

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.					

2025 Columban Calendars. We have next year's Columban Calendars for sale in the Parish Office \$13.00.
We also stock Rosary beads, Statues and Sunday Missals. Pop in and have a look.

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 Kernot, Anna Williams, Ken Doran, Merle O'Shea, Margaret Pool, Bishop Denis Browne DD, Lays Alvarez (*Philippines, cousin of Vangie Killalea*), Cecil Reed (*Stratford*), Mary Gibson.

Recently deceased: Milagros (Gracie) Morales Brasch, (*wife of Wayne*), Vargheese (*India*), Margaret Fromont, Margaret Hibbert, Margaret Duff-Stewart, (*wife of Michael*), Norma Toson, (Sydney, Aunt of Pat Anderson), King Tūheitia, (*Tainui*)

Anniversaries: Kathryn McIntyre, Shirley Biggins, Hilda Karalus.



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 September 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Twenty third Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Isiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

A Call to Action

Today's second reading from James sets the stage for the gospel. James insists that liturgy and our lifestyle are linked together. It explains what true religion is all about. It is a loving relationship with God expressed in recognising His presence in others and showing them our loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, sacraments and other religious practices help to keep us focused to practice this true religion in our daily lives. For Jesus, a community that actively worships God is a community that doesn't base its behaviour solely on precepts and doctrines, but is integrally connected to God through righteous, just and loving relationships. Without reflecting our love of Christ to others, our faith simply looks like a bunch of rules and regulations!

As James so aptly wrote, "Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world." Who are the 'widows' and 'orphans' in our life? Let's accept the challenge to become **listeners and doers** of God's word. Ask the question --- how do the Sunday or daily readings affect or change my life? Am I being an attentive listener to and a doer of God's word. Whenever we receive Jesus in Holy Communion let us ask Him for the grace to become the doers of His word as He was the doer of His Father's will.

Dcn. Jim Nees



Prayer for Father's Day.

God our Father,

We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;

May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family

and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers and any around the world

whose children are lost or suffering;

May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

Amen.

Beginning next Sunday Masses, we will resume offering the opportunity to receive Communion under both kinds. The teaching of the Church is that you may receive Communion under both kinds, the Body and Blood of Christ or under one kind either the Consecrated Host, the Body of Christ, or the Precious Blood.

Intinction is not permitted in the Diocese of Auckland, that is the Communicant dipping the Host into the Precious Blood. Ministers have been told to not allow this practice to happen.

Social Justice Week: 8-14 September 2024.

Choose forgiveness, know peace / Kōwhiria te murunga hara, kia mōhio ki te rangimārie. 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.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **Thursday 5 September:** Feast Day of St Teresa of Calcutta.
- ◆ **Thursday 12 September:** The Most Holy Name of Mary.
- ◆ **Saturday 14 September:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- ◆ **8 - 14 September:** Social Justice Week



Welcome: We warmly welcome Arjay Ferrer as our new Parish Administrator.



Every Wednesday at 6pm, the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church.

The Season of Creation starts today, 1 September and finishes on the Feast of St Francis, 4 October.

Requiem Mass for Margaret Duff-Stewart will be on Monday 2 September at 10am here in our Church. As there are only three family members here, we ask parishioners to attend and support them if you are able, as is our Catholic tradition.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK "It's the little things in life that determine the big things"

Matthew 25: 21b 'You have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Our parish is hosting a Scripture Prayer Workshop "Praying with the Sunday Readings" on Tuesday 3 September 7pm-8pm in the side room of our Parish Hall. Fr Frank Bird sm will lead this workshop on praying with scripture using the livingtheword.org.nz website which he created. Come along for a practical workshop learning about catholic reflective practices such as lectio divina, imaginative prayer, centering prayer, praying with a psalm, to help you pray, reflect and grow. Participants will receive a reflective practices booklet to download and have an experience of praying with the Sunday Readings.



World Community for Christian Meditation

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



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



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 with lids**. Please drop off at the Parish office. Thank you.

Meetings are at 5pm on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Second Thursday we pray the Rosary and fourth Thursday we have a meeting.

St Francis School News: Our school production of **CATS** is coming together nicely! Shows will be in week 10 of this term. It is wonderful to see students shine in areas they have a passion for but also seeing those who discover a new passion for the arts! We continue to pray for all those amazing people in our community who continue to give where they see a need. May St Francis Xavier bless them. Amen. *Bernadette Hall-Principal*



Daylight Saving begins Sunday 29 September at 2am.

Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour.

Please Note: Don't forget, Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 6pm on Saturday 5 October.

Special Collections in Auckland Diocese.

Cathedral Appeal: Sunday 22 September. This money is used to support long-term maintenance of our Mother Church —St Patrick's Cathedral — A Precious Heritage entrusted to us.



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