

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	///
Maungakaramea	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 - 7.45am.				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.					

Parishioner needed by disabled senior for lawnmowing. Paid work and equipment available. Safety glasses needed. Phone Bill 438 4047. More information on notice board.

Available at the Parish Office

2019 Columban Calendar - \$12.00. NZ Catholic - \$4.00

Shop Smart. Another Hands on Workshop at Anglican Care Centre, 1 Mill Road. Thursday 25 October 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

Recently deceased: Urbain Seux.

Anniversaries: Bernie Hill, Noel Crosbie, James McGuire, Agnes Steiner.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 October 2018 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4: 14-16; Mark 10:35-45

The Rich (young) man.

Today we listen to the gospel about the rich young ruler who asks Jesus "what must I do to inherit eternal life"? He seems to ask the wrong question of Jesus. Salvation isn't so much what we do as what God can do for us, but he insists on asking Jesus what thing he has to do so that he can earn God's love.

Jesus asks him to give up his possessions. He must give them to the poor and have rather treasure in heaven. He is obviously attached to his money and his possessions. They give him status and power. He obviously owns many properties and probably hires many workers. He is a big wheeler dealer in the town no doubt. Jesus asks him to do the very thing he doesn't want to: give up the attachment that he has to his possessions and his wealth and instead rely on God. Did you notice also in the gospel that Jesus adds another commandment: you must not defraud. I don't remember that one being in the list of the Ten Commandments I learnt. Perhaps it is a clue to the backstory that we haven't heard about this man? However he is challenged lovingly by Jesus to let go of his attachments and seek the things that are most important and most treasured in life.

Today is Respect Life Sunday. Our bishops remind us that the most precious gift we have is the gift of life given us by God. May we treasure the gift of our own lives and those of others.


Fr Peter McDermott SM

✠ **Thursday day 1 November: Solemnity of All Saints.** Mass times: 7am, 12.10pm, 5.30pm.

✠ **All Souls Day Friday 2 November:** Mass times: 7am, 12.10pm. You may wish to bring a small remembrance card with names of your loved ones who have died, which can be placed in a basket on the Remembrance Table in the Sanctuary. The basket will remain in the Church throughout November. Blank cards will be available on a table in the foyer from 21 October.

✠ **Annual Mass for the Bereaved:** Friday 2 November at 7:30pm in our Church. All welcome. There will be a cup of tea following Mass.

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

 **Please note:** Monday 22 October being a Public Holiday (Labour Day) Mass will be celebrated at 8am.

Day of Prayer to Respect Life: Today Sunday 14 October. Pope Francis tells us: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." Proposed law changes to allow euthanasia and remove abortion from the Crimes Act show great disrespect for human life and would be very harmful to our society and country. Where we see attempts made to devalue life, we are called to speak up against such attempts. When we speak up like this we are helping our society and our country.

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 to the office or by 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. Just contact us at the Parish Office admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz or phone 437 7902. *Glennis / Marion*

Mission Sunday 21 October. Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Pontifical Mission Societies (MISSIO-NZ) Appeal. This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis's call to be part of mission especially to the many youth today, and how we can support mission globally. Please give generously next week. For further information <https://missio.nz/>

Syro Malabar Catholic Community cordially invite all parishioners to join them for the annual **Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary** and the Silver Jubilee Celebration (25th Anniversary of Ordination) of Fr Joy Thottamkara. Next Sunday 21 October here in our Church. Mass will be celebrated at 4.30pm. Please see notice board for more information.

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 **Thurs 15 November 2018.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Jesus is a friend who knows all your faults and still loves you anyway". Romans 5:8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

WEST PAPUA: Thursday, 18th October, NURM is hosting a special visitor from West Papua, Wensi Fatubun. It is rare for us to hear directly from this occupied country. Wensi is a film maker, human rights defender, and environmentalist - who brings his people's voices to Whangarei. WHEN: Thurs 18 Oct 7pm. WHERE: Marion House, 155A Kamo Road, Kensington (behind 155 Community House). All welcome.

Baptism Course. Sunday 11 and 18 November 2pm to 3.30pm here in our Church. If you are expecting a child, now is a good time to do the course. For further information and to register please phone Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.

OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). If you missed our information evening come along on Tuesday 16 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

A warm welcome is assured. This programme is where you can ask questions, become more acquainted with the Catholic community and the Gospel values by which we try to live. It is also for adults wishing to become Catholic.

Catholics Returning Home For Christmas 2018

Come and look at your Church as it is today! The Programme starts on Monday 29 October at 7pm in the gathering area of our Church. Enquiries to Parish Office. Ph 437 7902

Gold Card Lunch Thursday 18 October in the Parish Hall following 12.10pm Mass. All you need to bring is: something for a shared lunch; a smile and a friend if you wish. A donation for the Christmas Hamper Raffle would be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Society of St Vincent de Paul. Parish Food Basket:

Thank you for your continued support. Donations of tinned veges, tinned fruit and weetbix are our greatest need at present.

Meetings: Eymard House at 5pm.

First Thursday of the month - Prayer and Reflection.
Third Thursday of the month - usual meeting.

Come and celebrate the Whangarei Filipino Society's 25th Anniversary Variety Show. Saturday 15 December at Forum North. Food provided. BYO Drinks. See flyer on notice board for further details.

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 24 October 5.30pm-7pm.

Divine Mercy Group meet every Friday in the Side Chapel from 2.30pm-4pm. All welcome to join them.



 **Joshua Men's Fellowship** meet here in our Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 October. All men welcome.

Christian Meditation Community Day. Theme: The Journey of Meditation. Saturday 27 October 9.30am-3pm. 733 Owhiwa Rd; Mt Tiger, Old Chapel. Bring your own lunch. Small koha appreciated. Ph Michael 436 5663 or d1@outlook.co.nz. Please see flyer on notice board.

Choir practice Monday 15 October at 5pm.

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

Auckland Diocese Special Collections. *World Mission Sunday 21 October.* This money is distributed by the National Missions Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese for 12 months in a missionary country.

 It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$4,709.90 from all collections. Thank you. 

Please remember the Parish in your Will