

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. We also stock Rosary beads, Statues and Sunday Missals. Pop in and have a look.

Titipounamu Study & Joy YouTube Recordings: YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/> 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, 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: 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*), Laurence (Laurie) O'Neill (*Auckland*). Paul Finlay (*father of Christine*).

Anniversaries: Mary Martinovich, Doris Holmes.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 September 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

Our readings this Sunday invite us to reflect on and discern our attitude to conflict. Ultimately, this is a battle between good and evil. As in any battle, however, the evil often seek to misinform their opponent and any neutral onlookers. The wicked or godless are not only evil in a straightforward way, but they are guileful and cynical with it. They are not doing evil out of ignorance of the Law or what is just and right. They know very well that they are on the wrong path, but they want to destroy the virtuous man who by his good conduct shows them up for the wrongdoers that they are. They endeavour to trap him, to trip him up and test him and his virtue. They want to put his gentleness to the test by subjecting him to gratuitous violence and a shameful death.


To act in this way is to test not just the virtuous person, but God himself. The hypocrisy and cynicism displayed here will ultimately cause their evil to rebound on themselves. God loves the simple hearts because God himself is simple and straightforward, not tricky and deceptive. God will not be mocked by those who seek to instrumentalise and distort his laws and revelation to destroy people rather than help them grow into a full and satisfying life as He intends.


Today's gospel passage reminds us that the conflict between good and evil is not only between two people or groups of people, but can also be within a single person. The disciples of Jesus are not immune to the temptation to self-seeking and self-aggrandisement. As an antidote to these temptations the Lord presents a child with all his simplicity, straightforwardness and dependence to be their model. He identifies himself with the child and invites them to do the same. Children did not count for much in Jewish society of the time because of the high rate of infant mortality. One would not be making great claims as or about a child until he or she was at least twelve years old with a good chance of survival into adulthood. Childhood is a state humility and dependence.

Jesus is not asking anything of his disciples that He himself is not prepared to do. Jesus has made himself the servant of all and will prove to be the Suffering Servant described by the prophet Isaiah. Much like the virtuous man in the first reading. He will be killed ignominiously. People will say that God has abandoned him. But God will show his power and glory through his Son's resurrection.

Fr Peter Jansen sm

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.

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

 **Novena.** 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.


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.


Whangarei Heads Pioneer Church, (McLeod Bay). Dedication & Remembrance Service to dedicate the housing of our historic Gaelic and English bibles in the purpose built cabinet, a symbol of the significance the scriptures held for our founding congregations. Sunday 29 September at 10am. Fellowship and shared refreshment to follow at the McLeod Bay Hall.

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. There are also two second class relics - St Joan de Britto and St Andrej Bobola.

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

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

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

 **Daylight Saving** begins next **Sunday 29 September at 2am**. Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour. **Don't forget, Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 6pm on Saturday 5 October.**

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ◆ **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: "Our days are identical suitcases – all the same size - but some people can pack more into them than others" Ephesians 5:15,16. Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of every opportunity.

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 2024**. Tickets on sale early October.

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.

Whangarei Josephite Companions will hold our prayer reflection and hospitality on Saturday 28 September in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School staffroom, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Contact - Jane 021 163 4058



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. All welcome.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship next meet for prayers, praise and worship on Wednesday 16 October 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/z1orcm750bqcubb/> See noticeboard.

St Francis School News: Our year 5 & 6 students are very excited to be days away from their production! The term has been extra busy for them as they have learnt new songs, dance routines and perfected their acting roles. Next week is showtime! The performing arts is a powerhouse to; develop skills, gain confidence, highlight talents and discover new passions. We thank Mrs Glenys J and Renee Proctor for all the wonderful work they have done in organising and directing the show. Also to our many helpers for props. Bernadette Hall (Principal)

Auckland Diocese Special Collections. World Mission Sunday 20 October.

This money is distributed by the National Missions Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese for 12 months in a missionary country.



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.

Christian Meditation meet every Wednesday in Eymard House

Choir Practices: 4.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 3 October and 17 October.
Thursday 7 and 14 November .



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