

### 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 I:</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.



**Thank you.** Special thanks to the teams who did the Mass  
Count each Sunday of November both here and the Outlying Areas.  
Great job.

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Barbara Ashwell, Ben Hutton, Margaret Hibbert, Pat Kinsella, (Australia, brother of Theresa Kinsella).

**Recently deceased:** Henare Mackie, William Edwards, Colleen O'Grady (Auckland, former parishioner), Fr Paul Shanahan S.M, David Stone (UK, brother of Jennie Parkin), Beverley Simpkins, (Taumarunui, sister-in-law of Millie Aperahama).

**Anniversaries:** Bill Crum, Carmen Del Amo.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**3 December 2023. Year B**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Next Week's Readings: (Second Sunday of Advent)**  
**Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8**

## Advent ure / Advent urous

The English word 'adventure' comes from the Latin word 'adventurus' meaning "something about to happen". It first appeared in the English language in the 1200s.

Today, we begin the season of Advent. Something is about to happen. From the Catholic point of view, there are three things that are about to happen.

Firstly, there is the adventure of the beginning of the Liturgical New Year for the Church. We look forward to all that will happen in the coming year, some of it we know, some of it we don't know. Secondly, there is the adventure of preparing to celebrate the First Coming of Jesus at that First Christmas.

We are invited into a deeper and more intimate understanding of this event. Thirdly, there is the adventure of looking ahead and preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time.

We are invited to set out on these three adventures. The first two we may have been a part of many times before. The third is still to come, wrapped in mystery, unknown, something that will happen in God's good time.

Adventures require people who are adventurous – people who are prepared for something that is about to happen. People who are prepared to take on the unknown, the mystery and perhaps take a risk with it.



As we begin this Season of Advent, let us set out on these adventures with other adventurers. Above all, let us be adventurous.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions.** You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The Intention for December is: **For persons with disabilities.** We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**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.

**Kamo Prayer Group** starts again on Tuesday 13 February, 10am-12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

**Bank Account Details incorrect last week. Please see the correct bank account details below. BANK ACCOUNT CHANGE FOR INTERNET PLANNED GIVING.** From 27<sup>th</sup> November the bank 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 27<sup>th</sup> November. BUT if you have the bank account saved in your internet banking for one-off donations or payments, please update the details to **02-0108-0706750-03.** Contact Marjorie at the Parish Office if you have any queries.

**Alteration to last week's bulletin.** In last week's bulletin, parishioners were invited to donate money towards a farewell gift from the parish, for Craig McKernan in acknowledgment of his leadership of St Francis Xavier Catholic School over the past 24 years. Craig has thanked us for the lovely thought but would prefer that donations be made to supporting families in need at the school. If you were thinking of contributing then please redirect any donation to St Francis Xavier Catholic School Family Support. Thank you.



**We welcome to our parish family those baptised in November:** Florence Butler, James MacDonald, Daniel MacDonald.



**Caritas Christmas Appeal.** Enable lives of dignity this Christmas. Multiply your impact and support vulnerable communities to thrive! Empowering women in business, supporting rural livelihoods and nourishing children across seven countries in the Asia-Pacific region. If you're donating via a direct deposit, please input your supporter ID as the reference, 'Christmas Appeal' as the code, and your first and last name in the particulars section. If you have any questions, comments, or would like to donate over the phone, please reach out to our team on 0800 22 10 22.

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.**

- ◆ **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.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives"**



**"Carols"** All are cordially invited to come to St Francis Xavier Church Sunday 17 December at 5pm for our Carol Night. All organisations and parish groups welcome to come along and sing only one carol and share with others. We ask parishioners to please bring a plate for our shared supper.



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.

**Our Parish Playgroup** next meet Tuesday 5 December for our last gathering of the year, 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. Gold coin donation.

**MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI. Miha Maori:** This 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.



**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.

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



**St Francis Xavier Children's Christmas Activity Morning.** Tuesday 19 December, 9am – 11am, in the Parish Hall. The morning will be geared towards 5-8 year olds. Please can a caregiver accompany the children. Older and younger children siblings welcome, but the activities will be for the 5-8 age range. Please bring a named paper bag for crafts to go in. Please use the QR code to register. Any questions please contact: Katharine 021 529 663 or Mary 027 3269 75544. See poster on small noticeboard.



**Join us for The Nativity Escape Room activity with pizza and dessert for ages 9+.** Friday 15 December in the Parish Hall. Please use the QR code to register. For further details contact: Katharine 021 529 663 or Mary 027 326 975544. See poster on small noticeboard.

**Available from the Parish Office.** 2024 Columban Calendar \$12.  
2024 Daily Mass Calendar \$4.50



**The Pieta Prayer Booklet and The 15 St. Bridget Prayers.** These are free for you to take home. Available from the Church foyer or from the Suitcase for Outlying Areas.

**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.



**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*