

## MASS TIMES

### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 6.00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am and 9.30am

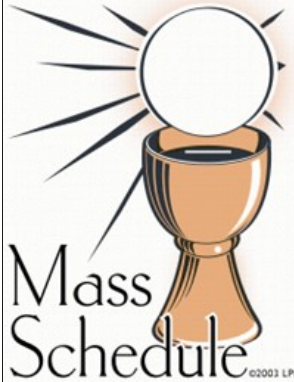
### Weekday Eucharist

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am  
 Saturday 8:00am  
 First Friday (Mass of Healing & Anointing of the sick) 9:15am  
 First Friday Adoration followed by Mass 6:00pm

### SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Every Saturday 8:30am to 9:30am  
 Baptisms: Every Saturday (by appointment) 11:00am

Please see the Church noticeboard and Website as well



## NEXT SUNDAY (19<sup>th</sup> February 2023) 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY Ordinary Time - Year A SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1st Reading:** Lev 19:1-2,17-18 You must love your neighbour as yourself  
**Psalm:** Psalm 103 (102) The Lord is kind and merciful.  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 3:16-23 You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God  
**Gospel:** Mt 5:38-48 Love your enemies

### ALTAR SERVERS



**Sat 6:00pm:** Shane Mascarenhas, Ethan Misquitta, Moriel Dabre, Swin Rodrigues (T)  
**Sun 8:00am:** Javier Soares, Jessica MacKenzie (T), Eva Hu (T), Elisha Yang (T)  
**Sun 9:30am:** Sophia Xing, Angeline Xing, Alice Schaumkel (T), Lillian Schaumkel (T), Oliver Mc Crills (T)

### OTHER MINISTERS

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Reggis Rego	Irae Pule	Karen Vivera
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Joyce Rapheal	Reena Edwin	Donald Holder
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Tamara Pinto	Leeda Ferdis	Sr Helen Bergin
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Jouelle Raphael Betsy Rego	Anne Sia	Pius Joseph Theresa Gomes
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Jessie Dalgado	N/A	Vincent George
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Richard Raphael	Mabel	Paul Reddy
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Clinton	Jewel	Irae
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Graham S

The roster for various ministries is on the notice board and website. If you are not available, please arrange your own replacement. Thank you to all our ministry volunteers for your generous service to our Parish.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Tepano and Maria (11th February 2023)

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretta Sheppard

AROHA 爱 CINTA LOVE AMOR GRÁ मोहब्बत

**ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
 Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki

BLOCKHOUSE BAY  
 34 Bolton Street, PO Box 48097, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland

*We, the People of God, continue Christ's Mission of Love in our Diversity.*

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### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1st Reading:** Sirach 15:15-20 Vast is the wisdom of the Lord, he is almighty and all seeing.  
**Psalm:** Ps 118 Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 2:6-10 No eye has seen, no ear has heard all that God has prepared for those who love him.  
**Gospel:** Mt 5:17-37 Jesus has come, not to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to complete them.



## 12th February 2023

• Jesus holds his disciples to a high standard. What does God desire for creation and how are we to live out the divine will? Today's gospel could read as another list of religious dos and don'ts. The law Jesus came to fulfil manifests in a myriad of ways. Whatever your relationship

to the issues named—anger, adultery, divorce and staying faithful to vows—Jesus offers these teachings as a means of drawing us closer to God.

• These teachings reveal something about the divine will—and thus, God's very self. Our God is a God of truth and justice, who values reconciliation and desires right relationship for all of creation. In light of today's gospel, consider: Is there a relationship in your life that needs mending? How might you take a step toward reconciliation this week?

• Today's gospel may be difficult to digest for those of us who have personal experience with the issues named by Jesus. Perhaps there is anger festering right now between you and a loved one. Maybe you have been the victim or perpetrator of adultery. Who among us has never looked upon another with lust? Who among us does not care about someone who is divorced? Let us be gentle with ourselves and with each other as we take in Jesus's message. In coming to fulfil the law, Jesus did not come to shame or berate.

He came to help us grow more faithful each day—and to help us strengthen our muscles of repentance and reconciliation. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

### Making Connections

The first reading affirms that God's commands are trustworthy and true; obeying them is a source of life and goodness. The Law is not an obligation to be lived in begrudging obedience; it is a gift from God, an assurance that goodness and righteousness are within our reach.

The second reading acknowledges that God's wisdom is distinct from human wisdom; it often seems to us to be mysterious and hidden. Even so it is worthy of trust. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

Happy are those who follow the law of the Lord:

# Parish News

**CARING FOUNDATION FLOOD APPEAL:** Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is accepting donations to help our partner agencies deliver vital help to many. You can make an online donation today so that assistance can get to families quickly. <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> Your donation will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Already, many of the Foundation's partner agencies are working around the clock to ensure that people are safe and able to get the help that they need quickly. If you or your loved ones are in need, please get more details on the Auckland Emergency Management website <https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/major-incident/flooding-2023>

**BAPTISM:** Lauren, Jake and Pippa Geoghegan were baptised in our Church on 11th February. Please keep them and their parents, Aaron and Louise, in your prayers.

**MORNING TEA:** There will be a morning tea after the 9:30am Mass on every **FIRST** Sunday of the month. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2023:** are still available for sale at a **reduced price of \$8** each. The sale of the calendars is a main source of income for the missionary work of the Columban Fathers.

**PARISH AGM:** The St Dominic's parish AGM will be held on 30th April 2023. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend this annual meeting where the various committees will provide reports and give the opportunity for questions to be raised. More information in due course to follow.

