

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.					

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy: Ulm Minster - The highest church building in the world with Beate Matthies. A journey through the history and architecture of the German Ulm Minster from the laying of the foundation stone in 1377 to today. Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/> For more information: www.studyjoy.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*), Margaret Hibbert, Margaret Kernot, Anna Williams, Ken Doran, Merle O'Shea, Margaret Pool, Grace Brasch, (*wife of Wayne*)

Recently deceased: Peter Crawford (*husband of Margaret*), Ted Holland, KJ Tomy, Fr Denis O'Hagan SM, Br John Stevenson sm.

Anniversaries: Varjhese K. George, Godfrey Chand, Martin Cribb.



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18 August 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

In our first reading today from the Book of Proverbs, Wisdom is not just a virtue, but practically personified. She has built herself a house and prepared a sumptuous banquet. She has it proclaimed from the city's heights "Who is ignorant? Let him step this way". She invites the fool to become wise. "Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception."


Our Lord Jesus Christ offers all this and infinitely more. He enlightens us with his teaching but also offers his very self as the Banquet. More than was offered to the Hebrews in the desert, more than the manna, the quails and the water from the rock. He is the food of everlasting life. Everything that was promised to the people of Israel has been fulfilled in him. The Old Covenant sealed with the sacrifice of the animals at Mount Sinai has been amplified and transformed into the New Covenant in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In Moses' sacrifice the flesh and blood of the animals are separated. A portion of the blood was sprinkled on the people.

His body given for us, his blood poured out for us. On the cross his flesh and blood were separated in death and sacrifice. In the Holy Mass the sacrifice of Calvary is made present to us by the double consecration of the bread and the wine. His sacrifice is made present and efficacious to us and in us. Everywhere and on every occasion that the Eucharist is celebrated, the saving grace of his once and for all sacrifice is made real and active in our lives. Every time we receive him in Holy Communion we are united with his flesh, blood, soul and divinity. In his flesh and blood are our health and everlasting life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Holy Communion we are united intensely and intimately with him, God the Father and the Holy Spirit. When we receive him in Communion we become his lifegiving Body and the Holy Spirit is the Soul of that Body, the Church.

Fr Peter Janssen sm

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.

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

There will be a one hour meeting for **All** Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on **Saturday 31 August from 10am to 11am here in our Church**. We will review the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds which will be offered at our Masses from September.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. 1 September. The theme is "*Hope and Act with Creation*" The theme is drawn from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.

Family Life International Speaking Tour. Proclaiming The Gospel of Life in a Post-Cultural Culture. Join us for an informative conference discussing foundational pro-life principles. Friday 30 August 7pm-9pm and Saturday 31 August 10am-4.30pm. **Holy Family Parish Hall. 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsular.** Keynote Speaker Fr Shenan Boquet (*President of Human Life International*). Free registration. Morning & Afternoon Tea, Supper & Saturday Lunch all provided. A collection will be taken to help defray expenses. For more info contact: Simon: 021 400 729 or email simon@fli.org.nz See flyer on noticeboard.

Social Justice Week: 8-14 September 2024.

Choose forgiveness, know peace / Kōwhiriā te murunga hara, kia mōhio ki te rangimārie. Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace. Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week. Reflection Booklets available from the Parish Office for groups or individuals to use.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship One day Men's Retreat.

Saturday 19 October, 8am-4pm at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. Directed by Bishop Steve Lowe. Bring your Bible and a packed lunch. Suggested Koha \$20. Please pay online to account number 12-3035-0511285-00. To register online <https://nsjoshua.wufoo.com/forms/z1orcm750bqcubb/>. See noticeboard.

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


DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Sunday 1 September:** Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
- ◆ **Thursday 28 August:** The Passion of St John the Baptist.
- ◆ **Sunday 1 September:** Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

THOUGHT FOR THE " **To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was YOU!** Matthew 6: 14,15. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

 **Martha and Mary** next meet on Friday 6 September at 10am in Eymard House. All welcome.

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

 **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.

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 6-8 September. The Beginning facilitates the grief resolution process for adults and children who have suffered a loss through death, divorce or separation, thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others and God. . The cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 027 686 4416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz They are also looking for new members of the Core team. Enquiries to David 027 440 2105



Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned tomatoes, tinned sweetcorn and peanut butter are very welcome. We are in need of empty jam jars. Please Drop off at the Parish office. Thank you.
Please note change of dates: Meetings are now at 5pm on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Second Thursday we pray the Rosary and fourth

St Francis School News: This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and classes will be learning all about this special event and what it means for us. We continue to pray for all those in our community who are unwell. Also for all those who do so much in our schools and parish communities. May God continue to bless them and look over the important work they do that ultimately benefits our society for the better.
God bless, Bernadette Hall (Principal)

St Francis Xavier Catholic School year 5 and 6 upcoming Show-"Cats"!

At the end of this term our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be performing the stage show "Cats" at the Riverbank theatre. A programme will be available for our show. We will be charging a gold coin donation and expect to sell at least 300 copies. Would you like to advertise your business in our programme? We are offering an A5 size full colour ad for \$250. Please contact Mrs J if you would like to take advantage of this fabulous offer and support our school! glenys@sfx.school.nz

Special Collections in Auckland Diocese. Sunday 25 August:

Māori Pastoral Care Collection This money is used to fund initiatives, schools, projects of the Auckland Diocesan Māori community.



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.



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