

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
2018 Columban Calendar - \$12.00.
NZ Catholic - \$4.00

For upcoming Mercy Spirituality Centre
events please see notice board or
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 See Facebook page - St Leo's Catholic 125th School Jubilee.

For events and things happening in our Parish, don't forget to check out our notice boards, here in the Church and also outside the Parish Hall.

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

Anniversaries: Bernie Hill, James McGuire, Doreen Spotswood.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 October 2018 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 12:28-34

"...a blind beggar was sitting at the side of the road." Mark 10:46.

A blind man, middle aged and married, used to come for a week each year to the Seminary and taught generations of Marists how to sing the church's Gregorian Chant and appreciate classical music. As I continue to reflect on my fifty years as a priest and the people who have influenced my life, the example and skill of Joseph Papesch of New Plymouth easily comes to mind. I was amazed how this man overcame his lack of sight, mastered brail both in word and notes, and conveyed his enthusiasm for music. Half a century later, I thank him again and pray for his eternal rest. In Christchurch today, there is a similar man, Ken Joblin, who forms and conducts Catholic School choirs, enthralling congregations with their masterful singing of a full range of church music. With this skill and his own voice, Ken is a gem, a gift to the Church.



In today's Gospel, we hear of another blind man, Bar-timaeus, who, though without physical sight, realized that Jesus was the Messiah and so shouted out to him "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me. Master, let me see again." Bartimaeus jumps up. Jesus says: "Your faith has saved you." Bartimaeus' eyesight is restored and he followed Jesus along the road.

Bart's cry has become a prayer for many Christians as they recognize Jesus as their Messiah. In good times and in bad, they maintain their commitment to Christ Our Saviour, (Xavier). In all times, let us repeat these words and let grace open our eyes to greater things. Let us value our five senses of touch, taste, hearing, smell and sight. Let us assist those whose senses have failed or are failing and, like Jesus, give them hope, an uplift in faith in Him, a love of all God's beautiful creation, and encourage them to follow Jesus along the road.

Cheers and prayers, John Craddock sm

✠ **Thursday 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 28 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.

Fit for Mission. *Seeing and acting with mercy: That is holiness.*



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*

Catholic Census!

In the month of November the annual head count of all attending Sunday Masses and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is taken.

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

Pax Christi meet in Eymard House on Monday 5 November at 7pm.

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**.

Euthanasia-Free NZ is urging people who wrote to Parliament's Justice Committee on euthanasia early this year to contact the Committee ASAP if they haven't received a confirmation that their submission was received, or if they still want to talk to the Committee for 5 minutes, as there have been problems with their system. Contact the committee by phoning 04 817 8506 or at Justice.EndofLife@parliament.govt.nz. See notice board or take a flyer from the table in the foyer. Outlying Areas, the flyer is in the suitcase.

“When God saw you – It was love at first sight.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK :

Martha and Mary Group meet on Friday 2 November at 10am in our Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. Our guest speaker is Rochelle from 'Soul Food'. Any non perishable food donations much appreciated." Enquiries to Joan 435 4012.

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.



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 the Mass and a shared supper afterwards. A plate would be appreciated.



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

The Liturgy Centre in Auckland have started a column in the Liturgy Magazine called 'Coffee with Mons.' It is the transcript of a short conversation with Monsignor Paul Farmer. In it we discuss a part of the Mass, or something related to it. The first of these conversations covers the Preparation of the Gifts. A copy is on the notice board. If you wish to take a copy home, come to the Parish office during the week and Janet will print a copy for you.

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.

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 5 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.

No Choir practice 29 October.

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 \$4,643.20 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will