

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 |
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| 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. | | | | | |

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Sherwin Lapaan: 13-day affordable pilgrimage departing 9 September 2019. Small exclusive group; limited seats. For full details, please contact Laura on laura@skytrain.co.nz or phone +64-9-921 5106

Marcellin College 60th Jubilee. 23 - 25 March. See notice board for details.

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, Peter Jackson.

Recently deceased: Mark Bowen (Christchurch, past Pompallier Catholic College student), Mechtilda (Til) Hopmans

Anniversaries: Marie Springford.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
10 March 2019 Year C

Next Week's Readings: (Second Sunday of Lent)
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:: 17- 4:1; Luke 9: 28-36

Happy Lent Everyone!

Over a thousand people received the Ashes last Wednesday: a great start for this 40 day journey. May our Lenten journey which we began together, bring us to Easter with hearts purified and renewed.



Pope Francis told his congregation that Lent is the time to rediscover the *direction of life*, because in life's journey, as in every journey, what really matters is to keep the goal in sight. If we are travelling somewhere but are absorbed with stopping every so often to admire the scenery or stop to eat at one picnic spot and then at another cafe, we will not get to our destination very fast. During the journey of Lent, we can ask ourselves, do I seek the way forward or am I satisfied with just living in the moment, content only with having fun now and not moving forward? What on earth are we here for? We Christians believe that The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world. The direction must lead to Him." *Return to me*, says the Lord. *To me*.

The Pope cited the Gospel, pointing to three steps for the faithful to undertake during Lent "without hypocrisy and pretense: almsgiving, prayer, fasting." The Holy Father explained: "Almsgiving, prayer, and fasting bring us back to the three realities that do not fade away. Prayer reunites us to God; charity, to our neighbor; fasting, to ourselves. God, my neighbor, my life: these are the realities that do not fade away and in which we must keep in mind on our journey in life.

So Happy Lent, Everyone! Keep those ashes in mind! Let them flourish into fresh waving Palms. Let us advance together, singing for joy, for our goal and destination is in The Resurrection and Heaven.

Cheers and prayers
Fr John Craddock SM

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

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 a group / individual to lead on the 15 March. Booklets available to assist in leading the Stations. Please contact 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.** Tuesday evenings from 7pm - 8:30pm at 13 Tuatara Drive Kamo from 5 March - 16 April. It is a time of Prayer, sharing and reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel reading. For further information phone Liz and Mike 435 2216 or 027 471 4120.



JESUS spends forty days and forty nights alone in the desert.
(Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus, lead by the Holy Spirit, tested

... Had own desert experience, hungry

... Feeling lonely, isolated

... Needing strength, faith

Have I been led to a place ending up feeling alone, isolated, in need of strength?

Returning Home Easter Programme. 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

Anointing Mass. Saturday 6 April 10am here in our Church. This is an opportunity for those seeking healing because of frailty or illness, to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick, please bring a plate for morning tea and ensure those whom you minister to, have the opportunity to attend the Mass. If they cannot attend, pass their names to Madeleine Armstrong or the Parish Office. If you live in Whangarei city and need a ride phone Bill 437 3319. Morning tea will be served following Mass.

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.

St Francis Xavier Parish Annual General Meeting is on Sunday 5 May at 11.30am in the Parish Hall. We ask parishioners to put this date in their diary. A reminder to those submitting reports — they need to be at the Parish Office no later than 7 April. Thank you.

Rite II Reconciliation.

7.30pm Wednesday 27 March here in our Church. All welcome.

Living Simply during Lent. In response to Pope Francis' urgent call to care for "Our Common Home" you may wish to take the **Laudato Si' pledge** by praying with and for creation, living more simply and advocating to protect our common home. See <http://livelaudatosi.org> and <https://livelightly.nz/take-action>.

LENTE REFLECTIONS: Give up complaining—focus on gratitude. Give up pessimism—become an optimist. Give up discouragement—be full of hope. Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness. Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.

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.

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

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 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, on 437 7902. Paul will be available to assist the new appointee as may be required.

St Francis Xavier Catholic School Year 5 and 6 Camp to Kawau Island. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are going to camp on Kawau Island this term. This is a very exciting opportunity for our children as they try kayaking, sailing, orienteering, archery and many other activities. The cost for camp is \$85 per child. Last time we went, some very generous parishioners helped with payments for some of our families, and we were very grateful. If you are in a position to help with the 2019 camp, please see Mrs Jakicevich or Mrs Rudolph at the school. Thank you for your generosity.
Mrs J, Deputy Principal

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



Newcomers - please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a *New Parishioner Pack* from the Church foyer, fill out and return to the Parish Office. 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.

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!

Parish Choir practice 11 March at 5pm.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket. Thank you for your continued support. Our biggest needs at present 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.

Easter Eggs: We are collecting small wrapped Easter eggs to distribute to the Children's Ward at Whangarei Hospital at Easter. Any donations are very welcome. Please place in our Vinnies baskets in the foyer or take to the Parish Office.

Kamo Prayer Group meet every Tuesday during term time 10am to 12 noon at Nicky's home, 40 Percy Street. Phone Anne Marie 435 4355.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$5,003.30 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will