

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
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.					

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: Jenny McMath, Henare Mackie, William Edwards, Colleen O'Grady, Fr Paul Shanahan S.M, David Stone, Ben Wotelboer, Sally Roughan, Delia Leefe.



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: (First Sunday of Advent) Year C

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2; ; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Christ the King

This Sunday is the beginning of the last week of our Liturgical Year. It is an opportunity to look back over our spiritual / faith life. It is also an opportunity to look ahead.

Our Gospel today speaks of the trial of Jesus before Pilate. Jesus is nearing the end of His life in this world. But He is looking to the future as well. We hear Jesus agreeing with Pilate that He, Jesus, is a king. The kingdom Jesus refers to is not of this world. When His followers asked him to teach them how to pray, He taught them how to pray to the Father. Part of the prayer included the words, "Thy kingdom come . . ." The Kingdom Jesus speaks of is intimately connected to the will of the Father. Jesus came to reveal the love of God for all people and to call all people to share in the eternal Kingdom.

A remarkable feature of the mission of Jesus was His commitment to bearing witness to the Truth. We are familiar with His outreach to those on the edges, the margins of the religious and social society of His day – the sick, the tax-collectors, sinners, the poor. He was often at odds with the Religious Leaders of the day. In and through His mission, Jesus sort to bear witness to the Truth. By what He said and did He showed us what it is to be someone who lives in Truth.

As we come to the end of this Liturgical Year, let us celebrate Jesus Christ as our King, looking back on our living in the Truth and move forward into a new Liturgical year, confident that Christ is with us and that the Truth will set us free.

✠ **Remembering our loved ones:** During November the **Book of Remembrance** is on display for parishioners to enter the names of their loved ones who have died. People named, will be remembered at Mass throughout 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. Blank cards are available on a table in the foyer.

From Fr Brian:

On Thursday last, Our Provincial of the Society of Mary, informed the Marist Community, that Bishop Steve Lowe is unable to provide the priests that he had intended to come here in the beginning of February. The Bishop asked would it be possible to extend the time to after Easter for the change of clergy. Our Provincial has agreed to the Bishops Request.

The deposit was made for the external Statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St Francis Xavier.

An order has been placed for new Chalices that will replace the Chalices that are in need of replacing.

Year of Jubilee 2025. Te Hunga Hīkoi i roto i te Tūmanako. The Year of Jubilee begins in Advent 2024 and runs until the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026. Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.



NGA TAPUWAE JUBILEE HIKOI 2025. Registrations are open for Nga Tapuwae 10th to 12 January 2025. Please register at https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga_tapuwae-2025/ Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Māori heritage. This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For more information please contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz Visit our Website for more Information which includes Pilgrim overview, Guide Booklet, Route and more. https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga_tapuwa

Mass 12th January 2025, 11am at Totara Point, commemoration of the first Mass in Aotearoa New Zealand. Opportunities to attend after a three day hikoi or a day

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.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

First Sunday of Advent 1st December: Sundays Year C Weekdays Year I

Monday 9 December: Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 8 December: Second Sunday of Advent.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "The secret of success is to start from scratch and keep on scratching." Luke 8:15 But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

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 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.

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.

Tena Koutou Katoa, you are all invited to our shared Christmas lunch in the Parish Hall on 1st December after 10am Māori Mass. Please bring along a plate to share. Nga mihi.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: Christmas Gifts: We would love 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. **Can 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 Xavier Catholic School Cultural Evening.

Nau ai, haere mai.

Our School Cultural Evening is happening on Thursday 28th November! Join us for an evening of entertainment by our students who are representing their cultures. Bring a picnic and be prepared to be dazzled by our fabulous cultural dances. Our school Kapa Haka and SFX choir, and items from our Indian, Filipino, Samoan, Korean, Sri Lankan students. Students may wear national dress. There will be a sausage sizzle available (\$2 per sausage). We warmly welcome our parish and school community to come together for this. See flyer on Church noticeboard.

God bless, Bernadette Hall (Principal)



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



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

Every Wednesday at 6pm, our Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. All welcome.



Thank you. Mary Gibson thanks parishioners for their prayers and loving support during her recent illness May God bless you all.

Eftpos Machine. We now have an Eftpos machine in the Parish Office. It will be taken to the Church each Friday and be placed on a table at the rear of our Church for donations. e.g. \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or any amount. It will print receipts but is not connected to Planned Giving. You will need to put your Planned Giving Number on the Merchant receipt. If screen is dark, press the power button on the side. (will take a minute to turn on).