

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.					

Voice for Life: The Auckland Voice Committee will hold their AGM on Friday 21 June at The Reformed Church of the North Shore, 72 Trias Road, Totaravale, North Shore, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be former MP Simon O'Connor speaking on an interesting topic, "Addressing a Consistent Ethic of Life in a political world gone mad". Refreshments will be served. For more pro-life information visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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, Margaret Kernot, Dora Hampton, Bev Roberts, John Ross (*husband of Anne*), Paul Sorensen.

Recently deceased: Noel Woods (*husband of Jessie*), Ross Smith, (*Dargaville, cousin of Glynis Collins*), Paul Tadman (*nephew of Colleen Breslin*), Ross Smith, (*Dargaville, cousin of Glynis Collins*), Lawrence Butler, (*Piopio, brother of Patrick*), Verona Jenkins, Penny Bowen (*Christchurch*).

Anniversaries: Mark Baker, Jacqui McDiarmid.



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TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
9 June 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

From the moment of his conception in Mary's womb Our Lord Jesus Christ was full of the Holy Spirit. As we read in St John's gospel, the Holy Spirit, the Love between Father and Son, filled him with grace and truth. Our Lord longs to share the Spirit with all of humanity. All are to be blessed with the grace and truth of Christ in the Holy Spirit that all may be brought face to face with the Father and experience the love and joy of the Holy Trinity.

Adam and Eve had rejected the love that God the Creator offered them. They preferred to fall prey to the wiles of the tempter and seek their own aggrandisement – not content to be mere creatures, they sought (impossibly) to be "equal to God". Their expulsion from paradise was self-inflicted and practically automatic.

God, however, does not allow sin and evil to have the last word. Thus, as part of the curse on the serpent, God promises that an offspring of Eve (the New Eve, Mary) would bring forth Salvation into the world. That Salvation has come and He is the source of grace and truth for all humanity. The Second Adam is infinitely greater than the first and He has not only repaired the damage done by our first parents, but brought us into a new and transformed relationship with God. We are now adopted children of God because the Son of God has taken on our humble human nature so that we might be transformed and participate in his goodness.


From today's gospel we see that we remain free; free to accept God's grace and truth or not to, through selfish and disordered motives. Not only to reject these gifts but even to vilify them. This is the sin of the scribes in this passage. Not only do they reject the Lord's grace and truth, they sin against the Holy Spirit in Jesus and equate it with Beelzebub – the father of lies. They said "an unclean spirit is in him". This is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit and is the unforgivable sin. They have rejected grace, truth and salvation.

Fr Peter Janssen S.M.



Matariki Friday 28 June is the celebration of Matariki. As it is a Public Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 8am and the Parish Office will be closed.

Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants 23 June 2024. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.” - **Pope Francis**, [Laudato Si' 139](#)

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

Old Planned Giving Envelopes. If any parishioners are using old envelopes from 2023, please get in touch with the Parish Office as the envelope number may have changed for 2024. Thank you.

UPDATE: Catholic Women's Breakfast – Saturday 15 June 2024, 9.15am – 11.15am. A reminder that this is a ticket only event and tickets are selling fast. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased from the Parish office (cash) or contact Karen Sturge 027 436 0206, karendsturge@gmail.com. We need the final numbers as soon as possible for catering purposes. Directions to the venue are: Whangarei Cruising Club, 212 Riverside Drive. After going through the Pohe Island roundabout there is a row of blue boatsheds on the right (before Mackesy Road turn off on opposite side). The club rooms are the last building after boat sheds (harbourside). Parking in front. Look forward to seeing you all there!

2025 ENROLMENTS for Pompallier Catholic College.
Preference enrolment applications for 2025 close on Friday 2 August. It is advisable that Parents/Caregivers read our current Enrolment Policy and 2025 Enrolment Process document prior to applying. Enrolment application forms are available at the College office, on our website, or you can request a pack to be posted to you by phoning the office on 09 438 3950.


Note: Enrolment application forms have already been posted direct to Parents/Caregivers of Year 6 students currently attending St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Enrolment applications received after the closing date shall be added to any waitlist arising from the enrolment process. Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer places to Non-Preference students in 2025. For any enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Monday 17 June:** Confirmation 6pm Sacramental Programme youngsters.
- ◆ **Sunday 23 June:** Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants.
- ◆ **Sunday 24 June:** The Nativity Of St John the Baptist.
- ◆ **Sunday 30 June:** Peter's Pence Collection. See notice.
- ◆ **Sunday 14 July:** Sea Sunday - Day of Prayer for Seafarers.
- ◆ **Sunday 21 July:** Caring Sunday

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The bridge you burn now may be the one you have to cross later."

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.



 **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 19 June at 7pm here in our Church. All men welcome.

 **Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned fruit, baked beans, tea and Long life milk 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.


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


Choir Practice: Thursday 13 June 4.30-6pm. Newcomers most welcome.


St Francis School News: Our senior students got to participate in the Whangarei Winter Sports last week. It was a great competition that provided many sports codes for our students to engage in. Table tennis, Rippa Rugby, Soccer, Netball, Gymnastics and Basketball. Our school is beginning our Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme soon. This is an invaluable opportunity to remind our children how and why they can stay safe in different situations. Next week we are holding a school Disco to raise funds for our Church-St Francis. God bless, *Bernadette Hall (Principal)*


 **Balls of Wool and Buttons Needed.** We are asking for donations of balls of wool and buttons to use for lunch time crafts for students at Pompallier Catholic College and St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Odd balls or half balls. Please drop off to the Parish Office. Thank you. 

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.



 **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. Come along and meet new friends and join in the fun. All teens welcome. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

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

 **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.

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