

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.					

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

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, Ophelie Marie.

Recently deceased: Louise Parkinson (*wife of Tom*), Kathryn McIntyre (*wife of Bill Thiele*), Pauro Kanara (*Auckland*), Roseanne Macken, George Marr (*Auckland, brother of Verna Williscroft*), Anne Jennings.

Anniversaries: Msgr Brian Arahill, Dot Palmer, Carl McMonagle, Janet Johnston.



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 September 2023 Year A

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

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

"He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass... for everyone has need to be forgiven," wrote George Herbert (1593–1633). Forgiveness flows at the heart of human life; without it a human being becomes a cess-pool of bitterness. Since it is central to our life, nothing is more important than to look into it as deeply as we can.


Forgiveness is a 'nice' word, in the sense that just about everyone would be pleased to be described as forgiving. That should be enough to put us on the alert; we can suspect straight away that many vicious attitudes have attempted to dress up like it.


A good example was given by the man who said that doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging an injury makes you even with him; and forgiving an injury sets you above him. Can this be real forgiveness, when it only serves to make you feel superior, to bloat the ego? But there are subtler ones than this.

Someone does me harm, perhaps unknowingly. I lack the courage simply to point it out. Over the weeks (or years) I become full of silent anger. But I am now more afraid than ever to point out the wrong, because anger tends to be explosive and I am afraid of explosions. Instead I swallow it, 'spiritualise' it and tell myself that I have forgiven him or her. Of course I have not. Instead I have swallowed a dose of poison that will kill my relationship with that person. Fear has been masquerading as forgiveness. Then there is the person who keeps count; there is the person who claims to forgive but not forget; the person who is always on the lookout for something to forgive; and a host of others. There are many counterfeit forms of forgiveness.

The mark of real forgiveness is a lively awareness that I am in need of forgiveness myself. That is what is missing in the counterfeit forms. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who sin against us." We are set free to forgive others in an uncomplicated way when we accept that our own books are not balanced either – that nobody's books are balanced, that every human being needs another chance, and another: seventy times seven; in others words, endlessly.


If offering forgiveness can conceal many false attitudes, so can asking forgiveness. It is the free flow of forgiveness – giving and receiving it – that keeps our life simple and free from futile self-justification. The deepest source of this simplicity and freedom is my awareness that God utterly forgives me. Meister Eckhart said, "Whatever God does he does completely, like the cup running over. Whom he forgives he forgives utterly and at once, much preferring great forgiveness to little." *Fr Peter Janssen 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.

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 before 13 October 2023. Please give a contact name & address for your group or outlying area.

Support Life Sunday 2023. Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 October are the weekend of Support Life Sunday 2023. The theme this year is *Te Kahu o te Ora - A Consistent Ethic of Life*. The work being done includes an extensive revision and updating of the bishops' statement of that name from 1997.

 **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.


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

 **Martha and Mary** next meet on Friday 6 October at 10am in Eymard House. All welcome. Queries to Jan 437 0426

Group reflection on Peace in the gathering area of the Church 7pm - 8pm, every Tuesday during the "Season of Creation". Hosted by Pax Christi.



SMALL CHANGE, BIG DIFFERENCE.

 **Support Burmese Migrant children with Marist Mission Ranong.** The Marist Mission in Ranong is a project of the Society of Mary and operates under the Marist Asia Foundation. Your small change each day can support a student. 70 cents per day, \$22 per month, \$280 per year. Bank Account Details - Bank: BNZ. Account Name: SM-Ranong. Account number: 02-0560-0125397-029. Or you can donate online: www.givealittle.co.nz/org/maristmissionranong. If you have a query or wish to receive a tax rebate please email Fr Frank. francisbird@gmail.com. Flyer noticeboard.




 **Daylight Saving starts next Sunday 24 September at 2am.** Remember to put your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on the Saturday night. **Please Note: Don't forget, Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 6pm on 30 September.**

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ◆ **Season of Creation:** 1 September - 4 October.
- ◆ **Friday 29 September:** Feast Day of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.
- ◆ **Sunday 1 October:** Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

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.

Season of Creation: "Let Justice and Peace Flow". We are invited to take seriously the cry of the earth and the poor and reflect on what changes we need to make in our daily lives to care for ALL of creation. We need to think about the food we eat, the products we buy, the clothes we purchase. We all can do something to heal our suffering planet. (*Pax Christi Aotearoa NZ*)



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. Please contact north-landsvdp@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.



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. 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



Value Your Vote: Election 2023. Family First (*a conservative Christian lobby group*) have produced a family-focused voting resource brochure. This resource will help you vote for the politicians and parties that share your values and will speak up for them. Also available online at ValueYourVote.nz. Please take a brochure from the Church foyer. Outlying Areas will have copies in their suitcase.



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

Thought for the Week: "The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone solve his"

Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.