

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
<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.					

### 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:

**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, Rebecca van Altvorst, Peter Harris.

**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), Giuseppina (Pina) Gallarate, (mother of Anna Bayne).

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Pomeroy, Marie Quinn QSM DCHS, Patrick Pukeroa.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**18 February 2024 Year B**

**Next Week's Readings: (Second Sunday of Lent)**  
**Genesis 22: 1-2. 9-13. 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9: 2-10**

## Welcome to Lent:

What's happening in Lent? What is really going on? Are you serious?

Caritas envelopes, are you contributing to Caritas. Is there something going into the envelopes? There are discussion books and you could form a group that would give you a new appreciation of Lent.

What about your kitchen cupboards? Is there so much food going to waste when so many are hungry? What about your clothes and shoes do you really need to live like that with so much stored away. And others eking out their living. Having so much when others have so little.

What about our earth, do we need to pollute so heavily even the earth that is so good at healing can't keep up. Waste, plastics, excess, and out of date throw them away. And create landfills that can't cope with our rubbish and waste.

We need Lent. We need to examine and talk about how we live. And how we impact each other, and how we live complicated and expensive lives.

We need Lent, but most of all we need to make very serious attempts to pray at home. Simple prayers together, making our homes the little Church. Family Prayer couple prayer, and People alone are never lonely when prayer is part of their day to day existence.

We need Lent to look at how generous our giving is. Generous people do things for others. Not counting the cost. Generous people change societies. Generous people extend the gifts they have to others. Lent challenges our selfishness.

Perhaps the most important reason we need Lent. We need to attack our hearts. Are we on fire with the Love that comes from Christ. Lent should give us all a Heart attack. Allowing those things that take us away from God to be swept out of our lives. You could buy yourselves a new broom and sweep clean your house, Brooms are provided in Lent. Expensive and explosive for forty days. New Brooms are available at

Daily Mass, Lenten Discussion, Family Prayer, Reconciliation in Lent.  
Not too much food, Readjust the focus of our lives. Is this what God is Calling us too?

**LITURGY CALENDAR:** Please mark your diary.

**Stations of the Cross. Fridays at 7pm.** February 23; 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.

**From Fr Brian.** Thank you to all who have contributed to the Carpet fund. We have nearly \$2000. God will provide we need to do this quickly.

On Thursday we had a team of workers on the roof to determine a plan of water protection and redesign over the chapel to prevent and eliminate leaks. This will be expensive work. But very necessary as are some other tasks to maintain our building in good order.

Wonderful days with the Young people beginning Lent. Pompallier students excelled themselves. Young leaders are off next week to Hokianga for a year 13 leadership time.

The new playground will be blessed in the Primary School. Next Wednesday.

Looking to Keep Eymard in top condition. Please no junk. Keep it beautiful and presentable. We could do with a combined effort on good furniture and furnishings.

Looking at reviewing the Carpark and traffic flow. It is in need of careful attention.

Thoughts are welcome on a Grotto and outdoor prayer space around the church. As is the designing of a Parish Flag. So far we have received over three thousand and fifty entries from heaven.

You will notice the Maori Poumanawa has been removed for repair. It is a very important link to the Bank Street site of the Church. Also we are renovating all the Church Opening stones that where in need of repair. They will be placed alongside the walk way visible to all. That takes us back to our first Church in Rose Street.

**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](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz) to receive the job description.


**Walk in the Light-Baptism for school aged children.** The programme is well under way for this year and we will not be accepting any more registrations for 2024. If you are interested in Baptism for your school aged child (7-12 years) please e-mail Glenys and she can give you details of the 2025 pro-

**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.


**Collection for Fr Peter McDermott s.m.** 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.

**LENTE REFLECTION:** Give up complaining—focus on gratitude. Give up pessimism—become an optimist. Give up discouragement—be full of hope. Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness. Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.

**Every Wednesday at 6pm,** the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. All welcome to join them.


 **Martha and Mary** will not meet on Friday 1 March as they will be attending the World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service at 10am here in our Church.


**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.


 **Can You Help? Computer Operators needed to operate the laptop during Sunday Masses.** Adults and Secondary School students that attend the Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass, or 8am or 10am Masses on Sunday. If we get enough people volunteering you will be rostered once a month. Simply load the Service Plan then click through the Mass. Training given. Please contact Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902. Thank you

**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.

**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.



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

 **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.

**MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.** **Himene practice,** (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church.

**Choir.** Our practices will be: Thursday 22 February, 4.30-6pm  
Thursday 29 February, 4.30-6pm  
Thursday 7 March, 4.30-6pm  
Thursday 14 March, 4.30-6pm  
Thursday 21 March, 4.30-6pm

 **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**