

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. Rosary: Sat 7.30am				Reconciliation Rite I: 11.30am Fri & Saturday. Rite II: 4th Wednesday 7.30pm	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5:30pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					

Available from the Parish Office
2019 Columban Calendar - \$12.00.
NZ Catholic - \$4.00
SVdP Christmas cards—\$2.50 pack of 5.

For upcoming Mercy Spirituality Centre events please see notice board or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.

Shop Smart for Christmas. Hands on Workshop at Anglican Care Centre, 1 Mill Road. Thursday 22 or 29 November 9.30am-1pm. \$5 each. Flyer on notice board. Ph 437 6397 to register.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially, Maryann Rundlett, Fr Tom O'Connor SM, Rita Urwin (Auckland, daughter of Truus Cox).

Recently deceased: Myles Cowie, (husband of Nicki Cowie), Cushla Thomas (wife of Neville), Val Truman, (mother of Dianne Doran), Gordon Whiting.

Anniversaries: James McGuire, Violet Maskell, Roy Lindsay, Eileen Berger, Raymond van der Veecken.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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Deacons: John Kooge, Jim Nees, Nimo Ponifasio.

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 November 2018 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18; Mark 13: 24-32

Quality not Quantity

In the Gospel this weekend we hear about a woman whose husband has died. In Our Lord's day this would severely impact on her financial situation and therefore her livelihood. Widows were often on the lower rungs of the financial and social ladder. However, she is still prepared to give to God, not just out of what she could afford or had left over, but rather the very money she had to live on.

The widow made a real sacrifice to support the Temple while the rich simply gave out of their surplus.

I may not always be in a position to share money. But I can share in other ways – giving of my time, of my goods, of my talents, of space and resources in “my” country.

But there is a dilemma in all of this. How much and how often am I meant to give? If I do give of what is essential for me in order to live, then I will have nothing left. True. However, while I can usually give of my surplus, there may be times when I am called to give of my necessities.

But I don't think it is just a question of what to give and how much to give. It's not the amount that counts or what is given, rather it's the quality of the giving. The widow's inner dispositions of generosity and dedication are qualities that Jesus will display in His passion.

These are the same qualities that Jesus calls His disciples to put into practice.

Fr Trevor Tindall SM

Remembrance Cards The Basket of Remembrance cards is on display till the end of November for people to enter the names of your loved ones who have died. People named, will be remembered at Mass throughout November. Place your remembrance card in the basket in front of the Altar. Blank cards are in the foyer.



Rite II Reconciliation.
Tuesday 27 November at 6.30pm here in our Church. This is the First Reconciliation for the First Communion Programme children. Everyone is welcome to join them. **Please note change of date and earlier time.**



Fit for Mission. We can get so caught up in ourselves that we are unable to recognize God's gifts.

Request for Parish Budgets:

The Management and Finance committee is about to commence planning for the next financial year - 1 January to 31 December 2019. Parish groups/areas requiring funding are requested to present a detailed budget. Email admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz before 30 November 2018. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area.

We thank all those who donate regularly to the Parish. We use your projected donations to finance the ongoing pastoral care and maintenance of parish facilities. Automatic Payment options are available should anyone want to change from using the envelope or loose collection systems. Contact the Parish Office admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz or phone 437 7902. *Glennis / Marion*

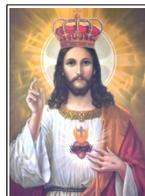
Joshua. Come and celebrate our end of year Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 21 November at 7.30pm here in our Church. All men and their families, members of service groups, Scripture/Prayer Groups, and parishioners are warmly welcome to this special Thanksgiving Mass for all of God's blessings upon us this year. There will be prayer and praise before Mass and a shared supper afterwards. A plate would be appreciated.

Bishop's Jubilee Bursaries. The Bursary is to assist financially those wishing to study theology or religious education at university level and are personally involved in some way in the mission of the Church in the Auckland Diocese. Many parishioners have been helped in their studies since the bursary was inaugurated in the year 2000. The current bursary is for **Semester 1, 2019** and applications close **Thursday 15 November 2018.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- o **Sunday 25 November:** Feast of Christ The King.
- o **Monday 3 December:** Feast Day of St Francis Xavier.
- o **Monday 8 December:** Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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.



Feast of Christ The King Sunday 25 November.
World map: We have a World map in the foyer for parishioners to place a pin on their country of origin.
At 10am Mass: you are invited to:

- Wear National Costume
- Please bring food to share for morning tea in the Gathering Area.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: " Be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, and tolerant with the weak and wrong. Sometime in life you have been all of these"

Gold Card CHRISTMAS LUNCH.



In our Parish Hall on Thursday 15 November following a Mass at 12.10pm. No need to bring food, but we will have two lovely Christmas Hampers to be raffled on the day. Bring a friend and come, share the PEACE and JOY of CHRIST with each other. If you need transport, please contact Pat 437 2329.

Divine Mercy meet every Friday at 2.30pm in the side Chapel. All are welcome to join them.



Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your continued support. Donations of jelly, toilet paper, toiletries and pasta are our greatest need at present.

Meetings: Thursdays at Eymard House at 5pm. First Thursday of the month - Prayer and reflection.
Third Thursday of the month - usual meeting.

Christmas Gifts: We are looking for **unwrapped gifts** for our Christmas parcels for teens and younger children. e.g. cars, balls, blocks, books, body wash, playing cards, hair and nail products. Chocolate and tinned biscuits are always welcome. Donations need to be taken to the Parish Office by Friday 7 December please. Gifts will then be delivered to families.

Parish Library. *"Books that merely sit on a shelf are like children nobody loves."* Come and browse through our Parish library and become acquainted with the variety of titles and subjects there is to enjoy. The library is open during office hours. Books are available on loan for one month.



Welcome 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 during term time 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall. Our Youth Mass is always on the second Sunday of the month at the 6pm Saturday Vigil.

Flame Group (ages 7-12 years) next meet on Wednesday 21 November 5.30pm-7pm.

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

Choir practice 12 November at 5pm.



Christian Meditation Group meet every Wednesday in Eymard House at 7.30pm.

Our Parish Music Director, Paul Sorensen, has confirmed that he will be retiring from this position after Easter next year. An essential part of Paul's duties as Music Director has been the directing of the Parish Choir which function, apart from the choir's own music presentation, also aims to promote and enhance the overall music life of the parish in accordance with approved liturgical guidelines. We need now to appoint as soon as possible a person to fill the position of Director of the Parish Choir. Persons interested in assuming this role are invited to initially contact Janet, Parish Secretary on 4377902. Paul will be available to assist the new appointee as may be required.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,744.00 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will