**SATURDAY NIGHT MUSIC GROUP AND CHOIR:** John Smit, who leads the music group on Saturday nights, would welcome any young people, who play a musical instrument, to join his group. Please contact John directly on 027 339 6512 or contact the Parish office on 6266-207. Thank you

**Do you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic?** The Rite of Christian Initial for Adults (RCIA) programme is about to re-start with an initial 'Period of Inquiry' for people interested in Catholicism. Please contact Donald Holder on 021-2410448 or email him at [donaalholder@orcon.net.nz](mailto:donaalholder@orcon.net.nz) or contact the Parish Office on 6266207.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The first meeting for the year will be on Friday 17th February at 10 am in the Parish centre. Come and enjoy a catch-up with friends after a two month break. All welcome. Contact Marie 627 9193 or 027 3813361.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Registration forms are available in the foyer.

**St Dominic's Housie Group** are looking for volunteers to help out on Tuesday nights at the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. If you can help, please contact Ann Sia on 021-920983

**Franciscan Spirituality Series-** Join us every first Sunday of the month to learn about St Francis of Assisi and living the Gospel according to his spirit.

**DRCNZ** is organizing a Lenten Retreat led by Fr Joseph Edattu VC, Director, Divine (U.K.) from Sunday 19 to Sunday 26 March. No registration fee. All are welcome. See foyer for more details.

**REQUESTS FOR MASS** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write your details on the front, place your donation inside envelope and hand to Fr Ephrem.

**PLANNED GIVING:** We would like to encourage those who can, to donate using internet banking directly to our parish bank account. Please email [stdomspgc@gmail.com](mailto:stdomspgc@gmail.com) for your planned giving number for internet banking.

**DONATIONS / PLANNED GIVING:** To join our Planned Giving scheme please send an email to: [stdomspgc@gmail.com](mailto:stdomspgc@gmail.com) or contact the Parish office. For online contributions please use the following details:

Account Name : RC Bishop of Auckland Blockhouse Bay Parish  
Account No. : 02 0100 0120958 10 Ref : Your name and planned giving number

# St Dominic's School News

**Across the Path - from the School Principal, Daniel Pepper:**

**School is Back:** Yes, school finally went back after a very staggered start to the year. We pray that not too many of our school and parish community were affected by the floods we had 2 week ago. The school certainly had a few issues with the back tennis court being completely covered in water and all our downpipes got a work out!

**Ash Wednesday:** The senior school will be taking part in the Ash Wednesday celebrations here at the church. Our little people will receive their ashes in their classes with their teachers.

**Caritas Fiji:** This term the whole school is learning about the great work that CARITAS Fiji does with supporting the local people in Fiji. It will be great learning for the children and the school supports CARITAS with its fundraising. We have given CARITAS \$7,500 over the last 4 years! Pretty amazing for a small school in the Bay.

**Bikeathon 2023:** This term we will be having a bikeathon on the 24th February. On this day we are raising money for CARITAS. Every child will ride their bike on this day twice around our bike track. We will have a rider on the track from 8:30-2:30. A person on the track every minute of the day! Children will be sponsored for every circuit they complete.

**Our school gardens!:** Last year we had 1 person from the parish come and help in the garden each week. It was really appreciated. We are looking for more helpers. It would be great if we had parishioners helping to grow vegetables for our small community here in the Bay.

Hope all are well and we look forward to taking part in as many Parish and School events as possible this year. Come across for a visit anytime!

## Notices from the Diocese

**Marriage & Family Life** would like to invite to you consider becoming Marriage Educators. If you have 2 hours a fortnight and are passionate about helping engaged couples prepare for marriage and have been married for 5 years or more, **please contact Gerry on 021 02247442**

**Baradene College - OPEN DAY** Tours – Wednesday 1 March and Thursday 2 March 2023. BOOKINGS online REQUIRED (opening 9.00am Monday 20 Feb). Tour times: 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am. Book at [www.baradene.school.nz/enrol](http://www.baradene.school.nz/enrol) Book your time by 3.00pm Monday 27 Feb. Enrolments for Year 7, 2024 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 17 March, 2023.

**St Paul's College, 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby - OPEN DAY** – Thursday 9th March 2023 | 9:30am or 1:45pm. Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9 2024 and (Limited places in other Year levels)

**Marist College Catholic Girls School:** Open Day Tours 1 March 2023 9:00am and 11:30am

**Go Forward in Hope International Pro-Life & Family Conference** – Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 March, Auckland. Be informed, inspired, and equipped to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Life. Featuring thirteen international and local speakers passionate about their areas of expertise in pro-life and family issues - including Gianna Emanuela Molla, the daughter of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla. For more info & to register visit [www.fli.org.nz/conference2023](http://www.fli.org.nz/conference2023) or Michelle Kaufman 0275261199

**PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR WEBSITE & NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH FOYER**

*Please remember the following in the Eucharist and your personal prayer:*

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Christine Wollard, Francis Laraman, Ruth Manley, Sr Mary Leonie, Francis Sementy, Patras Tigga, Norman Periera, Ruby D'Silva, Margaret Rasch, Mavis Ulrich, Pauline Lafotanoa, Imeleta Maddox, Junn Pascual, Pauline Unkovich, Pauline Gallagher, Lynne Carroll,

**For the Sick:** Fortuna Turnwald, John and Dolores Webb.

*Please call the parish office if you need to place a name on this list.*