

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.					

### Kids Korner & Parent Ponderings. Exploring our faith with Children.

This week: **Celebrating TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY of OT**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Celebrating-Twenty-3.pdf>

**Please do not remove the Funeral Leaflets from the Church foyer.** We remember and pray for them for 3 months. The Parish Office can make a copy for you.

### 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, Lien Thi Pham, Johanna Heffey,

**Recently deceased:** Poata Nathan, Howard Anderson (*Patea*), Derek Weber (*Hastings, husband of Nola*), Peter Luxford (*Wellington, brother of John*), Inga Hopkins., Michael Franich.

**Anniversaries:** Bertha Keys, Joe Carroll.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**6 October 2024 Year B**

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

**Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10:17-30**

## Brokenness and Wholeness

Mark's original listeners probably found Jesus' uncompromising statements about marriage and re-marriage as challenging as we do today. Pressures are frequently put on the Church to change its teachings but what we have to remember is that the Church is the custodian of the Word of God and, as such, we can't change it.

It can be easy to chalk up Jesus' teaching on divorce and remarriage as very legalistic without taking a deeper look. Too many people over the years have used this gospel reading to judge and perhaps even condemn others. But this is exactly the opposite of what Jesus intends. What is often overlooked in the reading is that Jesus gives us a glimpse of the kingdom of God still to come--- a kingdom of possibility and grace.

Jesus addresses two topics in today's gospel that deal with the human condition. First, he deals with the brokenness of the person that results from the situation. Jesus preached this message at a time when women held little or no rights. So, what does Jesus do? He expands the norms of divorce by making note of the woman's ability to divorce her husband. He contradicts Jewish law. There are major implications now for fairer and more just settlements for both parties. Jesus' empowerment of women to initiate the proceedings reflects his push toward greater justice for the marginalized. And in dealing with their brokenness Jesus addresses the second topic--- that of restoring wholeness and equality to the women which was a central theme to a lot of his teachings. Who are the broken people in our lives that need their wholeness restored? How can we embrace and bless them? Dcn. Jim Nees

**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.

**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 13 October at 1pm in the Parish Hall. This date may change.

**Renovation work** has begun the Blue House that we purchased earlier this year. We hope soon to be able to offer for rental.

**Thanks** for all the help financially, without your contributions we would not be able to complete these tasks that preserve the life of the Church buildings and prevent major renovation in the future. While the roof needs a cosmetic paint job, it is in a fairly sound state.

**Wish list:** Grotto, flag poles, Life size Francis Xavier, Bell, Signage and Joyful generous hearts.

**Sacristan Coordinator:** 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.



**Day of Prayer to Support Life - 13 October**

Support Life Sunday is an opportunity to focus together on how our Catholic tradition celebrates and protects all of life. Theme for 2024 is "Infinite dignity = Infinite Love. Every life matters ... Always!"

*He mea nui te ora o ngā tāngata katoa... i ngā wā katoa!*

**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](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz) before **20 October 2024**. Please give a contact name & address for your group or outlying area. Thank you.

**Novena.** Every Wednesday at 6pm, our Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. **Please note: No Novena on 16 October onwards.** Novena will begin again on Wednesday 27 November



**Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** every

Friday 11am - 12 noon.  
Come and spend time with the Lord.

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.**

- ◆ **Sunday 13 October:** Day of Prayer to Support Life.
- ◆ **Sunday 20 October:** World Mission Sunday Collection
- ◆ **Saturday 28 October:** Feast Day of Saints Simon and Jude

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Let us ask ourselves "What am I prepared to share?" and remember the words of Suzanne Aubert – Meri Hōhepa – "A kind heart is the joy of everyone who comes in contact with it."



**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. All welcome.



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

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

**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.

**Choir Practices:** 4.30pm - 6pm. Thursday 17 October; Thursday 7 November; Thursday 14 November.

**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.** Directed by Bishop Steve Lowe. 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/> See noticeboard.

**Catholic Women's Breakfast – Tickets now available.** 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](mailto:karendsturge@gmail.com)



**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.



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*