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	///
Maungakara-mea	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 6am; & 11am - Midday. **Rosary:** Sat 7.30am..				**Reconciliation Rite I :** 11.30am Fri & Saturday. 4th Wednesday 5.30pm - 6pm (June - August)	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. **5pm.** 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					

Saint Mary's College Ponsonby (Northland) Old Girls 'Luncheon on 28 September 2019 in Whangarei (Save the Date). Expressions of interest (leave your details) by 10.8.19 or sooner. Please contact Jane Gunson 021 163 4058. Email :jane@sfx.school.nz or gunsontribe@xtra.co.nz

Prayers please for these people and their families.... **and those who are sick and their caregivers especially***:* Bridie French, Zane Jones, Olivia Doran, *(Auckland, daughter of Carla and granddaughter of Ken and Diane),* Fr John Mori SM *(Napier),* Netta Anderson, Teresa Sheehan, *(sister of Pat Price).*

Recently deceased: Wilfred (Mac) MacDonnell, John Clarke, Floreen Maxwell, John Nicholls, (Sydney, brother of Mary Ann Reed).

Anniversaries: Janie Grant, Neil Landwer-Johan, Ray Martin, Tony Moroney, Moana Khan.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21 July 2019 Year C

Next Week's Readings: (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

Listening vs. actions…. Which is better?

On first glance, today's readings present us with a paradox In the first reading Abraham's attentiveness to being hospitable to his guests (**action**) found favour in God's eyes. Yet, in the gospel we hear about how Martha was distracted by all of the hospitality preparations. Jesus tells her that Mary's decision to sit at His feet and **listen** is the better choice. So, what gives? Which scenario is better? The problem of trying to determine which of these choices is the better one is that a lot of us tend to be "either-or people." The story of Martha and Mary has sometimes been used over the centuries to show or 'prove' to others the superiority of contemplative prayer over a life of service on behalf of the kingdom of God.

The fact of the matter is that Christian action vs. Christian prayer (listening is included here) isn't an either-or issue. Both are necessary if we are going to be successful in leading a Christ-centred life. Throughout the gospels, Jesus clearly says that we are to be HEARERS of the word and then DOERS of the word. He never reverses the order of that phrase. One complements the other. The challenge that each one us faces daily is: in our day to day lives are we firstly **hearers** of the word and then **doers** of the word secondly? Are both reflected in our daily lives?

Dcn Jim Nees

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thursday 15 August.
Mass times:
7am.
12:10pm.
1.30pm. (SFX School)
5.30pm.

You are invited to attend the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Espiscopal Ordination of Bishop Patrick Dunn, DD. Saturday 27 July at 11am. Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. After Mass, we will have refreshments at Liston Hall.

Reconciliation. The Rite I will be offered on 24 July 5.30pm - 6pm, at other advertised times and by arrangement.

Faith Formation Workshops. Judith Courtney from the Liturgy Centre is coming to our parish on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 July to lead these Workshops. If you are a Musician, Reader, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion to the Sick, you are encouraged to attend.

- **Musicians:** Friday 26 July 7pm - 9pm here in our Church
- **Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** Saturday 27 July 10am - 12 noon in Parish Hall
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick:** Saturday 27 July 1pm-2pm in Parish Hall.

Annual Caring Sunday Appeal 28 July. Next Sunday our parish is holding the Annual Caring Sunday Appeal for Bishop Pat's charity, The Catholic Caring Foundation. A donation to the Bishop's Foundation helps families in need of emergency housing, counselling, nutritious food, youth support, and special needs of our elderly, victims of domestic violence, parenting programmes for struggling families and so much more. To support the work of the Foundation, please visit our website www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Baptism For School Age Children. We invite children *aged seven years and older who do not attend St Francis Xavier School,* who have not been baptised, to join us to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. **The course will run for three Sundays starting 4 August 4pm - 4.45pm in St Francis Xavier Catholic School Staffroom.** Children who are baptised are encouraged to join the Confirmation and First Holy Communion Programme which begins on 15 September. For further information and to

FIRST COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019 / 2020. *Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Communion.* For **baptised** children who will be 8 years of age, or older by Easter 2020 (12 April). Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office. The first session is on Sunday 15 September at 4pm in our Parish Hall. Enquiries to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Society of Mary Priests & Brothers: Communities of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally. If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother, there is an information and prayer weekend on 24-26 August. Information at www.maristseminary.org.nz or facebook.com/marists or email Fr Pat Breeze SM on vocations@smnz.org.nz.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 28 July: Caring Sunday.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Life is a measure to be filled, not a cup to be drained.

Altar Server Training. We are looking for young people who would like to offer themselves as an Altar Server at Sunday Masses in our parish. Altar Servers need to have received the Sacrament of First Communion. Those at St Francis Xavier School who are interested, can see Mrs Wilson or Mrs J at school. Children who attend other Schools, please contact the Parish Office. 437 7902. Forms are available from the Church foyer or the Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Group meet every Friday in the Chapel, 2.30pm to 4pm.

Martha and Mary Group meet on Friday 2 August in our Parish Hall commencing with a cup of tea at 10am. All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Puckey 435 4012.

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.

2020 ENROLMENTS.
Pompallier Catholic College Open Day. Sunday 11 August. Commencing at 2pm. Meet the teachers, meet our students and see class displays on a tour of the College. 2020 enrolment packs will be available. Preference Enrolments close Monday 23 Sept. Non-Preference Enrolments close Monday 2 Sept. Fr John Craddock SM will be available on the day to discuss any queries relating to eligibility for

Pax Christi meet in Eymard House on Monday 5 August at 7pm. All welcome.

Walk by Faith – the journey of faith is a continuing one! Walk By Faith is a programme of adult faith formation for anyone seeking to continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and in their knowledge and understanding of their Catholic faith. The introduction for 2019: Sunday 21st July, 1-3pm Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St Ponsonby, Auckland. Come and See! diannaf@cda.org.nz

Newcomers - please Introduce yourself to one of our priests before or after 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.

Parish Playgroup meet every Tuesday during term time, 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. Special invite to all Mums, Dads and Caregivers - bring along your preschoolers and join in the fun. Gold coin donation. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

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

Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your generous help to the needy. We are in need of Tinned corn, tinned fruit and tea.
Meetings. Thursdays at Eymard House at 5pm.
First Thursday of the month - Prayer and reflection.
Third Thursday of the month - usual meeting.

Christian Meditation. Meet every Wednesday in Eymard House 7.30pm-8.30pm. All welcome.

It costs $5,270.24 to run the parish each week. In the past two weeks we have received $10,335.70 from all collections. Thank you.

Please remember the Parish in your Will