

MASS TIMES

Sunday Eucharist

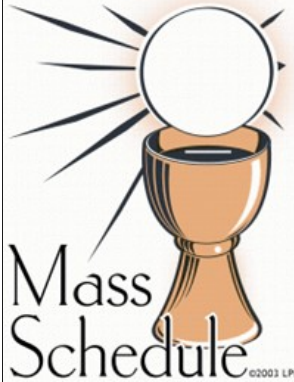
Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 8:00am and 9.30am

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 (26th February 2023)

**1st SUNDAY of Lent - Year A
 SCRIPTURE READINGS**

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 The Creation of our first parents and their sin.
Psalm: Ps 51 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned .
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, now through Christ's obedience all shall become just.
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11 Jesus fasted in wilderness for forty days and forty nights.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 6:00pm: Shane Mascarenhas, Ethan Misquitta, Moriel Dabre, Swinth Rodrigues (T)
Sun 8:00am: Javier Soares, Jason Dash, Eva Hu (T), Elisha Yang (T)
Sun 9:30am: Jeremy Xing, Sean Joseph , Joshua Joseph (T), Caoilinn Bhreatnach (T), Chuka Chidi (T)

OTHER MINISTERS

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Kevin Creado	Donald Holder	Pearl Dharmai
1st Reading:	Carol D'Souza	Annlyn Lopez	Lisa Kachappilly
2nd Reading:	Nita Creado	Mabel Vivera	Josh Soares
Ministers of Communion:	Sunita Fernandes Dora Tham	Paul Reddy	Karen Vivera Brower Jr Pule
Projectionist:	Sylvester D'Souza	N/A	Samoan Community
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Josh	Josh Soares
Co-Ordinator:	Joseph M	Josh	Paul Reddy
Music:	Youth	N/A	Samoan Community

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

Mendonca family (25th February 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretti Sheppard

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

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Reading : Lev 19:1-2,17-18 You must love your neighbour as yourself
Psalm : Ps 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 .



19th February 2023

- Jesus demands radical kind of love in today's gospel. It is not enough to love those who love you, the Son of God says. We must also love the enemy, the stranger, the one who gnaws at our last nerve. How? Jesus asks us to do what seems impossible— and the call may very well be impossible if we try to take it up alone. Jesus knows the shortcomings of the human condition. He know we get annoyed, jealous, judgemental, and prone to a whole host of other emotions that make it hard to love others. That is why Jesus makes this summons in the context of community. The work of loving as God loves is the work of all of us, together.
- Guided by Christ's example and ongoing presence in our lives, we can take up a seemingly impossible task. For we are temples of God, as St Paul reminds us. The Spirit of God dwells in us. Even with our human frailties, we can love bigger and bolder than we ever thought possible. We will soon enter the season of Lent, a time for doing the hard work of discipleship. The way of the cross is demanding, no doubt, yet Jesus promises we will make it through.
- Keep today's gospel in mind as you prepare for Lent. Who are the people you find difficult to love? With Christ's help, how can you open your heart more fully to these people in the days ahead? ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

Making Connections (Between the readings)

Jesus's gospel teachings are not the first time God has given commandments to love profoundly: "Love your neighbour as yourself" is already pretty radical. AS in the gospel, this love is commanded in imitation of God; we are to strive for the holiness and perfection that characterises God's very self. The second reading also reminds us of our dignity and our call to holiness; here, the image of the temple is used to illustrate how God dwells withing us. The psalm offers an important counterbalance to the commands of the other readings; even when we fail in our request for holiness, God is ready to greet us with mercy.
 ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

The Lord is *kind and merciful*
 Psalm 103

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>

SHROVE TUESDAY: Mass at 6:30pm followed by sharing of pancakes. Please bring a plate!

ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd February 2023: There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday —9:15am and 6:30pm. There will also be a combined Ash Wednesday service at Church of the Saviour at 7:30pm

LENTEN FASTING: The first Friday of Lent (24th Feb) and Good Friday (7th Apr) are obligatory days of fasting for those who are able (between the ages of 14 and 60). We are also encouraged to fast on other Fridays of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday @ 7:00pm led by different groups of the Parish.

BAPTISM: Lyre Elodie Bienaime, Kahel Joseph Bongo and Elley Nazareth, were baptised in our Church on 18th February. Please keep them, and their parents and family, 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 donaldholder@orcon.net.nz or contact the Parish Office on 6266207.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: 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

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 for your planned giving

DONATIONS / PLANNED GIVING: To join our Planned Giving scheme please send an email to: 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 closed for 2 days: As you may have heard we closed the school for 2 days while Auckland and the country had Cyclone Gabrielle come to visit. A few families were cut off and power out for many. School opened again so that is good news and we are looking forward to having no more issues here at school so fingers and toes crossed.

Dedication mass: Every year all teachers of Catholic Schools, primary and secondary, have a dedication mass at Christ the King. What a special time it is for us all to meet and pray together and celebrate the Eucharist together as a group of Catholic educators.

Family Picnic evening: Last Friday, we had our annual picnic here at school. It was a chance for all our parents to re-engage and have dinner together and play a few games on the top field.

Earthquake in Turkey and Syria: This week all classes have been asked to pray to Turkey and Syria as they deal with massive issues and mourning of their citizens.

Take care all and we will see you all for Ash Wednesday.

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 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

St Mary's College, Ponsonby: Enrolments are now OPEN for 2024. An Open Day will be held on Thursday 9 March 2023 - 2.30pm and 6.30pm – No registration is required. Please visit their website www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments, for more information. Enrolments close on 17 March 2023.

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 or Michelle Kaufman 0275261199

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 3rd March 7:00pm, St Mary's Church, 20 Kitemui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.

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

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

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Frank Mu (19th Death Anniversary), 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.