*).

**Recently deceased:** Mary Martinovich, Marguerite Osborne.

**Anniversaries:** Nancye Milroy, Corry Beentjes, Gafaomalietoa (Gafa) Ponifasio, Margaret Rabone, Brett Frische, Agnes Steiner.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1 October 2023 Year A**

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

**Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43**

One of my all-time favourite Saints is Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.  
Her feast Day October 1<sup>st</sup>.



Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, in France, on 2 January 1873. Her mother, who already had breast cancer, died when Thérèse was four, and the family moved to Lisieux. Thérèse became a nun at the Carmelite convent there at the age of 15, after a long battle against the superior, who insisted that 16, or even 21, would be a more sensible age. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 24, and that was that. Another forgotten nun, you could easily say: "born, was good, died". Holy, no doubt; but nothing much to write home about.

But in 1895 Mother Agnès of Jesus, the prioress, had commanded Thérèse to write her memoirs. Writing "not to produce a literary work, but under obedience," Thérèse took a year to fill six exercise books. She presented them to the prioress, who put them in a drawer unread. A year after Thérèse's death, the memoirs were published in a small edition of 2,000. This was the first spark that ignited a "storm of glory" that swept the world. Miracles started to happen: conversions, cures, even apparitions. "We must lose no time in crowning the little saint with glory," said the Prefect of the Congregation of Rites, "if we do not want the voice of the people to anticipate us." The beatification process opened thirteen years after Thérèse's death. She was canonized in 1925, the Pope having suspended the rule that forbids canonization less than 50 years after someone's death. St Therese joined a special group of saints on October 19, 1997. St. Pope John Paul II declared St. Thérèse a doctor of the Church on this day because of her writings and spirituality. Her parents, Louis and Zélie Martin, were canonized by Pope Francis on 18 October 2015. Their feast day is 12 July.

The second Reading mirrors this Saint, "always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of their own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead" Philippians 2.

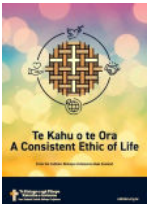
*Who in your life is an example of great humility?*

*How is God calling you to grow in humility?*

*What opportunities has God placed in your life to practice humility today?*

**New Zealand Bishops Election Statement 2023.** The New Zealand Bishops have put out a pre-election statement to guide us in making wise and prayerful decisions in the upcoming election. They put before us important issues to consider so that we may cast a vote based on sound Catholic principles. You can find a hard copy of this statement in the **foyer of the church** and in the suitcases for the outlying areas. You can also access this statement **online** by accessing the following links. Visit [https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC\\_Election2023\\_A4.pdf](https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC_Election2023_A4.pdf).

Webpage <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/election-statement-2023/>



**Support Life Sunday 8 October 2023.** The theme this year is *Te Kahu o te Ora - A Consistent Ethic of Life*. The Catholic bishops have updated and expanded for the 2020s *Te Kahu o te Ora – A Consistent Ethic of Life*; a significant document which inspires the active protection and promotion of all life. This can be viewed here: [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023.pdf). Hard copies available from the foyer and in the

Suitcase for outlying areas.

NZ bishops have also published a significant expanded statement on the importance of respecting all life. Can be viewed here <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekaahu/> Hard copies available from the foyer and in the Suitcase for outlying areas.



**Please note:** Monday 23 October being a Public Holiday (Labour Day) Mass will be celebrated at 8am.



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

**We welcome into our parish family those baptised in September:**

Aaliyal Marcial, Azelia Naveen, Bethan Mary Wood, Brianna Wendt, Ella-Rose Bajczk, Indie Redwood, Maddison Redwood, Kaea Wendt, Kiaan Redwood, Rico Wendt.



**Baptism Course for infants** is on Sundays 29 October and 5 November 2pm - 3.30pm here in our Church. If you are expecting your first child, now is a good time to do the Course. For further information and to register please phone the Parish Office 437 7902. Thank you.



**The Season of Creation** A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission: In this Season of Creation, we pray: "that we grow as people, to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life." *Pope Francis*

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.**

- ◆ **Season of Creation:** 1 September - 4 October.
- ◆ **Wednesday 4 October:** Feast of St Francis of Assisi
- ◆ **Sunday 8 October:** Day of Prayer to Support Life
- ◆ **Monday 23 October:** Labour Day. 8am Mass. See notice.
- ◆ **Saturday 28 October:** Feast Day of Saints Simon and Jude

**Thought for the Week:** Let us ask ourselves "What am I prepared to share?" and remember the words of Suzanne Aubert – Meri Hōhepa – "A kind heart is the joy of everyone who comes in contact with it."

**Request for Parish Budgets:** The Management and Finance committee is about to commence planning for the next financial year - 1 January to 31 December 2024. Parish groups / Outlying Areas requiring funding are requested to present a detailed budget.

**Email [admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz) before 13 October 2023.** Please give a contact name & address for your group or outlying area.

**Season of Creation.** "How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our *hearts*, our *lifestyles*, and the *public policies* ruling our societies." (*Message of Pope Francis for Creation Day 2023*).



**Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket:** Thank you for your continued support. Do-

nations of tinned spaghetti, tinned sweetcorn and pasta 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



**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** meet for prayers,

praise and worship on Wednesday 18 October here in the Church at 7pm. All men are welcome.

**Blaze Youth Group** (secondary age) will not meet during the School Holidays.



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

**Operation Christmas Child. National Shoe Box Collection.** Thank you to those who have taken a box. The shoeboxes may be dropped at Newberry's Funeral Home, between 17 October and 4 November and only between the hours of 8.30am - 10.30am, or between 2.30pm and 5pm, so not to interfere with funerals. For gift suggestions and more information please visit [operationchristmaschild.org.nz](http://operationchristmaschild.org.nz)

**Choir Practices.**

Monday 9 October 4.30pm - 6pm and Thursday 12 October 4.30pm - 6pm. Newcomers most welcome.

**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

**Auckland Diocese Special Collections. World Mission Sunday 29 October.**

This money is distributed by the National Missions Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese for 12 months in a missionary country.



**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*