

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.					



Daylight Saving ends at 3am on Sunday 7 April. Turn clocks back 1 hour.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Sherwin Lapaan: 13-day affordable pilgrimage departing 9 September 2019. Small exclusive group; limited seats. Contact Laura laura@skytrain.co.nz

Senior handicapped parishioner needs a person for mowing, edging, light occasional yard work. 2 hours, \$20 per hour. Equipment available. Phone Bill 438 4047

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, Mary Mcfarlane, Michael Kooge Jnr, Peter Jackson.

Recently deceased: Mechtilda (Til) Hopmans, Sylvia Hammerton.

Anniversaries: Ann Pearson, Roger Mori, Les Taylor, Paul Farge.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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PARISH STAFF: Fr Chris Martin sm (pp), Fr Peter McDermott sm, Fr Trevor Tindall sm, Fr John Craddock sm.
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
17 March 2019 Year C

Next Week's Readings: (Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9

Being Present with Jesus

Jesus was with Moses and Elijah and they were *speaking about his passing which was to take place in Jerusalem.*

In the story of the Transfiguration we hear of an experience of the disciples which is both exhilarating and scary. This experience connects with Jesus's Agony in the garden – his last night with us in his humanity.

I'm struck by the phrase that they were "speaking about *his passing which was to take place in Jerusalem*" – as if I had never noticed it before.

The reality for all of us (unless you're incredibly blessed) is that our lives have both times of happiness and sadness, pain and joy, hopefulness and maybe despair. Following Jesus always involves the Cross.

In this season of Lent I pray we be rejuvenated as disciples of Jesus.

I am heartened to hear again that after the revelation that "*this is my son, the beloved*" that Jesus was found **alone**. He is with us too in our aloneness. Let us not be afraid to spend time alone with Jesus. That to me is the heart of prayer.

I want to acknowledge the pain experience with regards to the Conviction and Sentence of Cardinal Pell. At the same time we express our compassion and sorrow for all victims of Abuse and pray for healing. If anyone feels aggrieved please speak to me or one of the Priests.

Blessings

Fr Chris M s.m

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:

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



**Fit For Mission:
The Radiance of God**

**His clothing became
white and Dazzling**

**What was it like being in God's
presence that was so apparent
to the others?**

**To what extent is the radiance
of God visible in your life today?**



Rite II Reconciliation. 7.30pm
Wednesday 27 March here in our
Church. All very welcome.

**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 Re-
flections, 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

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

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.



**St Francis Xavier Parish Annual General Meeting is on Sunday 5 May
in the Parish Hall** following Morning Tea. 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for Holy Week and Easter. There is a
list of Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in the gathering area under the Extraor-
dinary Ministers Roster. Can all Ministers please view the list and tick the box in
the space provided under the ceremony they can serve at over Easter.
Thank you.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Saturday 23 March: 6pm Vigil Mass. OCIA First Scrutiny

Sunday 24 March: 10am Mass. Presentation Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit to
Sacramental Programme children.

Monday 25 March: The Annunciation of The Lord

LENTEN 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.

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!

No Parish Choir practice 18 March.

New Enrolments at St Francis Xavier Catholic School: If you are interested in
either enrolling or considering enrolling your child at St Francis Xavier Catholic
School and would like to know more about the school then please contact the
school office. Phone 4371039 or email office@sfx.school.nz We would love the
opportunity to share our school and parish community with you. Please note that if
your child is turning five and you haven't completed the enrolment process then you
need to do so as soon as possible. Thank you
Kawau Camp. 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, sail-
ing, 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

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 2 minute noodles.

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.

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

Josephite Companions Aotearoa' Reflection Afternoon. You are invited to the Josephite Reflection
Afternoon to be held on 23 March in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Staffroom from 2pm to
4:30pm. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share. For enquiries please contact Jane Gun-
son Ph. 437 0130 Cell 021 163 4058. or email gunsontribe@xtra.co.nz



Martha and Mary Group meet on Friday 5 April in our
Parish Hall commencing with a cup of tea at 10am. Our
guest speaker is Dr Warwick Jones. (Palliative Care
Specialist for Northland) All welcome. Enquiries to Joan
Puckey 435 4012.

Maori Community - Ko nga panui. Himene practice,
(2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the
Church.

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

**Special Collections in the Auckland
Diocese: Lenten Appeal.** Money
collected throughout Lent to be disbursed
by the national Caritas Office for
development funding, educational projects
and emergency aid.

 It costs \$5,270.24 to
run the parish each
week. This week we

received \$10,877.10 from all collec-
tions. This includes an annual do-
nation. Thank you.

Please remember the Parish in your Will