

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. 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, Monica Foster.

Recently deceased: Jocelyn Armstrong, Truus Kaptein, Mary McKay, (*wife of Don*), Wendy Carter.

Anniversaries: Bobbie Turner, Sister Gaynor Lavery SMSM, Sister Kenny Meredith SMSM, Delia Ruane.



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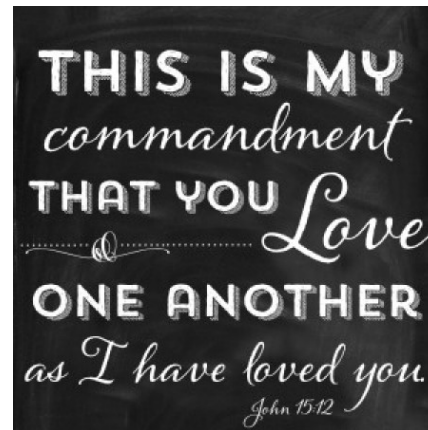
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
5 May 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Mark 16:15-20

The Gospel text for today is taken from Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper that St John presents as a farewell symposium. Here we find the fundamental themes of that whole long gospel condensed: the love of the Father for his Son, the love of the Son toward his disciples, the love of the disciples for each other, the love which in each case is a total gift of oneself, love in God's gracious choice, love in the human response to that call, love that is incarnated in observance of the commandments and in "remaining" in that love, that is within the mutual intimacy between Christ and his disciples, the unit of measure of Christian love is the totality of Christ himself.

This goes well beyond the moral teaching of the Old Testament (or of any admirable religion) "Love your neighbour as you love Yourself."



Our Lord's New Commandment is "Love one another as I have loved you." He calls his disciples his friends and He demonstrates a divinely inspired friendship called *agape*. It is a love that is self-sacrificial and does not limit or count the cost. This is the love of God who has first loved us.

Fr Peter Janssen S.M.



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 starts next 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.

From Fr Brian. Thank you to all who have donated towards the replacement of the Church aisle carpet. Special thanks to the children who saved up their pocket money to donate. Remembering future generations who will walk on this hallowed loom. We will be replacing the carpet in our Church on Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May. The Church will not be open during those 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.



We welcome to our parish family those baptised during April: Elliot Espino and Evelyn Andrews.



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.

SFX Catholic School News: Students have returned to school safely and well rested. This term classes will receive visits during their Religious Education lessons from our priests. We are fortunate that we have such great parish connections that our students can get to know the work our priests do and get to ask our priests questions. Our school quiz night is fast approaching. Please call Renee on 027 313 2142 if you would like more information. Blessings. Bernadette Hall (Principal)

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.**

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Sunday 12 May: The ASCENSION of the LORD;** World Communications Day; Mothers Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- ◆ **Sunday 19 May: PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- ◆ **Sunday 26 May: The Most Holy TRINITY**



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. **Please note change of venue for Wednesday 15 May.** We will meet in Eymard House.



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "It's good to be a Christian and know it, but it's better to be a Christian and show it!" John 13: 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

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



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

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.



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.

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? Please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



New to our Parish? Welcome. 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.



Pax Christi next meet on Tuesday 7 May in Eymard House, 5.30pm. All welcome.

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

Choir Practices: 9 May and 13 May 4.30 - 6pm. New members needed. Contact Maree 027 597 9893

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