

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. 5pm. 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

For upcoming events at Mercy Spirituality Centre, Auckland, please see noticeboard.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Evar Davis, Margaret Rabone, Michael Kooge Jnr, Peter Jackson, Richard McLeod (*Upper Hutt, brother of Dora Hampton*).

Recently deceased: Sylvia Hammerton, Dennis Green-Thompson.

Anniversaries: April Music.




St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
24 March 2019 Year C**

Next Week's Readings: (Fourth Sunday of Lent)
Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Where to from here?

After the tragic events of last Friday in Christchurch people are carefully moving forward into new territory as individuals, groups, communities and as a nation.

There is grief as families and friends bury loved ones. Perhaps, also there is anger.

But also, there have been occasions of Grace. A large number of people gathered at Laurie Hall Park to pray, to sing, to support and to grieve. The witness of peoples of different nations, ages, faiths, sharing in prayer to the one God that both Muslims and Christians believe in – the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was a tremendous example of unity, togetherness and support coming out of such a tragedy. There have been people discovering where the Muslim Centre is in Whangarei and calling in to pray and support as you would to a neighbour.

Eucharistic Prayer Three for Various Needs and Occasions has the words, “Keep your Church alert in faith to the signs of the times and eager to accept the challenge of the gospel. Open our hearts to the needs of all humanity, so that sharing their grief and anguish, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and advance together on the way to your kingdom.”

Continuing to reach out in support, compassion and love, growing in our knowledge and understanding – perhaps this is where we go to from here.

Fr Trevor Tindall 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
Please note: Stations in Te Reo on Sunday 31 March will begin at 7pm.

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

The LORD is kind and merciful Ps.103

For all people throughout Aotearoa New Zealand

We pray that anger and grief
 lead not to violence
 but to consolation
 and peace...



Fit for Mission

In Wake of the Christchurch Attacks the National Church Leaders have issued a statement concerning the Christchurch attacks. It is available to read on the Church noticeboard and is in the suitcases for Outlying areas.



Annual Bishop's Forum. 10am next Saturday 30 March at St Therese Catholic Church, 17 Snowdon Ave, Moerewa. You are all invited and encouraged to attend. Any matters you may need to present to the Bishop, please send to the Bishop a week prior to the meeting. See Parish Office for the Bishops contact details. We ask all attendees to please bring a plate.

Returning Home Easter Programme. Come along tomorrow, Monday 25 March at 7pm here in our Church gathering area. This programme is for 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.

St Francis Xavier Parish Annual General Meeting is on Sunday 5 May in the Parish Hall following Morning Tea. A reminder to those submitting reports — they need to be at the Parish Office no later than 7 April. Thank you.

DATE TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Monday 25 March: The Annunciation of The Lord.

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.



Martha and Mary Group meet on Friday 5 April at in our Parish Hall commencing with a cup of tea at 10am. All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Puckey 435 4012.

Filipino Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 31 March at 5pm here in our Church. All very welcome.

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, 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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket:

Thank you for your generous help to the poor. We are in need of tinned spaghetti, pasta and tinned fish.

Easter Eggs: It is the season, we are looking for donations of small wrapped Easter eggs to donate to the children and hardworking staff at Whangarei Hospital. Please place eggs in the box beside Vinnies basket or take to the Parish Office. **Meeting:** First and third Thursday at 5 pm in Eymard House.

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

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..

Having difficulties trusting God? Want to become a witness of God's mercy and love in this broken world? Come to join a 33-day do-it-yourself retreat starting on 26 March to learn how to trust God with childlike and simple faith, and to consecrate yourself with many others all over the world to the Divine Mercy on 28 April, (Divine Mercy Sunday) 7pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Herne Bay. For details, please contact 0204 1026 838. See small notice board.



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.

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 Extraordinary 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

Choir practice, Monday 25 March 5pm.

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 \$13,661.39 from all collections. This includes an annual donations. Thank you.

Please remember the Parish in your Will