

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 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.

Recently deceased: Hugh Vercoe (*brother of Jill Heenan*)

Anniversaries: Nicolette Buisman, Fr Mike McVerry S.M., Patrick McNamara



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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 November 2023 Year A

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

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

Humility 101

A strong invitation to render humble, committed and loving service to others in the community is the main theme of all three of today's readings. In the gospel Jesus accused the scribes and Pharisees of seeking the glory that rightly belongs to God. The Jews wore tephillin or phylacteries. These were small leather boxes containing four scripture passages, strapped on the wrist and the forehead. The Pharisees, in order to draw attention to themselves, not only wore phylacteries, but wore especially large ones in order to demonstrate their obedience to the Law and their exemplary piety.


The real goal of the Pharisees was to dress and act in such a way as to draw attention to themselves instead of glorifying God. In their misguided zeal for religion, they sought respect and honour for themselves rather than for God. Are today's readings trying to tell us that there should be no differences among us and we should drop all titles and honours? Actually, all such titles and polite forms are to remind each of us of our specific responsibilities in society. Each of us has a name, an identity and a personality. Today's readings remind us that whatever we are and have gifts given to us by God, a loving Father.

St. Francis of Assisi ceaselessly reminded his friars that if they could boast about anything as their own, it was their sins. He wanted his friars to use everything they had in a way that would bring glory to God. If St. Francis of Assisi were alive and present among us today, one of the lessons he would tell us to take to heart is that we need to remind ourselves daily that the church is a servant community. The measure of a true Christian is not how many servants they have, but how many people they serve. To serve others to that degree requires a certain amount of humility. Dcn. Jim Nees

✚ **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.

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

 **We welcome in to our parish family those baptised in October:** Eliana Wright and Maia Turu.

 **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.

UPDATE Catholic Women's Breakfast. A reminder that this is a ticket only event. There are only a small number of tickets remaining, which can be purchased either from the Parish office (cash) or online through Karen Sturge 027 436 0206, karendsturge@gmail.com. Please purchase quickly, if not wanting to miss out on this great social gathering for all Catholic women. Directions to the venue are: Whangarei Cruising Club, 212 Riverside Drive. After going through the Pohe Island roundabout there is a row of blue boatsheds on the right (before Mackesy Road turn off on opposite side). The club rooms are the last building after boat sheds (harbourside). Parking in front.

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 at 10am Mass. Queries to glen-ys@sfx.school.nz. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Auckland Diocese is now accepting applications for scholarship for 2024. The Ruth Miller scholarship is available towards a Bachelor Degree or Graduate Diploma in Theology. The Jubilee Bursary is offered for theological and religious education studies. These programmes are offered at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. Enrolment for 2024 is ongoing. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/scholarships **The closing date for applications is 18 November 2023.** To enrol, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply

Pax Christi is the local Social Justice Group - Meet at Eymard House 5.30pm on Tuesday 7 November. **Please note:** Changed meeting time. All welcome.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ♦ **Thursday 9 November:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.
- ♦ **Sunday 19 November:** World Day of the Poor



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



Parish Playgroup. We would love to see you on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. 9-11.30am during school term. You will meet other parents and grandparents. Please bring a gold coin and fruit for shared morning tea. Queries to the Parish Office.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 15 November here in the Church at 7pm. All men welcome.



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

Choir practices.
Thursday 9 November 4.30pm-6pm. Thursday 16 November 4pm-5.30pm

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.



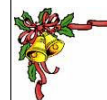
Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet every Friday during term time 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall.

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. **Register at** www.lifeteen.nz



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

Thought for the Week The dew of compassion is a tear.
Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.