

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.					

Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast - since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems or downsized their homes. We urgently require more hosts in places all over the country. I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home to join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5-star - just clean, comfortable and welcoming, as well as being able to provide a light breakfast. The aim is to provide Catholic hospitality and make new friends. The hosts charge a fee of \$35 for one person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information contact Marie Anderson on +64-3-359 5541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially, Maryann Rundlett, Fr Tom O'Connor SM,

Recently deceased: Janette Sorensen (wife of Paul), Hugh Holmes (Sth Africa, brother of Pam Neveling).

Anniversaries: Sally Roughan, Nicholas van Diepen



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

25 November 2018 Year B

Next Week's Readings: (First Sunday of Advent) Year C

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; ; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Te Kingitanga o te Karaiti Christ the King

Last week we heard in the Gospel "*Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word will not pass away*" (Mark 13). In today's first reading from the prophet Daniel we hear "*his sovereignty is eternal which will never pass away*".

Jesus's Throne is the Cross! Through his Passion, Death and Resurrection he has won our salvation. While we see so much suffering and pain about us I find it hopeful to remember that Christ will have the last word. I always call to mind one of the old Eucharistic acclamations: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.** That is what we are called to believe.

Today and through Advent we will hear from the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) lots of symbolic imagery. This is written with a unique literary style but to give hope to a people in a time of great suffering. (Then and now?)

But we belong to Christ. He has already defeated sin and darkness. In our baptism we have been anointed with sacred Chrism to share in the life of Christ: Priest, Prophet and King. We are called to share in Christ's mission. This is a gift given to us. For our part we have to choose to own it.

What Kingdom do you belong to? Domination, Power, prestige or Love, Justice and Service?

All Blessings

Fr Chris M s.m.

CHRIST  **the KING**



Rosary Crusade For Life and Faith Saturday 8 December 3pm here in our Church

The New Zealand government is looking at reforming our Abortion Laws and legalising Euthanasia. In response, a group of lay Catholics have organised this Pro-Life (from conception to natural death) Rosary Crusade to be held on 8th December, the Feast of the immaculate Conception, at 3 pm.

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that cannot be solved by the prayer of the Holy Rosary" Our Lady of Fatima

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.**



Divine Mercy meet every Friday at 2.30pm in the side Chapel. All welcome.

No Choir practice 26 November.

Youth News Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) has finished for 2018. They start again in February 2019.

Flame Group (ages 7-12 years) next meet on Wednesday 5 December 5.30pm-7pm.

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.

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.



Martha and Mary Group meet on Friday 7 December at 10am in our Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. Our Speaker is Sr Jo Gresham SMSM. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Are you available to minister at any of our Christmas Masses? There is a list on the table in the foyer (under the Roster). Either email gpmccarrison@gmail.com or tick the box for the Mass you are available for. If your name is missing from the list and you are willing to help, please put your name in one of the blank spaces at the bottom of the form or email Geradine. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 3 December: Feast Day of St Francis Xavier.
- Saturday 8 December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday 11 December: Syro Malabar Mass. 5.30pm.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: To the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. *Jude 1:25*

CAROL SERVICES "Get into the true spirit of Christmas"



♦ **Maungakaremea Shared Meal and Carols.** Sunday 2 December at Maungakaremea War Memorial Hall, Maungakaremea. Join us at for a shared meal at 5pm followed by a Carol Service at 7pm.

♦ **Onerahi Combined Carol Service.** Sunday 9 December at 7pm in the Onerahi Community Hall. All welcome.

♦ **Combined Anglican and Catholic Church Carol Service** Sunday 16 December 5pm at the Anglican Church, (Christ Church) Regent. Come and join in this celebration of Christmas with family and friends!

♦ **Carols at Whangarei Base Hospital.** Wednesday 19 December. Meet in the Chapel at 12 noon. All very welcome to come and spread good cheer.



Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned sweetcorn, tinned spaghetti, carrots and peas are our greatest need at present.

Meetings: The last meeting for 2018 is Thursday 6 December at 5pm in Eymard House.

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. Thank you.

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.

Divine Mercy meet every Friday at 2.30pm in the side Chapel. All welcome.



Garage Sale - 8 December 2018. A group of Pompallier College students are beginning to raise funds for an exciting school trip to Europe in 2020. They are going to have a garage sale in the Parish Hall on 8 December. If you have any goods you would like to donate they can be dropped off to the parish Office before 8 December. Thank you for your support.

Volunteers needed to help make breakfast for the homeless every day. 7am - 8am in the Old Army Hall in Walton Street. Queries to Bridie 438 6826

Advent Labyrinth Meditation 2pm -4pm Wed 28 November. Bring a pen and your journal. \$10. For more details, contact Agnes Hermans, amhermans@xtra.co.nz Phone 436 2145 / 027 202 6077.



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.

Shop Smart. For Christmas. Hands on Workshop at Anglican Care Centre, 1 Mill Road. Thursday 29 November 9.30am-1pm. \$5 each. Flyer on notice board.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,775.10 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will