

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	6pm Sat Vigil 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha)	6pm Sat Vigil (Youth Mass) 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil 8am Sun 10am Sun (Family Mass)	6pm Sat Vigil 8am & 10am Sun
Ruakaka	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy
Hikurangi	8:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am *Liturgy
Whangarei Heads	6pm Sat Vigil	8:30am *Liturgy	///	8:30am *Liturgy	10am. Combined Community Service
Maungata-pere	///	11am *Liturgy	///	8.30am Eucharist	///
Maungakamea	10.30am Eucharist	///	10.30am *Liturgy	///	///
Matapouri, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - March; May; July; Sept; Nov			* Liturgy means Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion /// means no LOW or Eucharist.	
Poroti, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - Feb; April; June; Aug; Oct; Dec				
Pipiwai, Miha	12 noon 5th Sunday of the month				
Eucharist Weekdays and Other Ceremonies					
Monday 7am Eucharist	Tuesday 9am Eucharist; 12.10pm LOWHC	Wednesday 7am LOWHC; 12.10pm Eucharist	Thursday 7am Eucharist; 12.10pm LOWHC	Friday 7am LOWHC; 12.10pm Eucharist	Saturday 8am Eucharist
Exposition: Fri 6.15am; & 11am - Midday. Sat 7.15am - 7.45am.				Reconciliation Rite I : 11.30am Fri & Saturday. Rite II: 7.30pm 4th Wednesday	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5:30pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					

Lenten Prayer for Life: From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join us in daily prayer, fasting and reparation for the cause of life. Register your prayer commitment for the campaign's four prayer intentions at fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife and receive a free pro-life prayer book. More information on the noticeboard.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Evar Davis, Margaret Rabone, Robert Hayson, Dot Palmer, Ida Moroney, Mary McFarlane, Michael Kooge Jnr.

Recently deceased: Betty McFarlane (*sister of Dot Palmer*), Victoria Harris, Ante (Tonko) Rosandich (*husband of Anne*), Agnes Smith, Irihapeti Morgan, Una Tohu, Rose Smit (*Orewa*), Mark Bowen (*Christchurch, past Pompallier Catholic College student*)

Anniversaries: Christina Ihaka, Colin O'Leary, Sean Somerville, Mamie Herlihy.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
3 March 2019 Year C

Next Week's Readings: (Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time)
Deuteronomy 26: 4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Getting ready for Lent

Before we know it, Lent will be upon us. This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. In the Orthodox Tradition of the Church they have a number of days getting ready for beginning Lent so that we can "hit Lent running" so to speak. Lent often focuses us on things to **do** like praying, fasting almsgiving. In these days prior to Lent it might be useful to reflect on how I want to **BE** instead. Here are a few questions you might like to ask yourself before Lent. Each day ask yourself and God: **1. What does my soul need?** Sit and wait for an answer, it might take a few days to arrive and it might genuinely surprise you to discover what it is you really need.

2. What about my life makes me happy? Are there things that I am growing in and need to continue growing in. Lent is a good time to focus on what's going right not just what's going wrong.

3. How can I be more open to God's grace? Our hearts are like parachutes, they work best when they are open. What are the graces of the season I could be open to?
A little bit of preparation is a great way to get ready for what God is going to work in us this Lent.

Fr Peter McDermott SM.

Fit For Mission.
HOW CAN I BEAR GOOD FRUIT? Be FRUITFUL.
Where there is God there is Fruitfulness



Pope Francis

The Pope's Monthly Intentions.

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The Intention for March: **Evangelization – Christian Communities** *“That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected”*

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday. (Day of Fast and Abstinence). 7am (LOWHC with distribution of Ashes).

Masses: 9am (St Francis Xavier School), 12:10pm,

Anglican/Catholic Services: 7pm here in our Church. and at Ruakaka - 7pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka.

Stations of the Cross. In preparation for Easter, we invite you to participate in the Passion of Christ during this Lenten period.

