

### 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.					

**REUNION St Dominic's College Dunedin** Please register your interest in a proposed reunion of those who attended St Dominic's College Dunedin. Phone 03 4543191 or e-mail [stunpaul@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stunpaul@xtra.co.nz)

**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, Anne Jennings, Lorraine Merito, Elinor Jackson (mother of Kate McKenzie), Brian Reed, Marguerite Osborne.

**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*), Louise Parkinson (*wife of Tom*), Kathryn McIntyre (*wife of Bill Thiele*), Pauro Kanara (*Auckland*), Roseanne Macken, George Marr (*Auckland, brother of Verna Williscroft*),

**Anniversaries:** Bob Emmett.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10 September 2020 Year A**

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

**Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35**

### Forgiveness and Reconciliation


Jesus in today's gospel goes to the heart of an extremely important issue: how do I deal with someone in my family or community who has wronged me? How can we work through a process of reconciliation? It can be very difficult and messy stuff.


Matthew outlines a fairly clear process: if someone wrongs you (possibly without even realising) the first thing one does is go and talk to the person. That may be the only step needed. They may apologise and forgiveness can be given and the relationship healed. However, the other person may refuse to admit any fault and then a second step needs to be put into place: taking another person along with you to try and resolve the issue. If that does not work then a much greater number of people may have to be involved. Even after every effort is exhausted the person may still not admit fault or apologise and then further steps may be needed.

One thing Jesus does not advocate is that the person wronged becomes a doormat. He does not say "grin and bear it". He says that every effort must be taken to resolve the issue. However in the real world it takes two sides to be able to reconcile and one side cannot control the heart of another. Forgiveness is different however. It is being able to "forgive from the heart" even if reconciliation is not possible. It is a one-sided act of generosity and is for the sake of the person who has been wronged. That however is for more reflection next week. Let us pray that we can be a community of reconciliation always working to mend the ways we hurt one another.

Fr Peter McDermott SM


**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](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.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.

**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. Please send an email to [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.

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

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

 **Pax Christi** are hosting a group reflection on Peace in the gathering area of the Church 7pm - 8pm for the next five Tuesdays during the "Season of Creation". **Please note: Tuesday 12 September our reflection will be held in the Parish Office.** All welcome to join us.  
 Reflection Theme: **Imagine Peace for all. Peace begins with You.** Sign-up sheet is in the Church foyer.

 **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 20 September here in the Church at 7pm. All men are welcome.


**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.**

- ◆ **Season of Creation:** 1 September - 4 October.
- ◆ **Tuesday 12 September:** The Most Holy Name of Mary.
- ◆ **Thursday 14 September:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- ◆ **Friday 29 September:** Feast Day of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.
- ◆ **Sunday 1 October:** Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert.
- ◆ **Wednesday 4 October:** Feast of St Francis of Assisi.
- ◆ **Sunday 8 October:** Day of Prayer to Support Life.


**REFLECTION**—Give up complaining—focus on gratitude. Give up pessimism—become an optimist. Give up discouragement—be full of hope. Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.


 **Martha and Mary** next meet on Friday 6 October at 10am in Eymard House. All 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.


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


**Choir Practice.** 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, 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.


 **Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket:** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned spaghetti, tinned sweetcorn and pasta are very welcome.  
**Urgently Required.** Treasurer for the Society. Email [northlandsvdp@outlook.com](mailto:northlandsvdp@outlook.com)  
**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.



 **Balls of Wool and Buttons Needed.** We are asking for donations of balls of wool and buttons to use for lunch time crafts for students at Pompallier Catholic College and St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Odd balls, half balls or scraps. Please drop off to the Parish Office. Thank you.

 **Operation Christmas Child. National Shoe Box Collection.** Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. National Collection will run during **23 October to 4 November 2023**. Please see the display in the Church foyer. Flyers and Shoeboxes are available to take. 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)

 **Daylight Saving** begins **Sunday 24 September at 2am.** Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour. **Please Note: Don't forget, Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 6pm on 30 September.**

 **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.

 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**