

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 1: 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.					

Board Has been found. Sr. Fatima Lemisio RSM has asked us to pass on her thanks to all the parishioner's who contacted her regarding her search for accommodation which has now been fulfilled. God Bless.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Margaret Hibbert, Barbara Ashwell, Ben Hutton, Dora Hampton, Ray Timmins.

Recently deceased: Lorna Draffin, Patrick Mehana, Hugh Verco (brother Jill Heenan)

Anniversary: Gerard O'Donoghue, Henry van den Bogaart, Theresa Anaki, Elizabeth Danks, Lucy Snelgar.



Titipounamu Study & Joy The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 October 2023 Year A

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

Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9; Matthew 23:1-12

The books of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) were divided into three categories: the Law, the Prophets and the Writings. When they talked of the Law, the Jews intend(ed) the first five books, also called the Pentateuch. These books were given the title "the Law" because they contained laws – 613 of them, including the Ten Commandments. These were 613 God-given laws by which the Jewish people lived out their identity as God's chosen people. As if these laws were not enough their religious leaders invented extra rules and prescriptions to cover every possible eventuality and circumstance. Jesus himself criticises them for paying more attention to rules regarding e.g., the washing of pots and plates, dietary prescriptions and tithing of certain herbs, while neglecting the weightier matters of the Law. Even while there was a tendency to multiply these minute rules about daily practical conduct, there was an opposite desire to find the "heart" of the Law, to find the *one* law that could encapsulate the whole. The identity of that law was the subject of considerable debate amongst various groups of religious teachers. The scribes and Pharisees were always trying to trap Jesus into aligning himself with one or other school so that the others could criticise him as being a member of the opposition and therefore in error.

Jesus replied by citing the two laws that are regarded as summaries all the laws. They are found in the books of the Law itself: from Deuteronomy; *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

And from Leviticus; *You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

We might add another law found in the Writings and cited by Jesus on another occasion Tobit 4:15, Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31 *Do for others just what you want them to do for you.* Variations on this can be found in all worthwhile religions and philosophies. So much for the Jewish Scriptures, that is all the lawyer asked about. When speaking of what Jesus taught that was new and specific to Him, we have this from the gospel of John *A New Commandment I give to you; "Love one another as I have loved you"* (John 13: 34-35)

a love that goes beyond how I love myself

a self-sacrificial love

a forgiving love ("*forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do*")

a supernatural love that shares in Divine Love

Fr Peter Janssen sm

† **Solemnity of All Saints. Wednesday 1 November:**

† Mass times: 12.10pm;5.30pm.

† **All Souls Day Thursday 2 November:**

† Mass times: 7am; 5.30pm -Bereavement Mass. During November you may wish to bring a small remembrance card with names of your loved ones who have died. Please place the card in the basket on the Remembrance Table in the Sanctuary. The basket will remain in the Sanctuary throughout November. Blank cards are available on a table in the Church foyer.

† **Blessing of Graves:** All are welcome to come on Sunday 5 November at 3pm to Maunu Cemetery for prayers and the blessing of graves. Meet at the entrance.

An Invitation to the Sacrament of Baptism for Children Between the ages of 7-12.

Walk in the Light- Hikoi i te Mārama is based on the Sunday Gospel and the programme will run after 10am Mass on Sundays until 12:30. There is an expectation that at least one parent will accompany the child/children to Mass and to the sessions.

The programme will be as follows:

10am Mass
11am - Gather in the St Joseph's Room at St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Morning tea.
11:00-12:00- Learning session.

The dates will be as follows: December 3rd and 10th; February 11th, 18th, 25th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th. Baptism on Easter Sunday 31st March.

Queries to glenys@sfx.school.nz. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office. Registration forms available from the Parish Office.

Catholic Women's Breakfast. "Join Us for Breakfast Fellowship" on Saturday 11 November. 9.15am - 11.15am at Whangarei Cruising Club, Riverside Drive. This is a Parish social event for all Catholic women, whatever your style of worship, over Continental Breakfast, with views of the harbour. \$25 (includes breakfast and beverages). Gluten free option available. Limited tickets available from the Parish Office (cash only) or by contacting Karen Sturge on 027 436 0206 (after 5pm), or by email: karendsturge@gmail.com.

Ruth Miller Scholarship for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE. Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the **Ruth Miller Scholarship** for study at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2024. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is 18 November 2023**

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ◆ **Wednesday 1 November:** All Saints Day
- ◆ **Thursday 2 November:** All Soul's Day
- ◆ **Thursday 9 November:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

Thought for the Week: "The heart is happiest when it beats for others".

John 15:13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.



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



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



Parish Playgroup. We would love to see you, Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. 9am - 11am during school term. You will meet other parents and grandparents. Please bring a gold coin & fruit for shared morning tea. Enquiries to Parish Office.

Each year Voice for Life hold Unborn Remembrance Day. This is a day when we think of and remember the babies lost to abortion at our local hospital. We will be holding this vigil outside Whangarei Hospital on Saturday November 4th from 1.00pm to 2.00pm at the corner of Hospital and Maunu Rd. We will place a small cross for each baby, listen to a local singer and think about and pray for mothers and children. Please join us there for this special time. Any queries phone Peter Kitchen 027 8343444



Kamo Prayer Group will start meeting again on Tuesday 31st October, 10am to 12 noon here at Eymard House. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657.



Martha and Mary next meet on Friday 3 November 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

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 sweetcorn, tinned vegetables and jelly are very welcome.

We gather at 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.



Christmas Gifts: We are looking for donations of unwrapped gifts for our Christmas parcels for teens and younger children. e.g. cars, balls, blocks, books, body wash, playing cards, hair and nail products.

Chocolates and tinned biscuits are always welcome. Donations need to be taken to the Parish Office by Friday 3 December please. Gifts will then be delivered to families for Christmas. Thank you.

Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa. 16 - 20 January 2024 at Cambridge. A camp run by the Auckland Diocese for youth aged **13-17**, with fun outdoor activities and an opportunity to make new friends and grow in faith. Enquiries to Angela Murray – Summer Camp Staff Co-ordinator summercamp@lifeteen.nz. Register at www.lifeteen.nz



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