

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 7.15am - 7.45am.				<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**  
2019 Columban Calendar - \$12.00.  
NZ Catholic - \$4.00

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

**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.

**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 care-givers especially,** Dora Hampton, Mike Batty, Maryann Rundlett

**Recently deceased:** Urbain Seux.

**Anniversaries:** Gafaomalietoa (Gafa) Ponifasio, Wim van Leeuwen, Kevin Hand.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**7 October 2018 Year B**

**Next Week's Readings: Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time.**  
**Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10:17-30**

*The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked:  
"Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" Mark 10:2*

Many years ago, before I was ordained a priest, a Marist Father climbed into the pulpit of St Patrick's Church, Napier, blessed himself and said to the large congregation at Sunday Mass. "My dear brethren, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand have laid down that the sermon today is on Marriage. You may well ask, 'what does he know about marriage?' Well, I can tell you this: I know there are two things that ruin a marriage: Boozing and bitching. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost". And the people replied loudly: **Amen!** This story was still fresh in the memories of parishioners when I was appointed to Napier in 1970. Indeed, I was asked if my sermons were going to be as short and to the point as those of Father X.



**The question of divorce brought to Jesus by the Pharisees is still relevant today**  
My own parents separated, so I know something of the agony of a split family, living in the same town where they were public figures and faithfully attending the same parish. An extra agony I felt was celebrating Holy Family Sunday with each of them sitting on either side of the church. After eight years, an extraordinary grace occurred when, out of the blue, they were reconciled and lived together again in the family home. Yes, I do believe in miracles.

The love expressed by a couple on their wedding day has to grow and mature if it is to blossom into a lasting marriage. Marriage has not only to be nurtured but the family garden has to be constantly weeded. Two major weeds are still boozing and bitching. But can we also add our modern addiction to media devices, gambling and compulsive spending? - and anything else you want to add!

May our homes be places of peace and joy, creativity and support where married life and blended families thrive. May Christ be present to spouses for his love for them is the model of their mutual sacrificial commitment and service. This is what makes their union a Sacrament of Marriage.  
*Cheers and prayers, John Craddock sm*

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions.

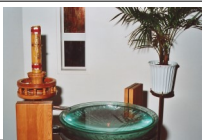
Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

The Intention for October is **Evangelization – The Mission of Religious**. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.



**Fit for Mission.** Married life is a process of growth, in which each spouse is God's means of helping the other to mature. Change, improvement, the flowering of the good qualities present in each person – all these are possible. *Amoris Laetitia 221*

**Suzanne Aubert Celebration** today is a day for all Catholics to celebrate and remember the **spirituality and good works** of this remarkable woman and to be inspired by what she achieved and to follow in her footsteps. Suzanne Aubert arrived in New Zealand, December 1860, from France, to answer God's call to serve the sick, orphaned, elderly and those whom society rejected. She established New Zealand's first soup kitchen which still serves thousands of meals a year. She was a pioneer of New Zealand's health and welfare system and a friend to Māori throughout her life. Suzanne's *wairua* lives on in the work of the Sisters of Compassion.



**We welcome those baptised in September:** Victoria, Sebastian, Jasper, Isabella and Reuben Wackrow, Taneisha Nepe, Skyla Nepe, Phoebe White, Kiera Montilla, Ethan Asiata, Christopher Martin, George Morgan.

**The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. (OCIA)** If you missed our information evening come along to the Parish Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 9 October. A warm welcome is assured.

**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

**Anointing Mass next Saturday 13 October 10am here in our Church.** This is an opportunity for those seeking healing because of frailty or illness, to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. If you live in Whangarei city and need a lift **please phone Bill 437 3319**. Morning tea will be served after Mass. We ask the Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick to please bring a plate for morning tea. Please ensure those to whom you minister have the opportunity to attend the Mass. If they are unable to come, let us know at the Parish Office for alternative arrangements.



**Rosary: Today, Sunday 7 October at 3pm here in our Parish Church.**

The mission of the Rosary Aotearoa is to pray together as one nation and to ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mother of the Church, for our country. We are calling the faithful to join as one nation in prayer. Be part of the history, come and join us

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. -- I John 3:18

## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

The Liturgy Committee wish to update our register of Commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you are no longer on the roster of Leaders but wish to continue to help with distributing Communion at any of the Sunday Masses (including Vigil. 6pm), could you please give the following details: Name, Contact details, preferred Mass time, and approximately when you were commissioned. (estimate is fine). Please add this information to the clipboard in the Church foyer or email [Gerardine](mailto:Gerardine.gpmccarrison@gmail.com) [gpmccarrison@gmail.com](mailto:gpmccarrison@gmail.com) .

**Parish Playgroup resumes** Tuesday 16 October in the Parish Hall from 9am to 11:30 am during the school term. Special invite to all Mums, Dads and Caregivers - bring along your preschoolers and join in the fun. Gold coin donation. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

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

**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.

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

**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!

**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

and **Flame Group** do not meet during School Holidays. **Young Adults** to be contacted for events, register your contact details at the Parish Office.

## MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI.

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

**Christian Mediation** We meet every Wednesday in Eymard House 7.30pm-8.30pm. All welcome.

**Community Day.** Theme: The Journey of Meditation. Saturday 27 October, 9.30am-3pm. 733 Owhiwa Rd; Mt Tiger, Old library Chapel. Bring your own lunch. Small koha appreciated. Ph Michael 436 5663 or email [md1@outlook.co.nz](mailto:md1@outlook.co.nz). Please see flyer on notice board.

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

**Tui Motu is on sale this weekend** and it's excellent material includes contributions from 5 Pompallier Catholic College students on climate change and energy.

## 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 \$4,800.40 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will