

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

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.

Recently deceased: Mary Martinovich, Marguerite Osborne, Bryan Chapman, Jeanette Yovich, Bertha Keys, Joe Carroll.



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 October 2023 Year A

Next Week's Readings: (Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Of Vineyards and Stones



Jesus is in the Temple confronting the Chief Priests and the Elders and he tells them a parable about a vineyard. He takes the First Reading of today from Isaiah as his model but he reworks it. Isaiah was concerned most about the rotten fruit. Jesus was concerned about the rotten hired workers. It is a pointed condemnation of the leadership of Israel, who like in Isaiah's day had not produced the fruit of justice and righteousness and instead made it all about themselves. He is telling a story about what is soon to be played out. That he the Son is about to be killed by them and that all the lunacy of the story is about to happen to him. It happens because the leadership has believed that the vineyard belonged to them and that they in their possessiveness could not recognise the Son in the parable, the rightful heir of the Vineyard. There is even a word play going on in the story in Hebrew...the Son (Ben) who was rejected has become the Cornerstone (Eben). God will turn the wickedness of the Jewish leaders into something new and wonderful but the vineyard will be given to a new group who will produce fruit. Jesus will become a new building, a new Temple. When we fail to see **who** we are and **what** we have as a pure gift from God, and working in the Vineyard of the Lord as a privilege, then we tend to think in a rather entitled way: that **we** own the vineyard. Its an easy trap to fall into. We must remember it is **God's** vineyard and we are merely workers in a much bigger project.

Fr Peter McDermott

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.

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

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



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



Support Life Sunday, today, 8 October. 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. 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/tekahu/> Hard copies available from the foyer and in the Suitcase for outlying areas.

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.

World Mission Sunday 29 October 2023. Theme. “Hearts on Fire, feet on the move” Pope Francis’ message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: “**You shall be my witnesses**” (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that, “every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION GATHERING

With Shared Snacks: Saturday 28 October following 6pm Vigil Mass
With Shared Morning Tea: Sunday 29 October following 10am Mass
Purpose is to gather for a short time after mass to hear from various groups and to receive information on finances and organisational structures in the parish.

Coming Soon: Catholic Women’s Breakfast - Saturday 11 November at Whangarei Cruising Club, Riverside Drive. This is a Parish social event for all Women to connect and celebrate our unique fellowship as Catholic Women over **Breakfast**. **Contact details and Tickets available soon.**

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ♦ **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.”



Kamo Prayer Group will start meeting again on Tuesday 24 October, 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657



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.



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



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



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.

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

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.

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 Coordinator summercamp@lifeteen.nz . **Register at** www.lifeteen.nz On Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/summercampaotearoa/>

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 it out and return it 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