

### 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 1:</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.					



Paul Sorensen has written a book - **A Call to Love**. ...A story of a couples deep faith..... spanning the globe and four generations this is a warm narrative story of three families, each steeped in a strong love of family life and the Christian faith. Copies are available from the Parish Office \$30.00. Paul has kindly gifted all proceeds for our Parish Music Scholarships.

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

**Recently deceased:** Jenny McMath, Henare Mackie, William Edwards, Colleen O'Grady (*Auckland, former parishioner*).

**Anniversaries:** Herb Isherwood, Deacon John Kooge, Dr. *Ponifasio* (Sio) Ponifasio, Janette Sorensen.



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**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**19 November 2023 Year A**

**Next Week's Readings: (OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE)**  
**Ezekiel 34;11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46**

### Hmmmmmm

In our Gospel, we hear the parable about a Master entrusting property to his servants.

The first impression is that of a generous Master who entrusts His property to others in proportion to their abilities. We have one being given five talents, one being given two and the third servant being given one. It is not about who is the most favoured or who is the best. The distribution is according to each one's ability. The master knows the servants well enough to know what they are able to manage. This master isn't some remote boss who doesn't have much to do with the servants. The master knows each of them and their abilities intimately. He is not out to trip them up or catch them out. He has carefully considered a course of action according to the abilities of each of the servants.

The second impression is of a hard Master who reaps where He has not sown and gathers where He has not scattered. He is a master who invokes fear and stifles any risk taking or initiative. It is best not to have any dealings with him whatsoever. As for what is given by the master, just give it back.

If the Master represents God, then we are given two impressions of God.

The first is of a generous, caring God who knows each of us personally and knows our abilities. God doesn't set us up to fail. Rather, God is pleased with our faithfulness in small things, and we are invited to join in God's happiness.

The second is that of a God to be feared, who makes us afraid. It is best not to do anything with what is given to us.

The first impression of God comes from Jesus. The second impression of God comes from the servant [us?]

Let us ensure that our understanding of God comes from Jesus and not from ourselves.


**Pre Christmas Rite II Reconciliation:**  
**SFX:** Wednesday 6 December 7pm  
**Ruakaka:** Wednesday 13 December 7pm



**Feast of Christ The King Sunday 26 November. World map:** We have a World map in the foyer for parishioners to place a pin on their country of origin.

✠ **Remembrance Cards:** The Basket of Remembrance cards is on display till the end of November for people to enter the names of their loved ones who have died. People named, will be remembered at Mass throughout November. Place your remembrance card in the basket in the Sanctuary. Blank cards are in the foyer.

**World Day of The Poor - Today 19 November 2023.** "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7) This, the seventh annual World Day of the Poor, is a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy and a support for the lives of our communities. As its celebration becomes more and more rooted in the pastoral life of the Church, it enables us to discover ever anew the heart of the Gospel.

 **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.

**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 10am Mass. Queries to [glenys@sfx.school.nz](mailto:glenys@sfx.school.nz). Registration forms are available from the Parish Office.

**AN INVITATION TO PRAYER. Pax Christi is a Social Justice group.** We invite you to come and join us on Sunday, 19th November at 5:30pm at St Francis Xavier Church to pray for justice and peace in our world. This will be an interdenominational gathering, where people of all faiths and all Nations can come together in prayer.

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.**

- ◆ **Sunday 26 November:** Feast of Christ the King.
- ◆ **Sunday 3 December:** First Sunday of Advent. Year B begins.
- ◆ **Friday 8 December:** The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ◆ **Sunday 10 December:** Second Sunday of Advent.
- ◆ **Sunday 17 December:** Third Sunday of Advent.
- ◆ **Thursday 21 December:** Parish Office closes at 1pm.

**Thought for the Week " Authority makes some people grow – and others just swell"**  
Matthew 23:11,12. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.



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

**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](mailto:summercamp@lifeteen.nz). Register at [www.lifeteen.nz](http://www.lifeteen.nz)



**You are invited to Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.** Sunday 10 December 6pm at Te Karaiti Te Aranga (The Risen Christ Anglican Church). 10 Boswell Street, Kamo. Please bring something to contribute to shared Kai afterwards.



**Kamo Prayer Group** meet on Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657



**Martha and Mary** next meet on Friday 1st December 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.

**Our Parish Playgroup** meet every Tuesday during term time from 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. Special invite to all Mums, Dads and Caregivers - bring along your preschoolers and join in the fun. Gold coin donation. Enquiries to the Parish Office.



**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. Chocolate 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.



**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