

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.					

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre: For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 665. Women's Prayer Retreat- A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for Women | 3 nights, 4 days starting Thu 1 Aug 7pm - Sun 4 Aug 3pm | \$400

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*), Margaret Hibbert, Margaret Kernot, Anna Williams, Ken Doran, Peter Crawford (*husband of Margaret*), Merle O'Shea.

Recently deceased: Willianne Hill, Elsa Olla, (*wife of Don Nightingale*), John Ross (*husband of Anne*).

Anniversaries: Judy Wiki, Terangi Tepania, Noelene Shaw, Rayma Gunson, Rosalie Beazley, Mareece van Huenen, Fr Peter Walsh sm, Jim and Pat Nash.



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28 July 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Two Thoughts

The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 is found in all of the four gospels, although the context and emphasis vary. This is the only miracle, other than the resurrection, that is told in all the gospels.... a fact that speaks of its importance to the early Church. The early Christian community saw this event as anticipating the Eucharist. John uses this story to introduce a profound and extended reflection on the Eucharist and the Bread of Life in his gospel. The Eucharistic connection to the multiplication of bread is clear in Jesus' *blessing, breaking, and giving* the loaves. Thus, the miracle itself becomes a symbol of the Eucharist, the sacrament of unity. The sharing of the broken bread is a sign of a community that is expected to share and provide in abundance for the needs of its members.

Today's gospel invites us to become humble instruments in God's hands by sharing our blessings with others. The miracle teaches us that God works marvels through ordinary people. It means that God meets the needs of the people through the services provided by the members of the community. The Bible guarantees that everyone has at least one gift from the Holy Spirit. Perhaps "our fish or bread" is not money, but it is the talent or an ability that God gave us. We all have something to offer. Let's offer ourselves and whatever we have to God saying, "Here is what I have Lord; use it." And He will bless it and amplify it beyond our expectations.

Dcn. Jim Nees

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thursday 15 August. Mass times:
7am; 9am (SFX School), 5.30pm.



The Transfiguration of the Lord.
Tuesday 6 August.



Church Aircon: **Do not turn the temperature to Cool** as the windows will open and break the glass when the windows hit the scaffolding.

Safeguarding Workshop. Today, Sunday 28 July 2024 at 2pm in our Parish Hall. This is the initial training for all parish volunteers who come into contact with children and vulnerable adults in the normal course of their ministries. The workshop is for those who have not received this training. If you have not received the training, please come. Observers are also very welcome.


Coordinator for the Communion to the Sick.

With the death of our previous coordinator, Barbara Ashwell, Liz Beazley took up the role on a short-term basis. This has now come to an end and we have no one to do this service of coordinating the service to the Sick. Firstly we have deep gratitude to Liz and her generosity in standing in after the death of Barbara. And we have an urgent need for this service to be fulfilled. You may be willing to do this, or may have suggestions who would be good in this role of service to the sick and elderly in our parish. This may even be possible in the short term to have a small group who would help in this role.

RCIA Enquiry Evenings will be held on Wednesday 31 July, 7 August and 14 August, at 7.15pm in the side room of our Parish Hall. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process where you can ask questions, become more acquainted with the Catholic community and the Gospel values by which we try to live. It is for adults wishing to become Catholic. A warm welcome is assured. Come, bring a friend, neighbour or anyone interested. No commitment is necessary and no pressure to go beyond your own pace. Everyone is welcome. Queries to the Parish Office.

Wings Ngā Parirau Catholic Faith Formation Programme. Our parish will be holding Walk By Faith sessions on Saturdays: 3 August, 7 September and 19 October in the Parish Hall, 10am to 2.30pm. Walk By Faith is a three year programme, (three sessions each year). There is no cost for this programme. **Please register at the Parish Office by Tuesday 30 July.**


Pax Christi invites you to a presentation by Dr Susan Healy, in St Joseph's room SFX School on Saturday 3 August, 2:30 - 4:30pm. Find out more about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty Principles Bill. Further enquires contact Liz 027 471 4120.


 **Our next Baptism Course** is on Sunday 4 August and Sunday 11 August, 2pm-3.30pm here in our Church. If you are expecting your first child, now is a good time to do the Course. To register please phone the Parish Office 437 7902.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Tuesday 6 August.** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- ◆ **Thursday 8 August:** Feast Day St MARY OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN.

Thought for the Week: "Freely you have received, freely give". - Matthew 10:8

 **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 21 August at 7pm here in our Church. All men are very welcome.

 **Pax Christi** next meet on Tuesday 6 August in Eymard House, 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

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.



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.

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

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

World Youth Day: Saturday 17 August 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont St, Freemans Bay. Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders) are invited to join us for an unforgettable celebration of our Catholic faith, praise & worship. Go to facebook.com/AKCYM for updates or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.



Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support. Donations of Weetbix, tinned spaghetti and tinned fish are very welcome.

Meetings: 5pm on the first and third Thursday of the month. First Thursday we pray the Rosary and third Thursday we have a meeting. All welcome.

St Francis School News: We welcomed back our students this week, it is great to see how excited they are to be back. Special welcome to our new students and their families. This term is a busy one with our school production happening at the end of this term. Our year 6 students are busy preparing and practicing for this. Our production this year is *CATS!* We also have our school cross country later this term. God bless, Bernadette Hall (Principal)

Whangarei Josephite Companions will hold our prayer reflection and hospitality on Saturday 3rd of August in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School staffroom, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. All are welcome. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Contact Jane 021 163 4058


2025 ENROLMENTS for Pompallier Catholic College close on Friday 2 August. Enrolment queries, please contact Kelli Adams: 09 438 3950 ext 201, or admin@pompallier.school.nz

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.



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.



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