

| 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 *LOW | 10.30am Mass | 10.30 am *LOW | 10.30am Mass | 10.30 am *LOW |
| Hikurangi | 8:00am Mass | 10:00am *LOW | 10:00am Mass | 10:00am *LOW | 10:00am *LOW |
| Whangarei Heads | 5pm Sat Vigil Mass (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) | 8:30am *LOW | /// | 8:30am *LOW | 10am. Combined Community Service |
| Maungatapere | /// | /// | 8.30am *LOW | 8.30am Mass | /// |
| Maungakareama | 10.30am Mass | /// | /// | /// | /// |
| 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 so the Mass can be booked. We don't automatically book the Mass Intention for each anniversary. Please phone the Office or call in person to book your Mass Intention. **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, Lien Thi Pham, Johanna Heffey,

Recently deceased: Peter Luxford (*Wellington, brother of John*), Inga Hopkins., Michael Franich.

Anniversaries: Agnes Steiner.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13 October 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4: 14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Every person matters always.

The first and last sentences of our Gospel this Sunday have a message about life. Yes, it is a message about eternal life. But eternal life depends on life here, in this world – there are no shortcuts. Everyone, no matter how old or how young is called through this life to eternal life. It is a call to share in God's own life because we are created in the image and likeness of God. As St. Augustine says, "Our hearts are restless Lord until we rest in You". However we might want to seek fulfilment or be fulfilled as persons or reach our full potential, we only achieve that through sharing an eternal life with God for ever.

The young man in the Gospel who wanted to inherit eternal life had kept all the commandments with respect to other people. Other people mattered for him and Jesus loved him for it. But his wealth was to keep him from reaching his full potential. Jesus directs him to sell up and give the money to the poor – people who would not be able to return the favour, people who are also made in the image and likeness of God – and then "come follow me".

For Jesus, each and everyone of us matters, each of us is important, from conception to natural death, no matter what we have or don't have, young or old, whether we be seen as a saint or a sinner.

Each of us reflect some aspect of God and are called to find ultimate fulfilment in the life of God in heaven.

We have successfully addressed the leaking Chapel problem which we have been plagued with for many years. In various places water damage had occurred. We hope no more. The carpet we hope may be salvaged from water damage and there needs to be some attention paid to screws penetrating gip board on the chapel walls.

The leak over the skylight in the sanctuary has also been addressed. There is some need for rust prevention work. We discovered an obvious leak near the organ pipes, which has not yet been addressed. You can see the effects of this by the pillar closest to the Organ pipes.

Gratitude to all who have been helping: Margaret Silson for her untiring work gardening. Noel Paget, Rick Palmer, Annabelle and Paul Kalin for all your constant help. And gratitude to Richard Crum for his overseeing of this repair work. Not a little time and energy for such a busy person. Richard's work on the roof has been miraculous. We have a couple more things to attend to on the outside.

Some parents have raised ecclesial issues, (i.e. baptism and catholic practice) regarding the enrollment process of Pompallier Catholic College. They would love to gather to discuss these issues with people of similar experiences and concerns. Today, Sunday 13 October at 1pm in the Parish Hall.



Our Syro Malabar Community warmly invites parishioners to attend their Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Sunday 27 October at 5.30pm here in our Church.

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.

Catholic Census! In the month of November the annual head count of all attending Sunday Masses and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is taken.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship will gather 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. 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/>.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ◆ **Sunday 20 October:** World Mission Sunday
- ◆ **Saturday 28 October:** Feast Day of Saints Simon and Jude
- ◆ **Sunday 1 November:** All Saints Day
- ◆ **Sunday 2 November:** All Souls Day

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "When God measures a man, he puts the tape around the heart instead of the head". 1 Samuel 16:....for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."



Christian Meditation Community Day..

Saturday 2 November 9.30am to 3pm in Eymard House.

Theme: *A Day with Edith Stein*. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided. If you are attending, please phone Michael 436 5663 or email md1@outlook.co.nz

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.



Society of St Vincent de Paul: St Vincent de Paul provides food to individuals and families. We thank parishioners for their generosity.

Food Bank. Donations of tinned fruit, jelly and noodles are very welcome.
Christmas Gifts: We are looking for donations of unwrapped gifts for our Christmas parcels for teens and younger children. e.g. cars, balls, blocks, books, body wash, playing cards, hair and nail products. Chocolate and tinned biscuits are always welcome. **Donations need to be taken to the Parish Office by Monday 2 December please.** Gifts will then be delivered to families for Christmas. Thank you.

SVdP 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.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please note: No Novena each Wednesday till Wednesday 27 November.

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.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from 23rd September to 22nd November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations. See flyer on noticeboard.



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

Choir Practices: 4.30pm - 6pm
 Thursday 17 October
 Thursday 7 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