

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.					

**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.



**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, 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*), Bishop Denis Browne DD, Herman van Melsen, (*Holland, brother of Marta Cullen*).

**Anniversaries:** Garth Heenan, Roseanne Macken, George Marr, Bob Emett.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8 September 2024 Year B**

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

**Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35**

## Give me Courage from the Church:

What would it mean for the Church to really get its act together?

To establish a Christian kingdom on earth? Absolutely pure and clean?

To have unending harmony, infinite happiness? Christ himself failed in this sense;

What is more, he denounced this too human and too political "restoration of the kingdom of Israel" (Acts 1:6) as the temptation and misinterpretation most opposed to the proclamation that "the Kingdom of God is near to you, is among you" (Luke 10:9, 11). Would we be greater than our master (John 13:16)?

Do we design the Church to accommodate our designs. Do we fashion the church in our own image and likeness. Are *we* first and foremost the ones in charge of the salvation of the Church, of its growth, its power, its effectiveness, its improvement? If only the Church was like this...we say. Christ himself take cares of that.

He does so by asking each one of us to reform ourselves, to convert to the life of the Spirit. He promised his Church that the gates of Hell would not prevail against it. He never guaranteed it would become a majority, or dominant in the world: He asks us to pass through the same experience of the cross by which he gained the Resurrection.

The Church should not even be our primary concern, at least in the sense of the Church as a human society among others in the world. We see that it alone continues through the centuries, always the same and always new, always faltering and failing, weak and occasionally strong, persecuted, but indestructible, as promised. "I will be with you until the end of time".

Rather than being worried and preoccupied about the Church, the believer who is serious and practicing the faith *forgets* to occupy oneself with worry about the Church but the courage to live out of the Church, Christ Body. The courage to love the Cross.

Fr Brian Prendeville s.m.

**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](http://www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week) Reflection Booklets available from the Parish Office for groups or individuals to use.

**We are now 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.

- ◆ Roof almost finished. Just monitoring some concerns around the sanctuary and flashings that are problematic. We can now use the vents again for the top of the church for those designated to do so.
- ◆ Gratitude to Paul and Annabel Kalin for the cleaning of the fence lines around the blue house, and we will soon begin work on restoring the house so that it may be rentable.
- ◆ Pat Anderson replanted the tree that was vandalized some time ago. This was given in the time of Ted's funeral.
- ◆ Thanks for all the parishioners who came to the funeral for Margaret Duff-Stewart. Appreciated and a testament to Faith. Thank you.



**We welcome into our parish family those baptised in August:**

Saylah Costain-Short, McKersey-Jane Kloet, Jedsen Kloet, Nina Shepherd and Liam Shepherd,

**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 Andrejz Bobola.

**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.

**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**

- ◆ **Thursday 12 September:** The Most Holy Name of Mary.
- ◆ **Saturday 14 September:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "We may seek graces, but shall never find them without the intercession of Mary." Saint Cajetan, Founder of the Theatines

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

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



**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 rolled oats, dried soup mix and noodles are very welcome. We are in need of **empty jam jars with lids**. Please drop off at the Parish office. Thank you.

**Meetings at 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.



**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.

**St Francis School News:** This week our staff had the opportunity at staff meeting to hear Father Frank Bird talk about his experiences as a Priest in serving in Thailand and he also ran a workshop on reflective prayer practices. We welcome opportunities as staff to hear from experts and those in missionary work who are doing amazing things for and with others in our world of need. We pray for all youth today that they find understanding and strength through their faith to face challenges that may come their way. May they know that God has a bigger plan for them that will reveal itself in time. 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.



**Can You Help? Computer Operators needed to operate the laptop for 10am Mass on Sunday.**

We ask if any adults or secondary school students can help with this Ministry? Full training given. Please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



**Special congratulations to Noel and Colleen Thompson**, for their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Their family of 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 11½ great grandchildren are very proud of them and extend their love and blessings on this wonderful occasion.



**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*