


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.					

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

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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, Noel Woods (*husband of Jessie*).

Recently deceased: Jocelyn Armstrong, Truus Kaptein, Mary McKay, (*wife of Don*), Wendy Carter, Monica Foster (*wife of Sean*), Molly Prime, (*nee Tohu Moro*), Jan Peacock, (*mother of Mike Peacock*), Ferzil Babu, Sarath Das, Roma Hapiti-Pihema, (*sister of the late Molly Prime*).

Anniversaries: John Silson, (*son of Margaret*), Margaret Pitman, Karnin Petera, Nancy Martinovich, Mary Robinson, Peggy Martin, Evar Davis.



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12 May 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5: 16-25; John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord.

Having completed his work here on earth, Jesus ascends to Heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. Before doing so, he prepares the apostles for a great mission – to tell the world about his message. He instructs them to go out and share the Gospel. He also promised them that the Holy Spirit will come to them and strengthen them to spread his message across the world. After Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to them, the disciples then went and preached the Good News everywhere. And the Gospel says that the Lord worked “*with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.*” (i.e. miraculous signs) We are the Lord’s disciples, and this shows that even though Jesus ascended, he is still active in the world through us his followers, guiding us through the Holy Spirit. We are not alone, God is with us. As Christians, we are all called, by virtue of our Baptism, to continue Jesus' work. We are to use our gifts to help others, and spread the Gospel to all.

Are we doing that? Do we speak of God to others? Do we demonstrate by the way we live and what we say that we are Christians? Do we proclaim the Gospel by our lives?

Today is also World Communications Day.

Today we are also encouraged to reflect on the role of communication, technology, and media, especially social media in the world today and consider how these can be used to spread the Good News and promote gospel values.

Also today is the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme for this year is “*You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself*” (Luke 10:27) So let’s pray for Christian Unity especially this week.

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers!

May today be a joyful and blessed day for you all. We pray for all mothers, remembering those who have gone before us. We ask Mary, The Mother of God and our mother to intercede for them.

Dcn Nimo Ponifasio



Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,
 as a mother gives life
 and nourishment to her children,
 so you watch over your Church.
 Bless these women, that they may be
 strengthened as Christian mothers.
 Let the example of their faith
 and love shine forth.
 Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
 may honour them always
 with a spirit of profound respect.
 Grant this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.



Vigil of Prayer - Pentecost.

From Saturday 18th May after the
 5pm Mass, all through the night till
 Sunday morning 19th, Pentecost
 Sunday.

Planned giving.

This weekend members of the
 Parish Finance Committee will be at
 the Whangarei Masses to ask for
 increased Planned Giving Contribu-
 tions. There is a leaflet included with
 the bulletin to explain how to become
 a new giver and how to set up your
 regular contributions. The Committee
 will visit outlying areas in the coming
 months. Our thanks to those already
 giving generously.

Church Carpet. We will be replacing the aisle carpet in our Church on Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May. The Church will not be open these two days.

Please note change of venue for Masses: 12.10pm Mass on Wednesday 15 May will be celebrated in our Parish Hall. **7am Mass on Thursday 16 May** will be celebrated in the side room of our Parish Hall. Thank you for your donations. We are nearly half way.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 15 May at 7pm in Eymard House.
Please note change of venue.



World Environment Day 5 June 2024. This year's World Environment Day campaign focuses on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience under the slogan "Our land. Our future. We are #GenerationRestoration".

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.

Pax Christi supports the film: "Gaza Fights for Freedom" at St Stephens Church Onerahi, 6.30pm on Tuesday 14 May.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Young and old, join us for breakfast fellowship! **15 June 2023, 9.15am - 11.15am – by ticket only. Whangarei Cruising Club, Riverside Drive, Whangarei.** This event is for all women regardless of style of worship, to meet other Catholic women over a finger food breakfast, with views of the harbour. Now at a reduced price of \$15 (includes breakfast and beverages). Tickets available from Janet at the Parish Office (cash only) or by contacting Karen Sturge on 027 4360206 or Email: karendsturge@gmail.com

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

◆ **Sunday 26 May: The Most Holy TRINITY**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Too much complaining leaves little time for doing".

There will be a Josephite Companions prayer and lunch gathering on Saturday 18 May held in the St. Francis Xavier School Staffroom from 11am - 1:30 pm. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Come along for some peace and wonderful hospitality. For any enquiries, contact Jane. Text 0211634058
 Email - jane@sfx.school.nz

The Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help each Wednesday. **Please note change of venue for Wednesday 15 May.** We will meet in Eymard House. All welcome.

St Francis Xavier Parish Playgroup meet every Tuesday at 9am in the Parish Hall. Gold coin donation. Phone Katharine 021 529 663.



Society of St Vincent de Paul:

Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support. Donations of noodles, tinned 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.



St Francis Xavier School News.

We have a busy term planned for Term 2. Next week we have our middle school students attending the Marine Reserve in Warkworth. In Term 1, these students were learning about marine life and how to help sustain it. We warmly welcome our new families and students to St Francis Xavier School, we know your child will be very happy here. God bless.
 Bernadette Hall (Principal)



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.

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

Couples for Christ Family Ministries invites all parishioners to attend a Christian Life Programme which begins Saturday 8 June 1pm - 4pm in our Parish Hall. For further information please contact Billie 021 421 536.

Choir Practice: 13 May 4.30pm - 6pm. New members needed. Contact Maree 027 597 9893

Northland Sinfonia Concert. 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.

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