♦ **Fridays during Lent at 7:30pm:** We need groups / individuals to lead on the following dates: 15 and 29 March. Simple booklets available to assist in leading the Stations. Please register your willingness to lead by contacting the Parish Office. Thank you.

♦ **Sundays at 5:30pm:** Te Reo Maori. 10 March - 14 April.

Lenten Resource Kit for Caritas Lenten Programme. “Living our lives with love”. The Kit is available from the Parish Office for any groups or individuals to use. Information and resources to download are on www.caritas.org.nz

♦ **Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme.** You are invited to join us for the Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm at 13 Tuatara Drive, Kamo from 5 March until 16 April. It is a time of Prayer, sharing and reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel reading. For further information phone Liz and Mike Beazley 435 2216 or 027 471 4120

Please note: No Filipino Novena in the Chapel on Wednesday 6 March.



Divine Mercy Prayer Group.

You are invited to join us in a six week Prayer Offering for Lent. 2pm to 4pm each Friday in the Chapel. Stations of the Cross, Prayer reflections, Scripture and song.

Returning Home Easter Programme.

Come along on Monday 25 March at 7pm here in our Church gathering area. This programme for those people who have drifted away and are looking for a way to return to their Church. This programme is a very laid back; relaxed way for people to have a look at their Church as it is today. If you know anyone who could be interested, please mention it to them. For more information phone the Parish Office 437 7902

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday. (Day of Fasting and Abstinence).

Sunday 10 March: First Sunday of Lent

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Life can only be understood by looking backward, but it must be lived by looking forward” Luke 9:62 “Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”



Joshua Northland Men's Fellowship meet on Wednesday 20 March at 7.30pm here in our Church. All men very welcome.



Divine Mercy Group meet every Friday at 2.30pm here in our Chapel. All welcome to join them.

Kamo Prayer Group welcomes all to our gatherings on Tuesdays during term time. 10am to 12 noon, at Nicky's home, 40 Percy Street, Whangarei. For further information contact Anne Marie on 435 4355.

Gold Card Lunch is on Thursday 21 March in the Parish Hall following 12.10pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. All you need to bring is: something for a shared lunch; a smile; a friend if you wish. We look forward to seeing you there!



Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support.

Our biggest needs are tinned spaghetti, sweet corn, tea and breakfast cereals especially weetbix and porridge. This is not a limited list but these are items that we give out regularly,

Meeting. First and third Thursday at 5 pm in Eymard House.

Parish Music Director. Paul Sorensen will be retiring from this position after Easter this year. An essential part of Paul's duties as Music Director has been the directing of the Parish Choir and it is for this particular function we urgently need to appoint Paul's replacement as soon as possible. Persons interested in assuming this role are invited to contact Janet, Parish Secretary on 437 7902. Paul will be available to assist the new appointee as may be required.

Agile person needed to trim and shape 3 small trees in Parish car park. Please phone the Parish Office 437 7902 if you can help.

St Francis Xavier School Gala. 16 March 9am - 2pm. Donations of books, toys, plants and seedlings will be gratefully accepted. Contact the School 437 1039. Thank you.

Youth News Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet

every Friday 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall during term time
Flame Group (ages 8-12 years) meet fortnightly on Wednesday in the Parish Hall 5.30pm-7pm.
Young Adults to be contacted for events, register your contact details at the Parish Office.



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

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.
Himene practice, (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church.

Parish Choir practice 4 March at 5pm.

A new parishioner who lives in the Tikipunga area would appreciate a ride to Mass. The 8am Mass is preferred but is happy to attend whichever Mass a ride is offered. Please contact Cecelia on 022 602 5068



Thank you.

Sr Mary Kenny and the SMSM Community would like to thank all for your support, kindness, generosity and care. It has been a great privilege to be part of this Parish and to get to know so many of you over the years. Be assured of my love and my prayers always.
Sr Mary Kenny SMSM.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$5,607.60 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will