

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 *Liturgy	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.					

Catholic 30s & 40s Social Event - 27 January. On 27 January at 4pm, we are meeting for afternoon drinks at Good George, Mission Bay followed by a stroll around the beach. It will be a very relaxed fun way to spend the evening with like-minded company! If anyone you know is interested, please RSVP to aklcatholicinglesocialgroup@gmail.com.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Ben Hutton, Margaret Hibbert, Rebecca van Altvorst, Peter Harris.

Recently deceased: Catherine Keleher, Hannah Maxwell, Brian Plunkett (*husband of Rose*), Zilda Pesticcio, (*wife of Bill*).

Anniversaries: Derek Proctor, Catherine Buckton, Bunny Kiwi, Christine Schuster, Lorenzo Luna, Adrianus van Altvorst, Rogan Williscroft.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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

Ruakaka; Hikurangi; Whangarei Heads;
Maungatapere; Maungakaramea; Matapouri; Poroti; Pipiwai
PARISH STAFF: Fr Brian Prendeville sm (pp), 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.](#)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
28 January 2024 (Year B)

Next Week's Readings: (Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time)
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Welcome

Welcome to our first Parish Bulletin for 2024. To anyone who is new to the Parish, a warm welcome to you. We hope that your time here will be a blessed and enjoyable one. To all who have been here before, welcome back.

As we set off into the year before us, we have Jesus setting off on His ministry. In Mark's Gospel, He is in the Temple teaching the people. His words made a deep impression on the people because He taught them with authority.

When was the last time that something was said or done that made a deep impression on you – it might have been something that brought pain and with it came the challenge of forgiveness and healing. It might have been something that brought joy, along with happiness, new insight and celebration.

At this early stage of the year, as we journey along together, can we be open to letting the words and actions of Jesus make a deep impression on us – and to hold them in our hearts.

Nau mai Haere mai i nga iwi Katoa.

Welcome to you all, Living in the year of 2024

There are many things as we start this year.

Father Peter McDermott farewelled graciously and with great love. Honour for his work among us for nine years and being present to say goodbye last Sunday made it a very moving occasion for the Parish. Part of Priestly ministry we know is a Priest is here for a short time it is the Parishioners who stay.

A new Principal at St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School is welcomed and she begins her time in Whangarei. Mrs Bernie Hall, she was the principal of St Pius in Tokoroa. She comes with her family and we welcome her and her family to our Parish. There will be more about our schools in bulletins to follow.

We also begin our School Terms, Primary and Secondary. Parents entrust their children to be taught with all the skill and graciousness that enables their children to grow in love and knowledge and skills to in their time hand on the faith entrusted to them. To the Staff of Pompallier College and St Francis Xavier you educate our children from our families. We support and encourage you to be great Educators in Christ.

I am interested in offering a Life in the Spirit Seminar sometime this year. If there we enough supporters to help me and work with me and form a team for ministry. Please let me know.

Are there any wielders, signwriters, nursery growers, road traffic engineers, fund raisers, Gala enthusiasts, artists, and sculptors in the parish? (As an aside when you go into the Quarry Gardens, I guarantee you will touch the kiwi. If you don't know what I mean go to the Quarry gardens.

Work to be done on church, Roofing repairs, guttering, chapel repairs, new carpet in the aisles. Also, to continue the work of repairs and maintenance in the Eymard.

Deep appreciation to those who have helped, Annabel and Paul Kalin, tireless work of clearing debris and mess. Noel Paget for his 92 years Carpentry artistry and Rick Palmer as Project Manager.

We will look to work to improve parking, traffic flow and direction, and enable safety of all.

Gratitude to North Power for donations of time and materials to give us better lights in the car park.

And we have two flag poles thanks to Michael Hibbert and his team to get the best flag pole in town. The other donated I hope from Pompallier Catholic College.

Don't forget the flag competition to design a flag for our parish with a missionary St Francis Xavier design. What an incredible offer to design a flag for our parish. Something simple, bold alive electric, and colourful. The Prize will be considerable. Fr Brian

Weekday Mass 8am till

Monday 29 January. The usual schedule will resume Tuesday 30 January - 9am Mass.

The Presentation of the Lord. Friday 2 February.

The Blessing of Candles will take place on Friday 2 February 12.10pm Mass. Please bring any candles you wish to have blessed.

Anniversary Day is on Monday 29 January.

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February. - 8am Mass. Parish office will be closed.

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

Wednesday 14 February: Ash Wednesday. (Day of Fast and Abstinence).

Masses: 7am; 9am (St Francis Xavier Catholic School), 12.10pm

Anglican/Catholic Ecumenical Service: 7pm at Christ Church, Regent (still to be arranged)

Stations of the Cross. Fridays at 7pm. February 16, 24; March 1,8,15,22. We need groups / individuals to lead on the above dates. Please register your willingness to lead by contacting the Parish Office. Thank you.



"Blessed Palms" Please put your Blessed Palms in the basket for burning for Ash Wednesday. Outlying Areas can place their Blessed Palms in a plastic bag in the suitcase.

VACANCY FOR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are seeking someone to be responsible for the daily financial resourcing/ management of the Parish and to administrate the Parish properties and assets, in a caring and pastoral environment. This is a part-time position (20-30 hours), and would suit a qualified/experienced person looking for flexible hours. Some core hours required. Interested? Please email your enquiry to admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz to receive the job description.

Blessing of School Teachers and Staff at Mass. If you are a teacher, Board of Trustee member or staff member at St Francis Xavier Catholic School, Pompallier Catholic College, or at any other school, you are warmly invited to attend our 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 10 February for a blessing for the coming school year.



World Day of Prayer 2024. It is celebrated worldwide on the first Friday in March. (Friday 1 March 2024). Theme: "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love" Come and join us here at St Francis Xavier Church, 10am for our Ecumenical Service. We ask parishioners to please bring a plate for our shared morning tea in the Parish Hall.



Martha and Mary meet at 10am in Eymard House on Friday 2 February. All welcome

Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket.

Thank you for your continued support. Donations of baked beans, tinned tomatoes, pasta and rice are very welcome. **SVDP will pray the Rosary at their first gathering of the year.** Thursday 1 February, 5pm at Eymard house for 1 hour, open to all parishioners and led by Deacon Nimo.

The next Baptism Course. s on Sundays 4 and 11 February 2pm - 3.30pm here in our Church. Please contact Janet at the Parish Office, 437 7902 to register.



It costs \$5,270.24 per week to meet running costs of our Parish including our Outlying Areas.



Eftpos Machine is at the rear of the Church.

Please remember the Parish in your Will

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Believe you deserve the kindness you show other people"