

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.					



The Popes monthly intentions for November:

For anyone who has lost a child, we pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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 (*Kaitaia, brother and brother-in-law of Noel and Colleen*), John Pole, Des Monahan (*Westport, brother of Peter*), Harriet Tregoweth, Christie Hepi (*Rotorua, brother of Cil Fromont*), Marion Whare-Cullen..

Anniversaries: Raymond van der Veeken



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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10 November 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18; Mark 13: 24-32

Giving it 'our all'

Upon reflecting on today's 1st reading and the gospel, I am convinced that there is a deeper message for us to grasp. The 1st reading isn't really all about the widow's and son's hunger and last meal. Nor is the gospel a story just about money. They are stories about Christian discipleship. About how we should follow the Lord as disciples based on trust in God and **giving it our all to the best of our ability**. In the 1st reading the widow **gave all that she had** to live on. In the gospel, we see a similar story of a widow who puts her last 2 coins into the temple treasury. Jesus comments that in contrast to those who gave from their surplus, her contribution was **all she had**.


So, how do we relate this idea of '**giving our all**' to our own lives? Mother Teresa used to say that, "God looks, not at the greatness of the work, but at the love with which it is performed. Discipleship is not achieved by a few great deeds but by a lot of little ones."

** A very good example of this quote in action is occurring right here in our parish every day in the month of November. It's the basket/book of names to remember and pray for our families and friends who have passed on. If you haven't already placed names in the basket or written in the book, then I would encourage you to do so. It may seem rather insignificant and we probably won't know the impact of our actions. It's nice to know that even a small act or deed done in love does not escape His attention. These things are noticed by God and He can do with it and with us what is beyond our comprehension and reckoning.

Dcn. Jim Nees

✠ **Remembering our loved ones:** 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.

✠ **The Book of Remembrance** 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.

 **2025 Baptism programme for school aged children (7-12 years of age)** The Walk in the Light-Hikoi i te Mārama programme will begin on 23 February 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. Registrations close on Sunday 26 January 2025.

A family has made a significant donation to the two outdoor statues project that has been in discussion for some time. Very positive responses have been received. The Indian Community have offered their support and encouragement. Two statues have been ordered of marble one of the Blessed Virgin that would go well as a Grotto and the other to face the road of St Francis Xavier Church looking up Te Kamo Road against the Aggregate wall. They both will need some foundation work, but all within the capacity and the expertise of the community. If you would like to contribute to the Statue fund you are most welcome and you may have the expertise in Bricklaying, stone work, concrete making, etc.etc.

Urgent request for helpers for the Pregnancy Choice Op Shop in town. They are getting very desperate to manage the little shop and provide comfort and support to women and families. Can you spare 3 ½ hours per fortnight to volunteer in their shop? They also need monetary donations and donations of clothes. Please phone Sharlene 021 459 002

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.



Feast of Christ The King Sunday 24 November.

World map: We have a World map in the foyer for parishioners to place a pin on their country of origin.

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

March For Life. Saturday 7 December. *Be a voice for the voiceless!* Meeting at 1pm at Parliament grounds. The march begins at 2pm, returning to Parliament for speeches. Event ends at 4pm. Flyers in the Church foyer.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

Sunday 17 November: World Day of the Poor-Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "What counts is not the number of hours you put in, but how much you put in the hours". Ecclesiastes 9:10a. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might;



Joshua Men's Fellowship next meet on Wednesday 20 November at 7pm here in our Church. All men very welcome.

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

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: 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.

Pompallier Catholic College.

End of Year Parents Evening. On Thursday 12 December the PTFA invites you to come and meet our new Principal Hayden Kingdon. This is a great chance to gain insight into school life, connect with other parents and join the Pompallier community. It will also be a perfect evening for new parents who have children starting next year RSVP by 6 December to ptfa@pompallier.school.nz.

Thank you

Homestay Families Required. Pompallier Catholic College will again be welcoming international students for 2025. Enquiries warmly welcomed now from any families interested in hosting a student/students. Please contact the Homestay Coordinator Lisa by email and include your contact phone number. lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz

St Francis School News: This week our senior students have athletics. It is great to have the opportunity for children to participate in a range of different sporting codes. Last week we remembered all Saints and All Souls with a school liturgy. We continue to pray for those who have died and need our prayers, even those we do not know. "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030) God bless, Bernadette Hall (Principal)



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 14 November.