

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.					



Paul Sorensen has written a book - **A Call to Love**. ...

A story of a couple's 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), Fr Paul Shanahan S.M, David Stone (UK, brother of Jennie Parkin).

Anniversaries: Hugh Holmes, Ben Wotelboer, Sally Roughan, Delia Leefe.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

Cnr. Kamo Road and Park Avenue, P.O. Box 8061, Kensington, Whangarei
Phone: 437 7902. House: 437 5266.

PARISH STAFF: Fr Brian Prendeville sm (pp), Fr Peter McDermott sm,
Fr Trevor Tindall sm, Fr Peter Janssen sm, Deacon Jim Nees, Deacon Nimo Ponifasio
Janet Ponifasio, Marjorie Abraham-Quinn

Online at: www.whangareicatholic.org.nz Email: sfx@whangareicatholic.org.nz

Facebook Search: [Catholic Church Whangarei](#).

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
26 November 2023 Year B

Next Week's Readings: (First Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

Christ the King in our lives

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's a relatively new feast day in the church's calendar. It was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It's interesting to note that in the biblical writings Jesus never referred to himself as "king". However, quite often Jesus preached about the 'kingdom of God' and how it was emerging into our world through his life and anyone who would follow him. In today's gospel reading, he once again talks about 'my kingdom' but he explicitly distances himself from the title itself.

In Corinthians, Paul asked the question: "If Jesus is alive among us by his resurrection, then how does he affect our lives?" Jesus gives us a road map or a compass to help answer this question. He reminds us to get ready to answer 'yes' to his six questions he asks in today's gospel based on our corporal and spiritual acts of charity. "I was hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick imprisoned; did you help me?" In order to answer 'yes' to these six questions, it's important to keep Jesus front and centre in our lives. We have no problem recognizing Christ in church, but, when we meet him out on the streets where he sometimes appears as hungry, sick, or in need....are we reluctant even to bid him the time of day?

As we prepare to enter Advent, the Feast of Christ the King calls us to examine our lives, to take a spiritual audit and become focused on what's important so that we can more fully celebrate the great feast of Christmas that is to come.

Dcn. Jim Nees


✚ Remembrance Cards: The Basket of Remembrance cards is on display until 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.


Pre Christmas Rite II Reconciliation:

SFX: Wednesday 6 December 7pm
Ruakaka: Wednesday 13 December 7pm

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

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

 **Message from Fr Brian.** Fr Peter McDermott has taken up the offer by the Marist Provincial Fathers' to have an extended break from parish duties, and he hopes to return to the Parish in mid January.

 **BANK ACCOUNT CHANGE FOR INTERNET PLANNED GIVING.**
From 27th November the bank account number will change for all parishioners whose Planned Giving payments occur through internet banking. YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING as our BNZ bank has sent a request to 5 banks to change their AP details effective on 27th November. BUT, if you have the bank account saved in your internet banking for one-off donations or payments, please update the details to 02-108-0706750-03. Contact Marjorie at the Parish Office if you have any queries.

Farewell. Craig McKernan is retiring after twenty four years as Principal of St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Should you wish to make a donation towards a farewell gift from the parish, please do so at the Parish Office (or through the After-hours Slot) or place in a envelope in the Offertory basket labelled "Craig McKernan Farewell" Thank you.

An Invitation to the Sacrament of Baptism for Children between the ages of 7- 12. Walk in the Light- Hikoi i te Marama 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. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office.


Prayer for The Middle East. Prayer Cards are available from the Church foyer and in the suitcase for Outlying Areas.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.


- ◆ **Sunday 3 December:** Feast Day of St Francis Xavier. 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.


Kamo Prayer Group. The last gathering for 2023 is Tuesday 5 December in Eymard House. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.
Miha Maori: Sunday 3 December at 10am. There will be Christmas lunch in the Parish Hall following the Miha. All parishioners welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share. Nau mai, haere mai.

 **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.

The Catholic Women's Breakfast team would like to thank everyone who attended the inaugural breakfast event. The response to this event was beyond expectations and it was truly heartening to witness the birth of new connections and fellowship between women of the Parish. Due to the liturgical calendar demands and holidays, we envisage that the next breakfast will be at the beginning of June. Rest assured; we will issue more tickets next time! *Karen, Cathy, Marie and Keryn*


 **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 1st December please. Gifts will then be delivered to families for Christmas. Thank you.

You are invited to a film and discussion panel in recognition of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestine. Wednesday 29 November in the Parish Hall. Hosted by Pax Christi.

Northland Sinfonia Presents: Mozart and Saint-Saëns Program. Saturday 9 December here in our Church. 1pm-4pm. Tickets: Cash at the door or on Eventfinda; \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, under 18's free. Conducted by Naotake Fukuoka and Atsuko Fukuoka. Don't miss this opportunity to experience two of the world's greatest composers performed by the Northland Sinfonia and two talented soloists!

Available from the Parish Office: 2024 Columban Calendar \$12.00
2024 Daily Mass Calendar \$4.50

 **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 "And on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."