

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.					

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, Ros Macken, Ida Moroney, Michael Pukeroa, Barbara Ashwell, Anne Jennings, Lorraine Merito, Elinor Jackson (mother of Kate McKenzie), Brian Reed, George Marr (*Auckland, brother of Verna Williscroft*).

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*).

Anniversaries: Trevor McCreedy, Shirley Biggins, Garth Heenan.



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 September 2023 Year A

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

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Burning Passion

Passion is a term used to denote strong or barely controllable emotion or [inclination](#) with respect to a particular person or thing. Passion can range from eager interest in, or admiration for, an idea, proposal, or cause; to enthusiastic enjoyment of an interest or activity; to strong attraction, excitement, or emotion towards a person.

Our Readings this weekend show us two people who were passionate about what God was asking of them.

In the First Reading, the human side of Jeremiah was struggling with what God had asked of him – “The Word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long, I will not think about Him then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones, the effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it”. His passion for the work to which God had called Him shows itself. Despite his limitations, Jeremiah was passionate, barely able to control the emotion or [inclination](#) with respect to the mission that he had been called to by God.

In the Gospel, Jesus begins to reveal the mission to which the Father has called Him. Peter reveals the human side of that news – “Heaven preserve You Lord, this must not happen to You”. The response of Jesus reveals His passion for His mission. “Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle in my path. The way you think is not God’s way but man’s”. There is no doubt that Jesus is passionate about what He has been asked to do by the Father.

In inviting you and me to be His disciples, Jesus invites us to take up our cross and follow Him. He invites us to be people of passion, to be passionate about what we believe and do – to have a strong or barely controllable emotion or [inclination](#), with respect to our faith and its practice.



Prayer for Father's Day.

God our Father,
 We give you thanks and praise
 for fathers young and old.
 We pray for young fathers,
 newly embracing their vocation;
 May they find courage and perseverance
 to balance work, family
 and faith in joy and sacrifice.
 We pray for our own fathers
 and any around the world
 whose children are lost or suffering;
 May they know that the God of compas-
 sion walks with them in their sorrow.
 We pray for men who are not fathers
 but still mentor and guide us
 with fatherly love and advice.
 Amen.



We welcome into our parish family those baptised in August:

Isla Ganley and Kylo Murillo.



Pax Christi will be hosting a reflection group in the side room of the Parish Hall every Tuesday during the "Season of Creation". Begins Tuesday, 5 September 7pm-8pm. Booklets are available at the Parish office or will be available at the gathering. Theme **Imagine Peace for all. Peace begins with You**. There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer or just come along.



Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Every Wednesday at 6pm here in our Church. All welcome.

Auckland Catholic Diocese News.

Unlock the Power of the Holy Spirit. Explore the Charisms of the Holy Spirit and unlock their power for blessing others and building church community. Speaker: Susilo Kentjana. Sept 9th, 9.30am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church hall, Ponsonby. BYO lunch. All welcome. No charge but \$10 koha appreciated. Registration compulsory at bit.ly/unlock-power

Social Justice Week begins today Sunday 3 September. The focus for 2023 is: 'Peace begins with you! / Ka tīmata tonu te Rangimārie i roto i ā koe'.

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.

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.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ◆ **Season of Creation:** 1 September - 4 October.
- ◆ **Tuesday 12 September:** The Most Holy Name of Mary.
- ◆ **Wednesday 14 September:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Thought For The Week: "Freely you have received, freely give". - Matthew 10:8

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

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.

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

Wool Needed. We are asking for donations of wool 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. Training given. Please contact Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.



Operation Christmas Child: The mission of **Operation Christmas Child** (OCC) is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. A simple gift-filled shoebox is making an eternal difference. National Collection will run during **23 October to 4 November 2023**. Will you pack a shoebox this year and share the hope of Jesus with children all over the world? Please see the display in the Church foyer. Flyers and Shoeboxes are available to take. More information to come re dropping off the shoeboxes. For gift suggestions and more information please visit 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.



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

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



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 northlandsvdp@outlook.com



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