

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.					

Titipounamu Study & Joy: The Mystery of Miracles.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>
 Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 7-8.30pm. \$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material. For more information:
www.studyjoy.nz .

Margaret Crawford has lost her green Sunday Missal. If you have picked one up from the Church can you please check. Baby photo and Prayer cards inside. Please return to the Parish Office if found.

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

Recently deceased: Recently deceased: Margaret Golightly, Olga Gilbert, Janet Bautista (wife of Conrad), David McMonagle, Perth, brother of Madelaine Armstrong and Uncle of Maddi Schimanski and Joe McMonagle).

Anniversaries: Sam Jelavich, Bill Roughan, Graziella Russo, Fr Mikaere (Mick) Ryan MHM.



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

11 February 2024 Year B

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

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1; Mark 1: 40-45

This weekend so much happening:

In the worldwide Church the Sunday closest to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is named the Sunday "for the Sick and Infirm"

So many of our parish especially the elderly suffer in one way or other from illness, disease and infirmity. The plague of loneliness where people forget one another and consider others can get along without each other. Loneliness is a most debilitating disease.

Activity: Make a point of going out of your way for those you know who are sick. Visiting the sick and the elderly. A phone call. I thank the army of servants of the Gospel who spend their money on petrol, time and effort, who visit and care for the sick. Watch every Sunday the ministers who are so faithful to caring for the sick and infirm for the people we may never see in our Sunday worship. Thank you to the video link on Facebook that enabled so many of our parishioners to join with us in our Eucharist who are unable to come to Mass.

In our Parish and in the diocese this weekend we pray for our Schools, our Principals, our teachers and our staff. They came together at the 6.00pm Mass Saturday. They need our support, backing, encouragement and our discerning care as they teach our young in the ways of Christ and His Church.

We begin our children's preparation for baptism with those children over the age of 7 and under 13 preparing to Walk in the Light Programme. With their parents and their support people. This needs our support, encouragement and prayer.

Our Adults who want to become Baptised and members the Catholic church. This week they will be welcomed by the Rite of Election.

We welcome Ivan Pischief; HyeOk Pischief; Gordon Bright;

Debbie Whitehouse; Chris Whitehouse; Chang II Ma; Jennie Dean

Alfiya Laxmidhar; Frances Nops; Paige Thornton

PTO

There is so much space available in our community to take a more active role in the service of our community. We are in need of Organists, choir members, musicians, Proclaimers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the sick, leaders of our Assemblies when there is no Priest or Deacon. Lawyers, Accountants, Carpenters, Welders, sign writers, Sacristans, Gardeners, Florists the list goes on, What is being said, there is room for everyone to contribute their gifts.

Youth Ministry. Congratulations to Youth for Christ, and their mentors, you are an inspiration to us. But the need is great. Let us extend our reach to all our young who would benefit from being together, learning more about Christ, taught in prayer and encouraged to be servants in our community.

Young mothers and their meeting together. So very important to be a source of support, encouragement and getting to know one another, Well done young mums, all power to your resolve. Congratulations to Katharine Taylor. Super work.

Fr Brian Prendeville sm.

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

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

Masses: 9am (SFX School), 12.10pm, 7pm.

Stations of the Cross. In preparation for Easter, we invite you to participate in the Passion of Christ during this Lenten period.

Fridays at 7pm. February 16, 24; March 1,8,15,22. We need groups / individuals to lead on these dates please. Simple booklets available to assist in leading the Stations. Please register your willingness to lead by contacting the Parish Office.

Caritas Lenten Programme. Theme: *The Time is Now! Ko Tēnei tonu te Wā!* The Booklet is available from the Parish Office for groups or individuals to use.

“Blessed Palms” Please put your Blessed Palms in the basket for burning for Ash Wednesday. Outlying Areas can place their Blessed Palms in the suitcase.

VACANCY FOR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are seeking a person or persons 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 either a part-time position (25-30 hours), or a job share position (10-20 hours). This would suit qualified/experienced people looking for flexible hours. Some core hours required. Interested? Please email your enquiry to admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz to receive the job description.

From Fr Brian. 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.

Parish Carpet Fund: We have already received a generous donation of \$500.00 towards the \$20,000.00. God will provide.

Eftpos: So many people are using the Eftpos machine. Am sorry you have to queue up to use.

Collection for Fr Peter McDermott sm. Due to the Christmas break and holidays, we were not able to have a notice in the Bulletin about Fr Peter leaving and a collection being made. If parishioners wish to make a monetary donation to him, please place in an envelope clearly marked and we will forward this to him. Thank you.



This Lent change hearts and minds by publicly witnessing to the dignity of every human person from conception and by praying for an end to abortion. Ash Wednesday (14 February) – Palm Sunday (24 March) Monday to Saturday – 7 am to 1 pm . Corner of Dominion Rd & Prospect Terrace Mt Eden (near AMAC) Sign up for your hour at: FLI.org.nz/proliffeevents/ For more information contact Simon – 021 400 729 or simon@fli.org.nz



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship next meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 21 February here in the Church at 7pm. All men welcome.

Blaze Youth Group

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



Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support. Donations of baked beans, pasta sauce, pasta and rice are very welcome.

Meetings: 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.

Choir practice: Thursday 15 February 4.30pm-6pm



St Francis Xavier Parish Playgroup. Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Hall 9-11.30am during school term. **13 February** - Animals, Noah's Ark. **27 February** - Things that Go. We have available; ride on toys, toddler slide, climbing, sandpit, books, craft + more! Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. Queries to the Parish Office 437 7902

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.

Himene practice, (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church.

Women's World Day of Prayer

2024. Come and join us on Friday 1 March here at St Francis Xavier Church, for the Ecumenical service at 10am. We ask parishioners to please bring a plate for our shared morning tea in the Parish Hall.

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



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.

Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese: Lenten Appeal

Each year the Lent Appeal is run by Caritas on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) to support our work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, including in Aotearoa New Zealand.



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"