

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
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6.15am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat 7.30am				<b>Reconciliation Rite I :</b> 11.30am Fri & Saturday. <b>Rite II:</b> 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**  
2018 Columban Calendar - \$12.00.  
NZ Catholic - \$4.00

**For upcoming Mercy Spirituality Centre** events please see notice board or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

**St Leo's Catholic School** 125th Jubilee. Sunday 11 November 2018. Celebration of Mass at 11am. We invite any past pupils, families or staff to help us celebrate. Bookings can be made on [www.trybooking.co.nz/LN](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/LN) See Facebook page - St Leo's Catholic 125th School Jubilee.

**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:** Bobbie Carlsen (Rotorua, mother of Anne Ross), Myles Cowie, (husband of Nicki Cowie), Cushla Thomas (wife of Neville).

**Anniversaries:** Darraine Lumsden, Thelma Basile, Kay Scott, Roy Lindsay.



# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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Janet Ponifasio, Glennis McSherry.

**Deacons:** John Kooge, Jim Nees, Nimo Ponifasio.

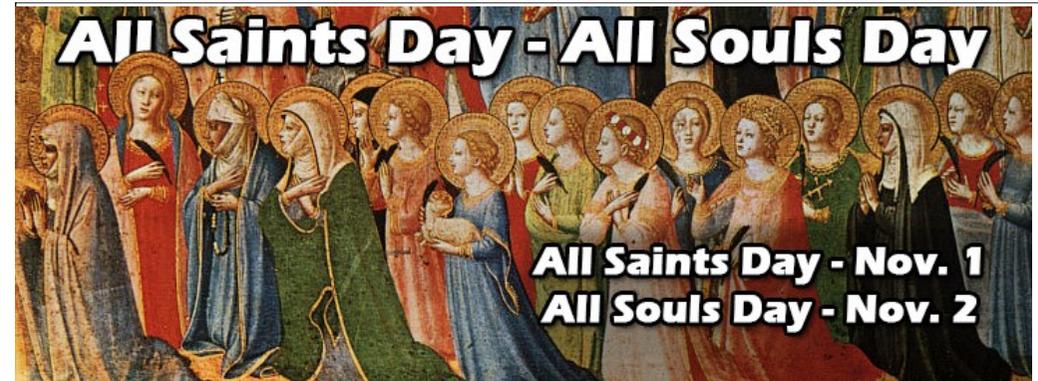
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**THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**4 November 2018 Year B**

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

**1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44**



As we begin the month of November it is traditionally the time that we remember "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." We remember the Saints of God on All Saints day and the faithful departed on All Souls day. The children out and about on Halloween celebrations probably do not realise that we are commemorating All Hallows Eve the night before we remember our departed loved ones and Saints. It is also 100 years since the end of World War 1 on November 11th. So many families here in New Zealand and Australia were deeply affected by the loss of life and injury to loved ones. Let us continue to pray for those who died. We are also aware that in many cultures people celebrate the "day of the Dead" with rituals and festivals.

But they all point to our belief that those who have gone ahead of us are also urging us on in our journey to one day be with them. Let us be mindful in these days of those for whom grief is still raw, who have recently lost a loved one and are living with life without them. A thoughtful word, a gesture of comfort or a message can mean a lot to them. We know that the bonds of love reach beyond the grave and call us to be reunited one day. Let us remember with love our departed.

Fr Peter McDermott SM

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions.** Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The Intention for November is **In Service of Peace**. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.



**We welcome into our parish family those baptised in October:**

Carl Martin, Mia Keogh.



**Fit for Mission.**

When we are obsessed with our own

pleasure, we end up being all too concerned about ourselves and our rights.

**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](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz) or phone 437 7902.

**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**.

**DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 4 November:** Blessing of Graves at Maunu Cemetery 3pm. See notice.

**Sunday 25 November:** Feast of Christ The King. See notice.

**Blessing of Graves:** All are welcome to come today (Sunday 4 November) at 3pm to Maunu Cemetery for prayers and the blessing of graves. Meet at the entrance.

**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](mailto:admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz) before 30 November 2018. Please give a contact name & address for your group or area.



**Catholics Returning Home For Christmas 2018** Come and look at your Church as it is today! **If you missed coming last Monday** please come along on Monday 5 November 7pm in the gathering area of our Church.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "What counts is not the number of hours you put in, but how much you put in the hours". Ecclesiastes 9:10a. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might;**

**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.

10am Mass: you are invited to:

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

**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.



**Every Wednesday at 6pm,** the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church.

**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, tinned fish, rice 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 Cards** are available from the Parish Office. \$2.50 for a pack of 5 cards.

**Christmas Gifts:** We are looking for 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.



**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

**Youth News** - Blaze Youth Group

(secondary age) next meet on Friday 16 November, 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 7 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** 5 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 \$5,985.10 from all collections. Thank you.



*Please remember the Parish in your Will*