

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 - 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.					

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, Karl Guttenbieil (*nephew of Ella Schaumkel*), Paul Sorensen, Bridie French.

Recently deceased: Margaret Pool (*wife of John*), Clive Thompson (*Kaitiia, brother and brother-in-law of Noel and Colleen*), John Pole, Des Monahan (*Westport, brother of Peter*), Anna Haines, (*Auckland, Aunt of Dave Smith*).

Anniversaries: Hugh Verco, Theresa Anaki, Lucy Snelgar.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 October 2021 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 12:28-34

On the road which leads to Jerusalem, Jesus walks ahead of his disciples. They follow him with trepidation, blinder than ever. They are unable to understand that the Son of Man must suffer and die, although it would be enough to follow him resolutely to discover, in the depths of his abasement, who he is: the Son of God.

Mark, in relating the episode of the healing of blind Bartimaeus, sees beyond the circle of the Twelve to the whole Christian community which is also called to follow Jesus on the way of the passion, but is reluctant to do so. Paradoxically the blindness of this beggar, seated at the side of the road, does not prevent him from perceiving who Jesus is; much better than the crowd does. He expresses his conviction by his repeated cries, by the leap of faith which makes him reject every support and hurry towards the one who calls him and is going to heal him – even throwing aside his cloak, confident in the knowledge that he will be able to retrieve it once the Lord has cured him. A miracle of the keen discernment of faith: not only does it save, but it also involves a man in the dynamism of conversion. No sooner cured than Bartimaeus, image of the faithful community and type of the perfect disciple, gets ready to follow Jesus on the way.

We are accustomed to equating understanding with seeing. We even say “I see” when we reckon we have understood something. However, there is a knowledge that comes not from seeing, but from hearing and believing. Hearing and believing the testimony of Jesus passed on to us by the apostolic witness.

Fr Peter Janssen sm

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

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

There will be two Masses celebrated on All Souls Day, 8am and 12 noon. You are welcome to bring a flower to be placed in a basket in the Sanctuary.

☐ **The Book of Remembrance** is brought out on All Souls Day and is on display till the end of November, for parishioners to enter the names of their loved ones who have died. People named, will be remembered at Mass throughout November.

☐ **During November** you may wish to bring a small remembrance card with the 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 are available on a table in the foyer from Friday 31 October.

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


✠ **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.




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

As Monday 27 October is Labour Day, (Public Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 8am

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. Finger food breakfast, with views available from Janet at the Parish Office (cash or eftpos). For more details contact of the harbour. \$15 (includes breakfast and beverages). Tickets Karen on 027 436 0206 or email: karendsturge@gmail.com

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

 **2025 Baptism programme for school aged children (7-12 years of age)** The Walk in the Light-Hikoi i te Marama programme will begin on February 23rd 2025. Please see Janet in the Parish Office for details and to register. Alternatively contact Mrs J at St Francis Xavier Catholic School glen-ys@sfx.school.nz We are looking for keen people who can support Mrs J and Whaea Anna with this programme. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Mrs J. Thank you! Registrations close on Sunday 26 January 2025.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "It's not the outlook but the up look that counts".

Hebrews 12:2a. Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...



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.



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 7 November
Thursday 14 November



Society of St Vincent de Paul: St Vincent de Paul provides food to individuals and families. We thank parishioners for their 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. **Meetings: 5pm on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.** Second Thursday we pray the Rosary and fourth Thursday we have a meeting.

Pax Christi next meet on Tuesday 12 November in Eymard House, 5pm-7pm. All welcome.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please note: None until Wednesday 27 November.

St Francis School News: We recently had Shield Challenge- an annual sports event with Whangarei Primary school. It was wonderful to see our seniors participate in a range of sporting codes on home turf. SFX School won the Shield Challenge for 2024! This week we welcome the evaluation and review staff from the Auckland Diocese who are here for our school review. We look forward to their time with us and sharing the how and what we do as a Catholic School. We continue to 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.