

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	///
Maungakareama	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, Rebecca van Altvorst, Peter Harris, Bob Connor.

Recently deceased: Recently deceased: David McMonagle, (Perth, brother of Madelaine Armstrong and Uncle of Maddi Schimanski and Joe McMonagle), Don Hewitt, Judith Mieckle.

Anniversaries: Fr Pat McCann S.M, Jim Kelly, Raymond Linwood, Kevin Pomeroy, Siril Perera



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
25 February 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: (Third Sunday of Lent)
Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

In all three liturgical cycles we have the strange story of the Transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. What does it mean? In the second reading (Romans 8:31-34) St Paul writes that the Lord "will *transfigure* these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body."

The Transfiguration, then—whatever we discover it to mean—is not only about Jesus but also about us. It needs to make some discernible difference to us today.

There was the everyday Jesus who was well known to his friends; and then there was the moment when they scarcely recognised him, so transformed—transfigured—was he. Divinity shone through him, revealing depths that they had never imagined. Can this happen only to Jesus? When the little girl was asked what a saint was, she replied (thinking of the stained glass windows in the church), "A person that the light shines through." Can this be more than an image? Can it also be a reality? Could you and I let the light through? We may be too aware of our wretchedness to feel at ease with thoughts like that. But it is just these "wretched bodies of ours" that are the material of transfiguration, according to St Paul.

Sadly, this aspect of the Christian faith is not as familiar to most of us as it should be. We have learnt to settle for less. Most people believe that the best things are not for them. But we are all called to deep enlightenment and union with God

Fr Peter Janssen s.m.

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.


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. On the following dates March 8,15,22,** we need groups / individuals to lead please. Simple booklets available to assist in leading the Stations. Please register your willingness to lead by contacting the Parish Office.


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.


Exposition Friday 1 March: Please note. Due to the World Day of Prayer Service, Exposition will begin at 11.30am.

Charismatic Mass with Healing prayers. Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. 4pm - 6pm Sunday 10 March. Bishop Steve Lowe presiding.

 **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.

 **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** next meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 20 March here in the Church at 7pm.

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


 **Please note: Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help** - next Wednesday 28 February, the Filipino Community Novena will be held in Eymard House at 6pm. All welcome.


Flag Competition We invite you 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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday 5 March:** Third Sunday of Lent and Day of Prayer for all Children.
- **Sunday 10 March:** Fourth Sunday of Lent
- **Sunday 17 March:** Fifth Sunday of Lent
- **Sunday 24 March:** The Passion of The Lord (Palm Sunday)
- **Saturday 30 March:** Holy Saturday. Easter Vigil RCIA receiving Sacraments

LENTEN 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.

 **SFX Prayer Group, (formerly Kamo Prayer Group)** meet every Tuesday 10am to 12 noon in Eymard House during the school term. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

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

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. Our practices are: Thursday 29 February, 4.30-6pm
Thursday 7 March, 4.30-6pm; Thursday 14 March, 4.30-6pm
Thursday 21 March, 4.30-6pm. New members most welcome.



MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.


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



 **St Francis Xavier Parish Playgroup.** Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Hall 9-11.30am during school term. **27 February** - Things that Go. We have available; ride on toys, toddler slide, climbing, sandpit, books, craft + more! Alternate Tuesdays in the Parish Hall.

 **Can You Help? Computer Operators needed to operate the laptop for 10am Mass on Sundays.** Adults and Secondary School students that attend the 10am Mass 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.

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 New

 **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. 

Eftpos Machine is at the rear of the Church.

Please remember the Parish in your Will