

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday 6.00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am and 9.30am

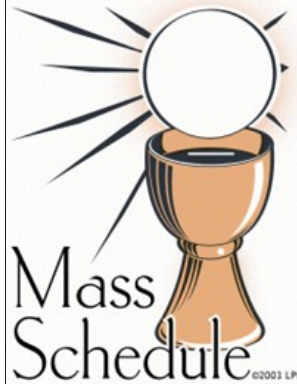
**Weekday Eucharist**

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 (12<sup>th</sup> March 2023)**

**3rd SUNDAY of Lent - Year A**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1st Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7 Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses .

**Psalms:** Ps. 95 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**2nd Reading:** Romans 5:1-2 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit .

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42 "The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life."



**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat 6:00pm:** Moriel Dabre, Ethan Misquitta, Swinth Rodrigues (T)  
**Sun 8:00am:** Javier Soares, Jason Dash, Eva Hu (T), Elisha Yang (T)  
**Sun 9:30am:** Jeremy Xing, Sean Joseph, Carlos Pulini (T), Amanda Chidi (T), Thea Bhreatnach (T)

**OTHER MINISTERS**

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Matthew D'Souza	Donald Holder	Youth
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Natasha Fernandes	Annlynn Lopez	Youth
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Bendito Fernandes	Mabel Vivera	Youth
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Renee D'Souza	Paul Reddy	Ruby Pascual
	Patrick Lim		Ursula Burgess
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Josh	Sylvester D'Souza
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Sandeep Gregory	Josh	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Joyce	N/A	Valyne
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Youth

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**

Dharmai family (12th March 2023)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**

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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 12:1-4 The call of Abram, the father of God's people.*

**Psalms :** *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 .*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**5th March 2023**

• Today's first reading from Genesis showcases one of God's greatest characteristics: faithfulness. God's talk with Abram comes after generations of human failure. The early chapters of Genesis are riddled with instances of humans falling short: Adam and Eve dis-obey God in the garden; Cain murders his brother Abel; the wickedness of humankind rises to a point that God wipes out nearly all of creation in a flood. Time and again, God's beloved people disappoint. Time and again, God forgives. God chooses to remain faithful to the ones whom God carefully knit together. God promises the divine blessing with Abram and, through him, with all communities of the earth. Across time, God never gives up on us. May we not give up on each other either. Made in the image of God, may we strive to grow more faithful each day.

• Peter, James and John experienced an incredibly intense spiritual moment as they witnessed Jesus's transfiguration atop the mountain. They saw a great light. They heard the voice of their Creator. They felt the movement of the Spirit washing over them. The, in a matter of moments, the intensity ended. The three friends needed to make their way down the mountain, back to everyday life. Except, their lives could never be the same. Such a powerful experience of the divine must have awakened something within these men, right?

• In our own ways, we each navigate between moments of spiritual intensity and spiritual ordinary. Perhaps you had a "mountaintop moment" during a focused morning of prayer or on a weekend retreat. These moments may feel few and far between – yet we can carry their energy when we head back down the mountain and into daily life . ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

**Making Connections (Between the readings)**

Like the disciples in the gospel, Abram receives explicit directions from God. He does not respond in fear but in trust, immediately fulfilling the instructions he receives. His life of love and obedience prepares him to respond when God asks something big of him. The second reading affirms the role of the transfiguration. Along with the entire life of Jesus, the transfiguration makes manifest the grace of God, which has been with us all along . ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

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## Parish News

**CARING FOUNDATION:** Bishop Steve has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. Donations received will be used for essential supplies and support services. Donations can be made directly online to the Foundation <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> so that assistance can get to families quickly

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm led by different groups of the Parish. The session on Friday, 10th March will be led by the Jesus my Light prayer group.

**YOUTH MASS** - will be held on Sunday 12th March at 9:30am, followed by the first **YOUTH MEETING** for the year, in the parish centre after Mass. All youth above the age of 13 are welcome. It will be a meet and greet session, and Fr Ephrem will be there to meet and talk to all who attend.

**MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY:** are running a cake and cupcake stall to raise funds for 11 of their youth members to attend World Youth Day in Portugal in July this year. Please generously support them to achieve their financial target.

**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.

**BAPTISM:** Kurt Martin Largo INOC was baptised in our Church on Saturday 4th March. Please keep Kurt and his parents, godparents and family, in your prayers.

**ST DOMINIC'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** will be commencing soon, in order of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, staggered over as three separate celebrations. The closing 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 are available.

**LENTEN FASTING:** We are encouraged to fast on ALL Fridays of Lent. The first Friday of Lent and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting for those who are able (between the ages of 14 & 60).

**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 to follow in due course.

**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](mailto:donaldholder@orcon.net.nz) or contact the Parish Office on 6266207.

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

**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 or contact the Parish office. Thank you.

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

**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:

**Bike-A-Thon 2023:** What a success our Bike-A-Thon was! Money is still coming in, but we hope to have raised close to 4,000.00 for the victims of the floods in Napier and Hastings. These funds were raised by each child riding twice around the bike track, and were sponsored by family and friends for their efforts.

**Ash Wednesday Celebrations:** It was great to be able to celebrate Ash Wednesday with the Parish. We again thank the Parish for being so welcoming when our school joins for Holy days of obligation and this really brings our community together. As we know, it is a special time as we observe the 40 days of Lent, and this is what our children are learning about here at school.

**First Holy Communion Sacraments:** We look forward to this special celebration, and we have many 8 year olds who are keen to take the opportunity to receive this very special sacrament. We look forward to celebrating this as a whole school community.

**Hangi and Umu:** We had such an amazing day on Friday as we held our Hangi and Umu event. The weather certainly played its part and it was so special for our children to experience this wonderful tradition. This is a great cultural event which initiated many learning opportunities for our children.

If you've got any thought or ideas that you feel would be of value to our school, please feel free to pop in for a cup of tea.

## Notices from the Diocese

**Franciscan Spirituality Series** - Learn about St Francis of Assisi and how to live the Gospel according to his spirit. Next session is this Sun 5 Mar - Conversion by **Fr Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap** - 2pm - 4pm (Free).

**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](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer) or email: [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz)

**Baradene College** - [www.baradene.school.nz/enrol](http://www.baradene.school.nz/enrol) 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)

**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](http://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](http://www.fli.org.nz/conference2023) or Michelle Kaufman 0275261199

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023:** Interested in being part of it? Email [samuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samuelb@cda.org.nz)

**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:** 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.*