

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
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. Sunday 5 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

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, Rory O'Connor (*Husband of Colleen*), Maxine Russek, Bob Connor, Rodney Palmer, Margaret Fromont, Margaret Hibbert.

Recently deceased: Margaret Gray (*Trentham*), Jocelyn Armstrong, Truus Kaptein

Anniversaries: Erys Gavin., Francis Schriiffer, Rosa Manson.



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28 April 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15: 9-17

Remain in Me

This week we have remembered those who gave their lives in defense of this country, particularly in the two world wars. Their memory remains with us in people's hearts, in family stories, in photos and in public memorials. They remind us that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.

Today, we honour the memory of St. Peter Chanel who gave his life for the spread of the Gospel here in the Pacific.

In the time before Jesus, the nation of Israel was described by the prophets as a vine with God being the vinedresser. In our Gospel today, Jesus takes over that image and idea. He is the new Israel. He describes Himself at the True Vine and His followers as branches who bear fruit.

Being part of Jesus, the True Vine, isn't just a matter of keeping His memory alive. He is much more than a memory. He remains **in** us. We are not a memory to Him, we remain **in** Him. He is with us even as He was with Barnabas and Saul and the other disciples in the First Reading. He enables us to bear much fruit. St Peter Chanel is an example of someone who remained **in** and with the Lord, even in the tough, arduous conditions that were to result in his death. The fruit of his death was the conversion of the people to Christ.

How do I rest or remain **in** God when I am celebrating or hurting?

Where might I do some pruning if I am to remain **in** Christ?

Like St. Peter Chanel, how might I be called to bear fruit **in** Christ, in the world where there is hurt, distrust and division?



SFX Prayer Group meet every Tuesday in Eymard House during School term, 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657



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

Ready the Way –Sacramental Programme 2024

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 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.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship next meet for prayers, praise and worship on the Wednesday 15 May here in the Church at 7pm. All men 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.



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.

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.

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.

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

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ◆ **28 April-4 May:** National Vocations Week
- ◆ **29 April:** St Peter Chanel: Patron Saint of Oceania
- ◆ **Sunday 12 May:** Ascension Sunday. World Communications Day. Mothers Day.
- ◆ **Sunday 19 May:** Pentecost Sunday



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

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.



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



Pax Christi next meet on Tuesday 7 May in Eymard House at 7pm. All welcome.

Choir Practices: 9 and 16 May 4.30 -6pm. New members needed. Contact Maree 027 597 989



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 436 5663 or email: md1@outlook.co.nz



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.

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

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 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 Saturday evening Vigil and 10am Mass.** Please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



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.



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.



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Adding up your blessings will multiply your joy.