

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	///
Maungakaramea	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
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Middy. <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.					

**Charismata Singers Present. Behold The Lamb of God.** The true tall tale of the coming of Christ. Saturday 7 December, 7pm at Whangarei Central Baptist Church. 202 Bank Street. Tickets at the door: Adults \$20, students \$10. <https://charismatia.nz>  
See flyer on Church 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:** Harriet Tregoweth, Christie Hepi (*Rotorua, brother of Cil Fromont*), Marian Whare-Cullen, Bridie Southall (*wife of John*), Mark Meyer (*husband of Roz*).

**Anniversaries:** Herb Isherwood, Deacon John Kooge, Dr. Ponifasio (Sio) Ponifasio, Janette Sorensen.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish



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**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**17 November 2024 Year B**

**Next Week's Readings: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18: 33-37.**

## A Call for Healing and Restoration.

*A Message of Apology and Hope. Today we hear our Bishops' Apology and Repentance for the Abuse in Care in Religious Organisations.*

As a Parish, the priests come before you, with heavy hearts and profound sorrow. The Church, the Body of Christ, a place intended for love, compassion, protection and spiritual growth, has failed to live up to its divine calling. We acknowledge the deep wounds inflicted upon so many individuals by those who abused their positions of trust and power when called to serve the church as Bishops, Priests and Religious. The pain and suffering caused by these acts of abuse are immeasurable. Apology, openness to redress, healing, and the power of a faithful laity will enable these stories to be heard, listened to, believed, and the restoration of people's lives to the design of God.

We implore you to join us in seeking the healing power of Christ. His love can mend broken hearts and restore shattered lives. Let us pray at The Eucharist for this. "To Know Christ Jesus and the power of him crucified."

Let us discover the reforming power of the Women doctors of the church, Saint Catherine of Siena, St Teresa of Avila, St Hildegard of Bingen, St Therese of Lisieux, all in their own way with so many of the faithful men and women of our time calling for the Healing of Clergy as servants of the duties entrusted to them by Christ and His Church.


Pray for Priests, Love your Priests, servants of Christ. Never spoil your priests, as we are of the same flesh and blood of all humanity, in need of Our Redeemer who forgives and heals. May Mary, the Mother of Mercy, intercede for the Church today.

Fr Brian Prendeville sm

✚ **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 are available on a table in the Church foyer

✚ **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.

**Safeguarding.** Find out more about the Church's work to nurture a culture of Safeguarding at [www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/](http://www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/). On this site you can also find a pathway to share your story or make a formal complaint about abuse within the Church community, with the National Office for Professional Standards.

**Today Sunday 17 November is the World Day of the Poor.** The theme this year is "The prayer of the poor rises up to God".

**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.



**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.

**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. Thank you.




**Joshua Men's Fellowship** next meet on Wednesday 20 November at 7pm here in our Church. (Last meeting for 2024). All men very welcome.

**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 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 [glenys@sfx.school.nz](mailto:glenys@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.



**Parish Playgroup.** We would love to see you on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall 9 -11.30am during school term. You will meet other parents and grandparents. Please bring a gold coin and fruit for shared morning tea. Queries to the Parish Office.

 **Martha and Mary Group** meet on Friday 6 December at 10am in Eymard House for companionship, listening and learning. Queries to Jan 027 284 0781

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.**

**Sunday 24 November:** OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
**First Sunday of Advent 1st December:** Sundays Year C; Weekdays Year I.

**SFX Prayer Group** meet every Tuesday in Eymard House during School term, 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

**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.

**SFX Catholic School** has ordered a Holy Family Statue to be specifically made for our primary school. This statue will be a visible reminder and presence in our school grounds to all who enter, play and learn that we are proudly Catholic. If you would like to donate to the overall cost of the statue please let our school office personnel know. Any contribution would be most welcome. [office@sfx.school.nz](mailto:office@sfx.school.nz) or [rachel@sfx.school.nz](mailto:rachel@sfx.school.nz).

**St Francis School News:** Last week I got to attend the CWL breakfast. It is inspiring to see so many Catholic women taking time to come together and share time, food, and our stories. Many thanks to those who organise these events. Our teachers are still busy collecting student data in preparation for end of year reporting. We are pleased to let you know our Cultural Evening is in a couple of weeks, here at school. We will have many cultural groups performing and it is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community. More details in next weeks news. God bless, Bernadette Hall-Principal

**Bibles for New Entrant Families.** St Francis Xavier Catholic School continues their initiative to spread the Word of God and ensure that all new, new entrant families coming to our school will have a family Bible. Our school wishes to gift a Bible to each new entrant family. The cost of each Bible is \$13.00. If you can assist us towards the cost of this initiative, please contact Maria Wilson at St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Thank you.

**Sistema Classical Concert.** Saturday 30 November at 7.30pm here in our Church. A elegant evening of Bach and more from our Sistema seniors and grateful graduates. . Tickets \$20. Teens \$10. Primary age \$5. See flyer on Church noticeboard. Eftpos and Cash door sales.



**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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: " God always gives His best to those Who leave the choice with him."