

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 *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 - Middy. 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.					

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.

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, Lien Thi Pham, Johanna Heffey, Des Monahan (*Westport, brother of Peter*).

Recently deceased: Peter Luxford (*Wellington, brother of John*), Inga Hopkins., Michael Franich, Margaret Pool (*wife of John*), Clive Thompson (*Kaitiaki, brother and brother-in-law of Noel and Colleen*).

Anniversaries: Lorna Draffin, Patrick Mehana, Margaret Emmett.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Next Week's Readings: Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Mission Sunday

In this week's Gospel reading from Mark 10:35-45, we witness a profound teaching moment that Jesus shares with His disciples. James and John, in their eagerness, request to sit at Jesus' right and left in His glory, seeking positions of honour and power. However, Jesus redirects their understanding by emphasizing the true nature of greatness in God's kingdom: servanthood and sacrifice.

Jesus asks them, "Can you drink the cup I drink?" This question signifies the suffering and sacrifice that Jesus Himself will endure. It is a call to embrace the same path of the suffering servant, whose victory over sin and death brings redemption to many. This theme resonates deeply on Mission Sunday as we reflect on the lives and work of missionaries worldwide. Just as Jesus gave His life as an offering for sin, missionaries give their lives in service to others, often in difficult and challenging circumstances.

The passage also highlights the concept of power, not as a means to dominate or lord over others, but to serve. Jesus states, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all." This teaching underscores the mission of the Church and its members to adopt a posture of humility and service, mirroring the life of Jesus. Missionaries embody this call, dedicating themselves to the most vulnerable and needy, often at great personal cost.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, we are reminded of the importance of being confident in proclaiming the access to God assured by Jesus' redemptive work. Missionaries around the world carry on this work, bringing the message of salvation and hope to those who have yet to hear it. Their lives exemplify the call to "drink the cup" of sacrifice and service, following in the footsteps of the suffering servant.

The Missionary Church is indeed the Servant Church, reaching out to those in most need. We are called to support and join in this mission, recognizing that true greatness lies in our capacity to serve others. As we reflect on Jesus' words and the example of our missionaries, let us commit ourselves anew to the mission of the Church, confident in the victory over sin and death achieved through Christ's sacrifice, and eager to share this Good News with all.

✠ **Solemnity of All Saints. Friday 1 November:** Mass times: 12.10pm; 5.30pm

✠ **All Souls Day Saturday 2 November:**

Mass times: 8am; 12 noon. During November you may wish to bring a small remembrance card with names of your loved ones who have died. Please place the card in the basket on the Remembrance Table in the Sanctuary. The basket will remain in the Sanctuary throughout November. Blank cards will be available on a table in the foyer from 25 October.

✠ **Annual Mass for the Bereaved:** Friday 8 November here in our Church at 5.30pm. All welcome. There will be a cup of tea following Mass.

✠ **Blessing of Graves:** All are welcome to come on Sunday 2 November at 3pm to Maunu Cemetery for prayers and the blessing of graves. Meet at the entrance.

Gratitude: Mrs Marjorie Abraham Quinn has been a very generous helper for us in our Managerial and financial duties for our parish. She filled in when we had to provide a cove rafter when Lalyn went to Australia. She has been here almost 14 months. In that time, we have advertised twice for her role to be fulfilled. Thank you, Marjorie, for your dedication and generosity of service in a time that has required your skills in many ways.

Welcome: We welcomed Arjay Ferrer as our new Parish Administrator late August. Arjay and his family moved to Whangarei in 2020. They belong to Couples for Christ. Their daughter Cassandra sings at Mass on the third Sunday of the month. He is looking forward to getting to know all our lovely parishioners.

We have also been in discussion with St Francis Xavier Catholic school around parking and access, God has not blessed that work so far, needs Lotto NZ to be instructed from above. We can quite significantly increase the number of parks by a different and safer traffic flow.



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

Media Prayer Day: On Sunday, 27 October, hundreds of churches across the country will unite in prayer for those working in New Zealand's mass media.

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.



We welcome the new Acting Principal for Pompallier Catholic College Mr Hayden Kingdon and his wife Demarris.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

- ◆ **Saturday 28 October:** Feast Day of Saints Simon and Jude
- ◆ **Sunday 1 November:** All Saints Day
- ◆ **Sunday 2 November:** All Souls Day
- ◆ **Sunday 17 November:** World Day of the Poor-Caritas

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals Ready to follow Him"



Martha and Mary Group meet on Friday 1st November at 10am in our Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. Queries to Jan 027 284 0781

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

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.

Catholic Women's Breakfast – Tickets \$15. Young and old, join us for breakfast fellowship! **9 November 2024, 9.15 - 11.15am** – by ticket only. **Whangarei Cruising Club, Riverside Drive, Whangarei.** This is a popular event for all women regardless of style of worship, to meet other Catholic women over a finger food breakfast, with views of the harbour. \$15 (includes breakfast and beverages). Tickets available from Janet at the Parish Office (cash or eftpos). For more details contact Karen on 027 436 0206 or Email: karendsturge@gmail.com



Society of St Vincent de Paul: St Vincent de Paul provides food to individuals and families. This is only made possible from food donated. Thank you for your generosity. 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 Friday 6 December please.** Gifts will then be delivered to families for Christmas. Thank you.

St Francis School News: This week our students returned back after term break ready for another term of learning. We started another New Entrant class this term. If you are thinking of enrolling your child at St Francis in the new year or know someone who is, please ensure the forms for enrolment are filled in and passed onto the school in good time. We do have a waiting list, and so it helps us to plan and organise programmes, teachers and resources when we have pre enrolment information. We pray for our priests and all those who do God's work in our community. May they always be inspired and strengthened through Christ and know they are part of God's plan. God bless. Bernadette Hall-Principal

Jubilee Bursary for Theological and Religious Studies. Applications Invited for Semester 1 2025. Applications close 21 November 2024. See 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

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. To register, phone Michael 436 5663/email md1@outlook.co.nz