

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.					

**'Living the Splendour of Truth'** International Pro-life, Pro-family Conference ( 5-7 October) at Epsom Girls Grammar School. Flyer on noticeboard. Register [fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018)

**Shop Smart. Plan-Save-Budget** A Hands on Workshop at Anglican Care Centre, 1 Mill Road. Thursday 4 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 and followed by lunch, entertainment and a mix and mingle. We invite any past pupils, families or staff to help us celebrate. Bookings can be made on the website [trybooking.co.nz/LN](http://trybooking.co.nz/LN) and more information is available on the 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** Dora Hampton, Mike Batty.

**Recently deceased:** Janet Johnston, Urbain Seux.

**Anniversaries:** Maria Kleyngeld, Cecelia Judge.



## St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**30 September 2018 Year B**

**Next Week's Readings: Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time.**  
**Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10:2-16**

### Gehenna

When I was a child I feared that I might go to hell!  
I don't remember them but I've heard about the "hellfire and brimstone"  
Sermons that were preached in Parish Missions of old.

The only time I might think about hell is the prayer associated with the  
Rosary.

*"O my Jesus forgive us our sins and save us from the fires of hell".*

These days I don't fear the fires of hell. But then again I am reminded that  
fear is a gift of the Holy Spirit. *"Fear of God is the first stage of wisdom..."*  
It is a right fear of not distancing myself from God.

Some time ago I read that when Jesus speaks of *"Hell where the worm  
does not die for the fires go out"* – he was referring to Gehenna a valley  
near Jerusalem which was the Rubbish tip.

We are not rubbish but the Gospel does teach us to take seriously our liv-  
ing of the Christian life. That we be deliberate and not half hearted in all  
we do to support and build up those around us.

Jesus certainly does not mince words regards being an obstacle to the  
little ones who have faith.

Jesus does comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

All Blessings

*Fr Chris M s.m.*

**Rosary: Sunday 7 October at 3pm here in our Parish Church.** "Rosary Aotearoa" invites you, the People of God, to come together on the Feast of the Holy Rosary to pray for nation, our Church and ourselves. 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!

**Fit for Mission.** We are all called, in our respective roles, to cultivate and promote respect for the intrinsic dignity of every human person,"



**NATIONAL CATHOLIC DIOCESAN PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR THANKS**

190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity for them to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering. In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life. Thank you to you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.

**Anointing Mass 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.

**Day of Celebration for Suzanne Aubert 7 October.** The purpose of this important national day of celebration is to have many more people learn of the spirituality and good works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert and to be inspired by what she did and what she achieved. It also provides all Catholics the opportunity to commit to praying that the church will soon recognise this remarkable woman of great faith, as a Saint.

**Do you want to belong to a faith community and know what makes Catholics tick?** An Information evening will be held **Tuesday 2 October at 7pm in the side room of the Parish Hall.** The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a programme 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. A warm welcome is assured. No commitment is necessary and no pressure to go beyond your own pace. Everyone is welcome. Queries to Janet at the Parish Office 437 7902.

**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

**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.gpmccarrison@gmail.com](mailto:Gerardine.gpmccarrison@gmail.com).

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK "When God measures a person, he puts the tape around the heart instead of the head".** 1 Samuel 16:.....for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

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

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

**Choir practice Monday 1 October at 5pm**

**ALONE AGAIN?** Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto "a weekend away for a lifetime of change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. Participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Friday 5 to Sunday 7 October. Cost \$295 (accommodation and all meals included) . Contact Carol on (022) 089 0458 or leave a message on (09) 360-3054. Visit [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz).

**Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued support. Donations of toiletries, jelly's, cereals and spreads (marmite, peanut butter). are our greatest need at present. **The Society** has a number of people knitting for us and we are looking for donations of wool for them. The items are being given to children with chest issues, children in need and their families both here and in the north. If you are able to help please put your donation in the food baskets in the foyer. **We also invite** people to our meetings, prayer meeting, where we recite a decade of the Rosary for worthy causes, on the 1st Thursday of month and briefing on the 3rd Thursday. You are welcome to either or both.

**Martha and Mary Group** meet on Friday 5 October at 10am in our Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. Our guest speaker will be Sr Susan Smith RNDM. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012.

**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

**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- Mangawhai Camp for Youth 8-18 years. 8 -10 October.** Organised by Northland Catholic Youth Ministry. Flyer and Registration forms are on the notice board. Enquiries to Bernadette 09 439 8435, email [cathnorwai@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cathnorwai@xtra.co.nz)  
**Blaze and Flame Youth groups** will not meet during the school holidays  
**Young Adults** to be contacted for events, register your contact details at the Parish Office.

**No Pax Christi meeting in October.** They next meet on Monday 5 November at 7pm in Eymard House.

**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 \$8,151.00 from all collections. Thank you. 

*Please remember the Parish in your Will*