

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			* LOW 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.					

Northland Sinfonia Concert. Sunday 19 May at 3pm here in our Church. Mussorsky "Pictures at an exhibition" is a wonderfully colourful orchestral extravaganza - featuring some fabulous solo trumpet passages and Northland's largest gong! Tickets available at the door. (cash only) Adults \$20. Seniors \$15. Under 18 free.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Ben Hutton, Margaret Hibbert, Truus Kaptein, Margaret Kernot, Liz Nicholls, (*Auckland, sister-in-law of Mary Ann Reed*), Laurie Butler (*Piopio, brother of Patrick*), Rory O'Connor (*husband of Colleen*)

Recently deceased: Cornelia (Nelly) Koopman, Margaret Gray (*Trentham*), Willem (Wim) Andela (*husband of Rita*), Kaz Zielinsky (*Australia, brother-in-law of Peter Jackson*).

Anniversaries: Pat Crossett, Kerry Ann Deeming, Chinnamma George, Rosa Paulo, Laura Barwick, Pat Price.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 April 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10: 11-18

Seeing is believing

This morning's gospel shares something with several of the readings that we've heard after Easter. The recurring theme is about recognizing Jesus. In today's gospel Luke tells us that the two disciples initially thought they were seeing a ghost. As the story evolves, Luke stresses the physical presence of Jesus so that the disciples would see him with real flesh and bones and believe in the risen Jesus.....resulting in an increase in their faith. But, what about those of us who haven't seen Jesus in his physical body.....flesh and bones? Sure, all of us have heard about a risen Jesus but would it have the same impact on our faith as seeing him in the flesh? The fact of the matter is that all of us actually see the physical Jesus every time we attend Mass.

The same Jesus who, in the upper room on Holy Thursday, consecrated bread and wine into His body and blood is very much present with us in our Eucharistic celebration. There is a challenge involved here for us: Do we really believe that the host we receive is really the body of Christ? Do we believe that the chalice contains the reality of the blood of Christ? Or, do we think that they just 'symbolize' Christ's presence? Maybe we don't even bother to think about it. Are we on automatic pilot when we receive them?

** We aren't asked to fully or even adequately understand the Eucharist. Our faith only asks that **we are faithful in participating in it.** Luke wrote that Jesus invited the two disciples to touch his hands and his feet and, as he showed his hands and feet to them, "they were incredulous with joy and were amazed." As we approach the Blessed Sacrament for Holy Communion, let us feel the joy and amazement at what we are receiving, AMEN.

Dcn. Jim Nees

Anzac Day
Thursday 25 April is a Public Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 8am and the Parish office will be closed.



Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament every Friday 11am - 12 noon. Come and spend some time with the Lord.



Ready the Way –Sacramental Programme 2024

Registrations are now closed.
Information and Orientation meeting for all the Parents/ Guardians on Friday 3 May at 7pm here in our Church.
This will explain the requirements of the programme and the Kaupapa (purpose).

Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.

Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts are now available in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

A Marist Gathering. Ex- students of our Marist Brothers' Schools are invited, with their partners, to a luncheon on **Sunday 21st April, 12.30pm**, at the Marist Brother's home, 162 Broadway, Kaikohe, to celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the canonisation of St, Marcellin Champagnat**, their founder. For catering purposes please e-mail Br. Martin – martypattison@fmspacific.com – of your attendance, by **Sunday 14th April**. In grateful thanks. Br. Martin.

* **Love to go** on "a mystery tour" for over 65's? Enroll at the Parish Office if you are interested.

Marist Colleges Network Leaders Visit to our Parish. Marist Network Leaders from each of the nine Marist Colleges will attend the 10am Miha (Mass) on Sunday 5 May. Fr Mark Wahl and his team will accompany them. Roncalli College Timaru; St Bede's College Christchurch; St Patrick's College Wellington; St Patrick's Silverstream; St John's College Hastings; Culliane College Whanganui; Marist College Auckland; Hato Paora Fielding; Pompallier Catholic College Whangarei.

JOSHUA Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship next meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 17 April here in the Church at 7pm. All men most welcome.



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.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Thursday 25 April: Anzac Day** (National Holiday) 8am Mass.
- ◆ **28 April:** St Peter Chanel: Patron Saint of Oceania.
- ◆ **Sunday 12 May:** Mother's Day.
- ◆ **Sunday 28 April:** Day of Prayer for Vocations. Seminary Collection.

Reflection for the Week: "The bridge you burn now may be the one you have to cross later."
Romans 12:18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.



Baptism Course. The next Baptism Course is on Sunday 28 April and Sunday 5 May, 2pm-3.30pm here in our Church. If you are expecting your first child, now is a good time to do the Course. For further information and to register please phone the Parish Office 437 7902.



Earth Day 22 April 2024.

Theme is 'Planet vs Plastics'. The Earth Day website has a range of resources. Go to <https://www.earthday.org/>

Christian Meditation Community Day. Saturday 4th May in our Parish Hall. Bring your own lunch. Tea/coffee available. Small koha appreciated.
Theme: **Listening with the Ear of the Heart.** If you are intending to come contact Michael 09 436 5663 or by email: md1@outlook.co.nz

Catholic Women's Breakfast.

We are excited to announce the date of our next Parish Catholic Women's Breakfast. Please mark your diaries for: **Saturday 15 June 2024** Tickets on sale from 5 May.



Martha and Mary next meet on Friday 3 May at 10am in Eymard House. All welcome

Pregnancy Choice Op Shop.

Can you spare 3 ½ hours per fortnight to volunteer in their shop? Pregnancy Choice is looking for volunteers and donations of clothes. Please phone Sharlene 021 459 002.



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 for Sunday Masses. We ask if any adults or secondary school students can help with this Ministry? **We are desperately short of computer operators for 10am Mass.** Please contact the Parish Office.



New to the Parish - please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a *New Parishioner Pack* from the Church foyer, fill it out and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

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

Auckland Diocese: Special Collections.

Seminary Collection: Vocations Sunday 28 April. The monies collected help towards the fees for the Auckland students for the priesthood.



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