

| St Francis Xavier Parish Usual Timetable | | | | | |
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| | 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. | | | | | |

Sunday Readings - LIVING THE WORD.org.nz Pray/ Reflect/ Grow.

Scan the QR Code to read the Sunday readings. Poster is also on the noticeboard.



2025 Columban Calendars. We have next year's Columban Calendars for sale in the Parish Office \$13. 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, Margaret Kernot, Anna Williams, Ken Doran, Merle O'Shea, Margaret Pool, Lays Alvarez (*Philippines, cousin of Vangie Killalea*), Cecil Reed (*Stratford*), Mary Gibson.

Recently deceased: Norma Toson, (*Sydney, Aunt of Pat Anderson*), King Tūheitia, (*Tainui*), Bishop Denis Browne DD, Herman van Melsen, (*Holland, brother of Marta Cullen*), Malcolm Jensen (*husband of Karin*), Luce Mistic, Rory O'Connor (*husband of Colleen*).

Anniversaries: George Marr, Anne Jennings.



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15 September 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Wisdom 2:12. 17-20; James 3:16- 4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

Take up your Cross and follow me.

When we think of the Cross, it is usually associated with suffering. Taking up our Cross is seen as accepting the suffering that comes our way in life – the greater the suffering, the greater the Cross.

Perhaps there is also another way of looking at it.

The Cross for Jesus was the completion of all that the Father had asked of Him. Yes, it involved great suffering. It was done in love for all. It was for the forgiveness of sins. But above all, the Cross for Jesus was the accomplishment of all that the Father asked Him to do in love.


The Cross for us is what brings to completion for us, all that the Father has asked us to do in love. It is about loving – yes there is suffering – the suffering that is loving in the tough stuff, the loving of forgiveness, the loving in the choices that are made to live out Gospel values, the loving acceptance of where God calls us in life. None of this is ever easy. It involves a deep relationship with God and with our neighbour – to know where God calls us and, with the guidance of the Spirit, to live out and bring to completion that call in our lives.

As we take up our Cross each day and respond to the challenges and circumstances of each day, there will be times when our love may be sorely tested – sometimes the circumstances being too great for us. But there is always the opportunity to take up our Cross again, to love again, to grow in love and to bring to completion all that the Father asks of us in love.

The chapel has been restored into service.

The repairs have been completed to the roof and the flashings have been done to prevent egress of water into the building. Thanks for your contributions to the preservation of the building. We have discovered water has been for some time entering into the area immediately behind the altar. That is why you will see a neatly cut sections visible to see the extent of the water and the damage caused. We have some spouting to replace and some sealing of flat roofs. So far, we have spent nearly \$75 000 on this work. More to be done, but we have broken the back of it. Our motto if we must do this work we have to do this work, God will provide.

Some parents have raised ecclesial issues, (i.e. baptism and catholic practice) concerning the enrollment process of Pompallier Catholic College. They would love to gather to discuss these issues with people of similar experiences and concerns. A proposed date is given of Sunday 13th October at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall.

 **First Holy Communion.** Sunday 22 September 10am Mass. All are invited to join the Sacramental Programme (Ready The Way) youngsters and their families at this Mass.

Filipino Mass. Sunday 29 September at 5pm here in our Church. All welcome.

Request for Parish Budgets. The Management and Finance committee is about to commence planning for the next financial year - 1 January to 31 December 2025. Parish groups/outlying areas requiring funding are requested to present a detailed budget. Email admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz before **20 October 2024**. Please give a contact name & address for your group or outlying area. Thank you.

Expressions of Interest to visit Relics at St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College in Drury on Tuesday 3 December 2024. If you are interested in traveling down for the day, please email or phone the Parish Office with your details by 29 September. There are five first class relics of Saints inside the altar in the Chapel. One of these is St Francis Xavier, along with St Ignatius of Loyola, St Alberto Hutada, St Edmund Campion and St Roberto Bellamino.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship next meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 18 September at 7pm here in our Church. All men are very welcome.


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/z1orcm750bqcub/> See noticeboard.

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.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.


- ◆ **Sunday 29 September:** Filipino Mass, 5pm. See notice.
- ◆ **Thursday 4 October:** Feast of St Francis of Assisi.
- ◆ **Sunday 6 October:** Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert.
- ◆ **Sunday 13 October:** Day of Prayer to Support Life.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Pray as though everything depended on you." - St. Augustine

 **Pax Christi next meet on Tuesday** 1 October in Eymard House, 5.30pm - 7.30pm. All welcome.


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

Martha and Mary next meet on Friday 4 October at 10am in Eymard House. All welcome.


 **Society of St Vincent de Paul: Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned fruit, jelly and noodles are very welcome. **Meetings: 5pm on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.** Second Thursday we pray the Rosary and fourth Thursday we have a meeting.

Catholic Women's Breakfast News. We are excited to announce the date of our next Catholic Women's Breakfast. Please mark your diaries for **Saturday 9 November.** Tickets on sale early October.


Our Parish Playgroup meet every Tuesday during term time, 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. Special invite to all Mums, Dads and Caregivers - bring along your preschoolers and join in the fun. Gold coin donation. Enquiries to the Parish Office.


adults or secondary school students can help with this Ministry. Please contact the Parish Office. We ask if any **Computer Operators needed to operate the laptop for 10am Mass on Sunday.** 


St Francis School News: We pray for all those who are unwell at this time. May God put his healing hand on them so they may be comforted and made well again. We also remember those who have died. Almighty God, we rejoice in your promise of love, joy and peace. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, rose again and lives for evermore. God bless, 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.**



 **Congratulations to Ken and Dianne Doran** who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Friday 13 September. May God continue to bless you both.

 **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.

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

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.

 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**