

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	///
Maungakarema	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.					

MASS INTENTIONS. If you wish to have a Mass Intention for the Anniversary of a loved one, or other reason, please phone the Parish Office or call in, so the Mass can be booked. We don't automatically book the Mass Intention for each anniversary. **Please note:** Masses celebrated on the weekend are for Parish Intentions..


♦ Funeral Masses take precedence over Mass Intentions. We will contact you to change the date.

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, Cecil Reed (*Stratford*), Mary Gibson.

Recently deceased: Malcolm Jensen (*husband of Karin*), Luce Misic, Rory O'Connor (*husband of Colleen*), Laurence (Laurie) O'Neill (*Auckland*). Paul Finlay (*father of Christine*), Poata Nathan, Howard Anderson (*Patea*), Derek Weber (*Hastings, husband of Nola*).

Anniversaries: Nancye Milroy, Corry Beentjes, Gafaomalietoa (Gafa) Ponifasio, Marguerite Osborne, Jeanette Yovich, Bryan Chapman, Margaret Rabone, Brett Frische.





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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
29 September 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10:2-16



One of the main lessons from our Gospel reading this Sunday, is that we are to recognise and accept good wherever we find it. This same lesson comes through in the first reading of the day. God is not constrained or limited to any particular group or religion. The Spirit of God is at work not only in Catholics, but throughout all peoples.

The good that God does wherever and however he does it, is expressed in Scripture and many church documents. It's at the core of the teachings of Vatican Council II about other religions. The council says that the church affirms all that is true and good outside of the Catholic Church; among other Christian churches, among the Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus,... even among non-believers. At the same time, with the utmost certainty, the council firmly affirms that others do not have the fullness of the truth. Only the Catholic Church has the fullness of truth, the 'Deposit of Faith.'


Efforts are being made in the spirit of this teaching of the council, mainly by our church leaders, especially by Pope Francis. Their work in promoting dialogue and cooperation with other religions, their inclusive actions and Statements however, are often misunderstood and criticised.

As Catholics we must learn to see, accept and encourage the good that God does in others, whoever they may be. Unlike Joshua and John in our Sunday readings, let us rejoice in the fruits of the Spirit of God that we see in others.

Dcn Nimo Ponifasio


Sacristan Coordinator: Mr Mark Anderson has indicated to the Sacristans and to the Parish Priest that he cannot continue in his role as Sacristan Coordinator. We thank him for his dedication and his ability to organise and enlist so many others to help in the preparation of the Sacred Liturgy. A role that is so important to the life of the Church. We thank him for doing this. We are looking for this role to be taken up by any person who can fulfil the duties required. It would suit a **younger person** who can coordinate with others. If you could consider this, please make yourself known to the Office or to Mark Anderson.

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 1pm in the Parish Hall. This date may change.


 **Pompallier Catholic College:** As the present acting Principal Chris Allen leaves, we thank her for her generous response to leading the College. On 15th October the Parish and College welcomes Hayden Kingdon who also will be acting Principal for next term. He then will be the principal for 2025. In the same way we acknowledge Richard Stanton for his long service as Principal, which at the end of this year he will have accomplished 15 years. Gratitude to all. We also thank Monica Johnson for her help and educational expertise.

Fr Brian is away on Retreat and a visit to his brother in Christchurch.

Filipino Mass: Today, Sunday 29 September at 5pm here in our Church.

 **Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert. Sunday 6 October.** Celebration Sunday is set aside to commemorate and celebrate the life, spirituality, and good works of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. 'Let my actions be a continual prayer and speak to you of my love' *Mā aku mahi ka rangona tonutia ngā karakia me taku aroha ki ā koe'.*

The Franciscans in the parish would like to invite you to sandwiches and a cuppa, after 12.10pm Mass on Friday 4 October to celebrate St Francis' Feast Day.


 **October and The Rosary.** The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October is also the month in which Mary appeared for the last time to the shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal urging them to "say the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world". The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7 October.


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.

Proclaimers of The Word (Readers) Workshop. Saturday 19 October at 10am-11am here in our Church. We encourage all our Lectors to come. A reminder that Lectors need to be aged 15 years or over.

Mission Sunday 20 October 2024. "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" 'You shall be my witnesses' - Acts 1:8. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Decisions can take you out of God's will but never out of His reach". 2 Timothy 2: 13. If we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself.

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

 **Pax Christi** next meet on Tuesday 15 October in Eymard House, 5pm-7pm. **Please note change of date and time.**

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


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


St Francis School News: Showtime! This week our senior students perform *CATS*. Thank you again to all our supporters, helpers, staff and sponsors and of course students. A well produced and directed musical that will provide lifelong memories for all involved. Also a special congratulations to all our children who received their Sacraments this weekend. Well done, and God bless. This week also marks the coming to the end of Term 3. Students and staff can have a rest before we embark on a new term of learning and milestones. *Bernadette Hall, Principal.*


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


The next Catholic 30s and 40s singles group meet up is on 19 October. We will tee off from 4pm at Enchanted Forest Mini Golf in Onehunga. The course is set in park-like grounds with a range of holes for all abilities including the smash-tacular The Cage. Email akcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com for more info.

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.



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

 **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.

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.

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

 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