

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.					

Shop Smart Workshop. Hands on Workshop at Anglican Care Centre, Tuesday 30 April 9.30am-1pm. Cost \$5.00 November 9.30am-1pm. \$5 each. Flyer on notice board. Ph 437 6397 to register.

Scholarship for Medical Students. If you are a 4th or 5th year Medical Student in 2019 undertaking your medical study in New Zealand, and are a practicing Catholic, you may be eligible for the Walter Darby Scholarship. For more information, contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland on +64-9-360 3057 or lindam@cda.org.nz.

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

Recently deceased: Denis Green-Thompson.

Anniversaries: Ken Holmes, Kath Devine, Noelle McHugh, Pa Henare Tate, Eric Ryan.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
31 March 2019 Year C

Next Week's Readings: (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Today's gospel is the third of three stories Jesus told recorded in Luke's gospel about reconciliation. For the prodigal son reconciling with his Father meant "coming home" which is a lovely way of looking at the work of repentance. When we repent we return home to the place we were always meant to be. Like Israel wandering in the desert who almost died of starvation until they found their own land and entered into it.

So the Prodigal Son also finds his way back home. God is constantly calling us deeper into God's love as the place where we are most at home.

Our journey in life is most essentially a journey inwards to discover in the depths of our hearts the place where we are most our true selves, accepted and loved by God. When we are at home with ourselves and with God we live with freedom and joy. What did the Prodigal Son do the next day?



I imagine he went about being the son he was meant to be in gratitude for his Father's love. May our journey through this Lenten time lead us also home to God.

Fr Peter McDermott 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.

It's the GOODNESS of the Lord Ps. 34



... When the Son with the bad habits came home,

... or When the Son with the good habits became jealous.

When have you been simple, patient, and compassionate?

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. 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. The plans for all the Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Masses are on the wall in the gathering area of the Church. Please check to see which Mass you are rostered on. **We still need Extraordinary Ministers for 8am and 10am Masses on Easter Sunday.** Please write your name on the plan if you are available. Thank you.

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

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

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

Sunday 7 April: 8am Mass - OCIA Third Scrutiny

Tuesday 9 April: Pre Easter Rite II Reconciliation at Ruakaka 7pm

Wednesday 10 April: Pre Easter Rite II Reconciliation 7.30pm (in our Church)

Tuesday 16 April: Chrism Mass 12 noon.

Returning Home Easter Programme.

Come along tomorrow, Monday 1st April 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

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.



Pax Christi meet in Eymard House on Monday 1st April at 7pm. All welcome



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.

Parish Choir practice 1st April at 5pm.

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.

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 for your generosity. Mrs J, Deputy principal.



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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.



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.



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.



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.



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

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.

Collection for the Holy Places - Good Friday 19 April. This collection goes towards the upkeep of the Holy Places in Christendom.



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



received \$7,445.30 from all collections. This includes an annual donation. Thank you.

Please remember the Parish in your Will