

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			* 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
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat following 8am Mass				<b>Reconciliation Rite I:</b> 11.30am Fri & Saturday.	
<b>5.30pm.</b> 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mass - Syro Malabar <b>5pm.</b> 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community. <b>6pm.</b> Every Wednesday of the month. Novena - Filipino Community.					

**Titipounamu Study & Joy: The Mystery of Miracles.** Mondays, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm. \$25/session, incl. study material. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/> For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)



**Two parishioners need a ride to 10am Mass.** They live close to our Church. If you can help, please phone the Parish office. Thank you

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Ben Hutton, Laurie Butler, (*Piopia, brother of Patrick*), Rory O'Connor (*Husband of Colleen*), Maxine Russek, Truus Kaptein, Jocelyn Armstrong, Bob Connor, Rodney Palmer, Margaret Fromont.

**Recently deceased:** Cornelia (Nelly) Koopman, Jim Nicholls, (*Auckland, brother of Mary Ann Reed*), Margaret Gray (*Trentham*).

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



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 April 2024 Year B

**Next Week's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15: 1-8.**

It has been estimated that a New Zealand sheep-farmer would need to run 3,000 sheep in order to take care of a family. In Ireland sheep-farmers enjoy state subsidies and could get by on a flock of only 300. In France the agricultural subsidies are so high that merely 30 sheep can keep the family in substantial comfort and security. The typical shepherd in Jesus' time would have had something like this latter number but would have lived very simply and almost at subsistence level without the advantages afforded by EU membership.

Despite being amongst the poorest of the poor, shepherds were in a sense respected because their occupation in a certain way reminded people of God's relationship with the people of Israel – often He is referred to as the "Shepherd of Israel". cf Psalm 22.

Jesus enters this picture and just like God is called the Shepherd of Israel, He proclaims himself the Shepherd of the New Israel, the Church. He is not a hireling, He is the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep and is prepared to sacrifice his own life for theirs.

The Pastors that He has placed in charge of the flock to carry on his ministry of Shepherd, the Bishops and their assistants the Priests along with the Deacons are to be like him good shepherds, not selfish hirelings, to spend themselves and be spent for the Church and to do offer themselves in the service of the Church and move out beyond her visible confines to reach out and introduce others into His sheepfold.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, please join your prayers together with those of the Holy Mass, that the Priests and Deacons of Whangarei be good shepherds after the Heart of Jesus.

Fr Peter Janssen s.m.

**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.



**Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday**, also known as Vocations Sunday. In his appeal, Bishop Steve invites us to extend our support to our seven Auckland seminarians discerning their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. The journey toward priesthood begins with a response to a divine call. Once these young men step into the seminary, they face the rigorous demands of study, self-reflection, and unwavering dedication to their faith. It is through God's grace and the support of the faithful that our seminarians can persevere and successfully complete their formation. Your contribution in support of our seminarians is one of the best ways to positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation to support our future priests.

**Our 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. To register please phone the Parish Office 437 7902.

**Ready the Way –Sacramental Programme 2024. Registrations have 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). (Parents only please) **Programme starts:** Sunday 12 May 2024 at 10am Mass at Saint Francis Xavier Church for parents and children, followed by preparation session in St Joseph's Room at St Francis Xavier Catholic School.

**Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.** Envelopes and Automatic Payment Receipts are now available . in the Church foyer. Thank you for your gen-

**We have been able** to provide an additional 15 car park spaces by Eymard House. For this to work properly, please angle park and follow the new exit route out to Park Avenue. Please be conscious of 5km speed limit in our car park and have the utmost courtesy to each other. As you know, we try to do all we can to secure our car park. Please secure your cars against theft.

**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.

**Newcomers to our Parish.** Father Brian invites all newcomers to a Social gathering with a shared meal on Friday 26 July ( feast of St Anne ).Put this in your diary now, with more details to come in early July.

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

- ◆ **Thursday 25 April: Anzac Day** (National Holiday) 8am Mass.
- ◆ **28 April:** St Peter Chanel: Patron Saint of Oceania

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "A drowning man does not complain about the size of a life preserver" Philipians 2:14 Do all things without murmuring and arguing.

**Earth Day 22 April 2024.** Theme "Planet vs Plastics. [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) is unwavering in it's commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of **all** plastics by 2040.

**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.

**Christian Meditation Community Day.** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of spaghetti, chick peas and jam 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.

**MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.** **Himene practice,** (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church. **Miha Māori:** First Sunday of the month at 10am, followed by morning tea and the Māori Committee meeting at 12 noon.

**Can You Help? Computer Operators urgently needed to operate the laptop for Sunday Masses.** We ask if any adults or secondary school students can help with this Ministry? Please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Newcomers** - 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.

**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.

**Choir Practices:**  
 9 and 16 May 4.30 -6pm.  
 New members needed. Contact Maree 027 597 9893

**Northland Sinfonia Concert.** Upcoming concert on Sunday 19 May at 3pm here in our Church. 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

**Auckland Diocese: Special Collections.**  
**Peter's Pence Collection.** **Sunday 30 June.** This money goes direct to the Pope via the nunciature in Wellington to use in whatever projects he thinks necessary.

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