

MASS TIMES

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 8:00am and 9.30am

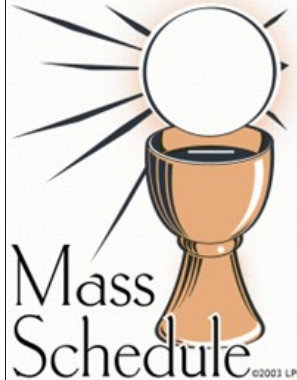
Weekday Eucharist

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 (5th March 2023)

2nd SUNDAY of Lent - Year A SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 The call of Abram, the father of God's people.
Psalm: Psalm 33 Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 God saves all people and calls them to be holy.
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 The Transfiguration – This is my beloved Son, hear him

ALTAR SERVERS



Sat 6:00pm: Shane Mascarenhas, Ethan Misquitta, Moriel Dabre, Swinth Rodrigues (T)
Sun 8:00am: Javier Soares, Jessica MacKenzie (T), Elisha Yang (T), Eva Hu (T)
Sun 9:30am: Anahera Bhreatnach, Breanna Pinto, Braelei Faith (T), RioPereira (T), Eli Pereira (T)

OTHER MINISTERS

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Matthew D'Souza	Jewel Villos	Goretti Fernandes
1st Reading:	Betsy Rego	Tom O'Hanlan	Natasha Pinto
2nd Reading:	Aaron George	Annlynn Lopez	Jewel Villos
Ministers of Communion:	Caroline D'Souza	Valyne	Teresa Joseph
	Deanne Fernandes		Tino Malo
Projectionist:	Jessie Dalgado	N/A	Brower Jr Pule
Chief Collector:	Allwyn Pereira	Mabel	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Goretti	Valyne	Irae
Music:	TRINITY CHOIR	N/A	DIVINE MERCY

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

Southcombe family (4th March 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

N/A

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

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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: 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.



26th February 2023

• Matthew moves from the story of Jesus's baptism right to his journey into the desert. Other translations use the term "wilderness". The desert can be quite literally be a wild space. Birds of prey fly freely. The hot sun scorches. Water and food are likely scarce, if not available at all. The scene Jesus now finds himself in stands in stark contrast to the day of his baptism when his beloved John the Baptist stood with him in the flowing waters to the Jordan River.

• The sequence of events reminds us how quickly life can change. We can move from a spiritual high to a devastating low without much warning. No matter where we find ourselves, the Spirit of God never leaves our side. Notice what is not said in this passage. Nowhere does it say the Spirit leaves Jesus alone with the devil. Just like in the waters of baptism, God's Spirit remains with Jesus – and each of us – during our times in the wilderness.

• The devil puts Jesus, in all his humanity, to the test in today's gospel. Imagine how Jesus must have felt after forty days and forty nights of fasting. The gospel writer's description that "afterwards he was hungry" is surely the understatement of the year! Think about how you felt on Ash Wednesday if you observed a day of fasting. Perhaps you moved slower or found yourself getting irritated more quickly than usual. Our bodies need fuel to function. Times of fasting force us to pay attention to our bodies – and the God who created them. Jesus placed all his trust in God during those forty days of fasting. May we do the same as we observe the Lenten practices. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

Making Connections (Between the readings)

Jesus's response to the devil stands in contrast to Adam and Eve's; He outsmarts temptation at every turn where their naivete caused them to cave immediately. Unfortunately, this is not enough to undo the consequences of sin; this work will be continued all the way to Calvary. The second reading affirms Jesus as the mirror image of Adam. Through Adam we inherit sin and death; from Jesus we inherit freedom and life. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Parish News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm led by different groups of the Parish. The session on Friday, 3rd March will be led by the Legion of Mary group.

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

CHURCH CLEANING: The roster for March to June 2023 is on the website and noticeboard. Many thanks to those who volunteer to clean the church. It is greatly appreciated.

BAPTISM: Faylee Imaysay, Isaac Sheehan and Lyre Elodie Bienaime, were baptised in our Church this weekend. Please keep them, and their parents and family, in your prayers.

ST DOMINIC'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: will be commencing in March in order of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, staggered over as three separate celebrations. The cut-off date for registration is 9th March 2023, with classes starting on Sunday 12th March at 11am. The dates are as follows: Reconciliation on 3rd May 2023, Confirmation on 3rd June 2023 and First Holy Communion on 17th September 2023. Registration forms will be available shortly.

MORNING TEA: There will be a morning tea after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 5th March 2023, as it is the first Sunday of the month. Please bring a plate to share. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK: Please look out for information related to Holy Week in the coming newsletters.

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.

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 FOUNDATION: We encourage you to support the Foundation, which works behind the scenes, supporting families in need. We use this fund to help our families with: Food parcels, School fees, Transport, Scholarships, Uniform costs, supporting learning while families are isolating due to Covid. The Donation account number is: **12-3034-0276615-00 All donations are welcomed!**

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 number for internet banking or contact the Parish office. Thank you.

REQUESTS FOR MASS" Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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

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:

Ash Wednesday: What a special celebration this was with all our seniors classes joining in with the parish to receive their ashes. The little people had their ashes in their classrooms in a more intimate space so that they could be taken through the learning of this special celebration with their teachers, who were able to unpack it better in their classrooms.

Hangi and Umu: This Friday see the whole school experiencing a Hangi and Umu here at school. It starts at 6am and we will eating at mid-day. If you can, we encourage you to join us for the feast and the learning.

School values: We have 4 school values and every child knows these in the school. They are:

(1) Aroha, (2) Perseverance, (3) Respect and (4) Unity. These come straight from the four Dominican pillars that the Order of Preachers follow, as they walk with Christ.

School funny: Why did Adam & Eve do maths every day? They were told to be fruitful & multiply.

If you get the chance, feel free to come over for a cuppa anytime. Happy to chat and get your ideas and thoughts. We are blessed to be part of this wonderful catholic community.

Notices from the Diocese

Training & Formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer offered by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre, to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest. It will take place over five Saturdays _ 18th March | 29th April | 27th May | 24th June & 29th July. Lunch will be provided. Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register or for more info, please go to www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer or email: liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

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 OPEN for 2024. An Open Day will be held on Thu 9 March 2023 - 2.30pm and 6.30pm – No registration is required. Please visit their website www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments. Enrolments close on 17 March 2023.

Go Forward in Hope International Pro-Life & Family Conference – Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 March, Auckland. 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 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.

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

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, 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 Urlich, Pauline Lafotanoa, Junn Pascual, 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.