

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
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat following 8am Mass			<b>Reconciliation Rite I :</b> 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.					

**Parish Library.** Come and check out our Parish library located in the Parish Office. We have a wonderful selection of books to borrow. We also have over 60 DVD's that can also be borrowed. Please take a pamphlet from the noticeboard, which has a synopsis of each DVD and borrowing information.

**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

**Recently deceased:** John Ross (*husband of Anne*), Peter Crawford (*husband of Margaret*),

**Anniversaries:** Lyn Geritzlehner, Fr David Whelan, Judy Wiki, Terangi Tepania, Noelene Shaw, Lyle Turner.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**4 August 2024 Year B**

**Next Week's Readings: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

**1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30- 5:2; John 6:41-51**

Tapestry, is a woven decorative fabric, the design of which is built up while weaving. Broadly, the name has been used for almost any heavy material, handwoven, machine woven, or even embroidered, used to cover furniture, walls, or floors or for the decoration of clothing. All cultures have this as an expression of themselves in their cultures. Since last Sunday's Readings we are being invited into the Divine Tapestry. We are being weaved into design by Christ Jesus. The Gospel of John chapter 6, is just waiting to be read and read and read again. Weaving the threads that Jesus teaches, and interlocking them into our journey of Faith.



*'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'*

*That their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, Colossians 2:22*

Allow the needle of Christ to knit us together into his perfect image.

*'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*

Fr Brian Prendeville SM



**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.



**Feast Day - ST MARY OF THE CROSS. VIRGIN**  
Thursday 8 August.

**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.

**All are invited are invited to join together with all the parishes in Te Tai Tokerau for an Acknowledge and Lament Liturgy.** To be held at St Therese Church in Moerewa on the 17th of August at 1:30pm. Everyone welcome. We gather to acknowledge and lament the findings from the Royal Commission Inquiry report on abuse in Church and State Care. Shared afternoon tea and whanaungatanga to follow the liturgy at the parish house. If you can, please bring a plate of kai to share.

**RCIA Enquiry Evenings. If you missed coming last week, come along on Wednesday 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.

**Church Repairs are underway. Please note:** The Floodlight that automatically comes on at night time to illuminate the School courts has been disconnected until the scaffolding is removed. Please be extra careful returning to your vehicles at night. May be helpful to use a torch when returning to your car.

◆ **Photos of the chapel roof renovations** are at the Church foyer.

**Congratulations and gratitude to Allan and Anne Kerrisk** for their initiative in welcoming new parishioners last Friday night. We had over twenty new parishioners. The joy and excitement of meeting each other was simply a joy to behold. Let's do it again said Allan.

**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: "Conscience is God's built-in warning system. Be very happy when it hurts you. Be very worried when it doesn't"** Acts 24;16 Therefore I do my best always to have a clear conscience toward God and all people.

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

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

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

**World Youth Day: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Go to [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) for updates or email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) for more info..

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

**St Francis School News:** This week we had a group of students compete at Mathex competitions. We also welcomed our new students and families with mihi whakatau on Thursday. A recent school community questionnaire has highlighted our strengths and areas we as a school can improve on. At SFX we are dedicated to continual improvement and welcome the feedback. Here are our top strengths;

- School values are strongly embedded
- Happy & Safe Environment
- Solid Religious Education Programme
- Cultures are Valued
- Strong Curriculum

*God bless, Bernadette Hall (Principal)*

**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. 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.

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

**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.

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*