

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.					

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, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

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*), Maxine Russek, Monica Marr (*Auckland, sister-in-law of Verna Willisroff*).

Recently deceased: Recently deceased: Cornelia (Nelly) Koopman, Jim Nicholls, (*Auckland, brother of Mary Ann Reed*), Margaret Gray (*Trentham*), Willem (Wim) Andela (*husband of Rita*),

Anniversaries: Alan Churchouse.



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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7 April 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

On this 2nd Sunday of Easter we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. This Sunday is also Divine Mercy Sunday and we can reflect on our Gospel reading for today through the prism of God's mercy.

We are told that Thomas, the twin, doubted when he was told that the Lord had risen and would not believe. He said that he would believe only if he sees the holes that the nails made and can put his finger in the Lords wounds. This gives us at least 2 points to think about and ponder in our hearts.

By referring to the wounds of the Risen Christ, we are reminded of the Lords Passion: the immense pain, the anguish, the suffering our Lord endured and his death on the cross. We too, in our lives will face hardship and suffering. Accepting these will be an opportunity to prove our faith and to witness that our lives belong to Christ.

Thomas, by referring to the wounds of Christ, was also looking back to the past. Sadly, it's a part of human nature that we often delight at the failings and sufferings of others, especially those we don't like. By doing so we can forget to look to the future. So, we pray for the wisdom and strength to avoid this mistake and always look forward with faith in our Risen Lord.

On this feast day of Divine Mercy, it is also good to meditate on the image of Jesus, with 2 rays of light released from his merciful heart. Where Jesus's heart was pierced, God opened a spring of mercy. So, whoever turns to this source of mercy with hope and trust, will receive mercy from our Lord, the one who gave away his own life for our salvation.



God is all loving and full of mercy. Let us ask him for help, to give us the faith and the strength to accept the sufferings we endure and the crosses that we carry. Let us ask him for mercy.

Dcn Nimo Ponifasio

Anzac Day



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

Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes.

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

We welcome those who joined the Church in March and at Easter:

RCIA: Hye Ok Pischief, Gordon Bright, Debbie Whitehouse, Chris Whitehouse, Changil Ma, Jennie Dean, Alfiya Laxmidhar. Paige Thornton, Frances Nops.

RCIC Baptisms 23 March: Eleanor and Sebastian Bowles

RCIC Baptisms Easter Sunday 31 March: YiSen Ashby, Isla Rose Aydon, Kingston Evan Baigent, Hunter Rihari Baigent, Perseus Ranginui Niwit Bristowe, Quintana Mihaka Fari Bristowe-Wilson, Puthi Chhor, Rithy Chhor, Blessing Munesu Chikasha, Keith Tinaye Chikasha, Emmanuel Chingorivo, Sarah Jean Isabel Cooper, Aroha Delmore de Geest, Zi Lang (Frankie) Dong, Henry Mark English Alexander, Flynn Brian Henderson, Thabo Masuku, Cloud Dominic Nicholson, James Douglas Platt, Emma Christine Platt, Carter Van Shoebridge, Kaydon Isaiah Shrikumar, Kayleigh Azaria Shrikumar, Charlie Cole Stephenson, Katia Rose Stephenson, Kezia Maree Thomas, Osiris Tolhopf, Liam James Whitehouse, Lucy Grace Whitehouse, Laycee Preya Wright.

Other baptisms in March; 16 March: Amelia Tredente.

Baptisms on Easter Sunday 31 March: Carl Persalta, Leon Maniwang, Naomi Llenes, Tonee Banatla, Rico Isaacs-Hewinson, Jackson Hewinson, Taylor Hewinson.

From Fr Brian.

- If you wish to contribute and are not doing so, you can ask to be part of our planned giving. All your donations are taxable by one third of the amount you give. If you wish to contribute that taxable amount you are welcome.
- There is beginning a teenage preparation for Baptism, first Eucharist and Confirmation. This is starting in late April. It is open to the age of 13 to when you no longer are young. If you know of people who would be interested, please enquire at the office.
- Easter bulletins are still available if you missed one.
- If there are people who would take up responsibilities for Distribution of Bulletins, there is an opening there. All you need to do is smile and say take one please.
- Wanted, a large bell, a shrine, a Statue of St Joseph a decent St Francis Xavier, and if we are lucky, a good Peter Chanel.
- Because very few carry cash if you are able please use the eftpos. It has proved to be useful way of contribution to the life of the Parish.,
- Thank you to the organisers and helpers of the Chrism Mass Luncheon: Kate McKenzie, and her helpers, and the students from Pompallier Catholic College. Thanks to Sacristans and Deacon Nimo for their long hours over the three days, the Stations of the Cross, and all the organisation it entails. The long hours of decorating the Easter Candle by Sharlene Crawford, deep gratitude.
"Often the hidden workers who make the seen, seem seamless"

Divine Mercy Quote: Jesus said to St. Faustina, "Souls that make an appeal to My mercy DELIGHT me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion (Diary, 1146)

Communion under both kinds. In consultation with Bishop Steve, we can reinstate receiving communion under both kinds. The teaching of the Church is that under either kind we receive Jesus Christ, Soul and Divinity.

Ready the Way –Sacramental Programme 2024

To prepare for the Sacraments of: **Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Eucharist.** Enrolment forms available from the Parish Office. **Registrations close on Thursday 11 April.** **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

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

Daylight Saving ended today Sunday 7 April. Our 5pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be from Saturday 13 April.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, sweetcorn and baked beans 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.

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.

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. **Please note:** The incorrect phone number was in the Bulletin last week.

Choir Practices: 11 and 18 April 4.30 -6pm; 9 and 16 May. New members needed. Contact Maree 027 597 9893

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. Thank you.

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

Christian Meditation meet every Wednesday in Eymard House 5pm - 6pm.

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

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.

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