

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: Bible Stories - What do they mean? Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sundays, 04 Feb, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/> **The Mystery of Miracles.** Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm \$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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, Amber Hirst, Truus Kaptein.

Recently deceased: Catherine Keleher, Hannah Maxwell, Brian Plunkett (*husband of Rose*), Zelda Pesticcio, (*wife of Bill*), Margaret Golightly, Olga Gilbert, Janet Bautista (*wife of Conrad*).

Anniversaries: Bruce Kitchingman, Fr Ruben Elago M.S.P., Tighe Ryan, Maureen McMonagle.



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Next Week's Readings: (Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time)

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

Recharging Our Batteries

Today's gospel teaches us that for Jesus, true discipleship meant getting involved in selfless service of others. During the day, He took part in the synagogue worship, taught with authority, exorcised a demon, healed Simon's mother-in-law and in the evening he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and drove out many demons."

Towards the end of the gospel reading, Mark makes a point of telling us that "very early in the morning Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Jesus was convinced that if he were going to spend himself for others by his preaching and healing ministry, He would repeatedly have to summon spiritual reinforcements. He knew that He could not live without prayer because his teaching and healing ministry drained him of power.

Our daily activities can also drain us of our spiritual power and vitality. Our mission of bearing witness to God in our everyday routines requires spiritual energy which comes to us through daily anointing by the Holy Spirit. So, just like Jesus, we need to be recharged spiritually and rejuvenated every day by prayer – listening to God and talking to Him so that our spiritual batteries can be recharged. Although we are already into the month of February, it's not too late to make this one of our New Year resolutions!

Dcn. Jim Nees



Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February. 8am Mass and the Parish Office will be closed.



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

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

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

Masses: 7am, 12.10pm

Anglican/Catholic Ecumenical Service: 7pm Christ Church, Regent. (TBC)

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. The theme for Lent 2024 – “*The Time is Now! Ko Tēnei tonu te Wā!*” The Booklet is available from the Parish Office for groups or individuals to use.



We warmly welcome into our parish family those baptised in January: Metro Ah Sam and Mikhayla Caguioa.

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.



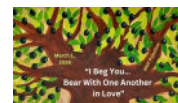
This Lent change hearts and minds by publicly witnessing to the dignity of every human person from conception and by praying for an end to abortion. Ash Wednesday (14 February) – Palm Sunday (24 March) Monday to Saturday – 7 am to 1 pm. Corner of Dominion Rd & Prospect Terrace Mt Eden (near AMAC) Sign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

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- o **Tuesday 6 February:** Waitangi Day. 8am Mass. (Parish Office closed)
- o **Sunday 11 February:** World Day of Prayer for the Sick.
- o **Wednesday 14 February:** Ash Wednesday. (Day of Fasting and Abstinence).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The first step to wisdom is silence; the second is listening. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels. Proverbs 1:5

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



World Day of Prayer 2024.

It is celebrated worldwide on Friday 1 March 2024.

Theme: “*I Beg You... Bear*

With One Another in Love”. Come and join us 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

The new roster has been sent out this week. If you did not receive your copy please phone *Gerardine* gpmccarrison@gmail.com



YOUNG FAMILIES - we would love to see you at our Parish Playgroup!

You will meet other parents and grandparents. Please bring a gold coin and fruit for shared morning tea. We have available; ride on toys, toddler slide, climbing, sandpit, books, craft + more! Tuesdays in the Parish Hall. 9-11.30am during school term. We start on Tuesday 13 February.



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.

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.

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. Thank you.



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



Kamo Prayer Group meet Tuesday 13 February in Eymard House. 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

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

Miha Māori: Sunday 4 February 10am, followed by morning tea and the Māori Committee meeting at 12 noon.

Choir practices:

Thursday 8 February 4.30pm-6pm
Thursday 15 February 4.30pm-6pm

Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese: Lenten Appeal

Begins Ash Wednesday 14 February. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving in preparation for Easter. 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