



### 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> March 2023)

4th SUNDAY of Lent (Letare Sunday) - Year A  
 SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1st Reading:** Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 *In the presence of the Lord God, Samuel anointed David king of Israel.*  
**Psalm:** Ps.23 *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want*  
**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 *Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.*  
**Gospel:** John 9:1-41 *The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*



### ALTAR SERVERS

*Liturgical Ministers*

**Sat 6:00pm:** Ethan Misquitta, Moriel Dabre, Swinth 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>	Kendall D'Souza	Donald Holder	Paul Pau
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Chryslyn Pinto	Irae Pule	Pearl Dharmai
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Joyce Rapheal	Leeda Ferdis	Richard O'Malley
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Rex Countinho	Anne Sia	Valyne Koh
	Tamara Pinto	N/A	Kamla Singh
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Jessie Dalgado	N/A	Vincent George
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Richard Raphael	Mabel	Paul Reddy
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Rekha	Jewel	Josh Soares
<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

Mark Fernandes (18th March 2023)

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

N/A

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**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:** Exodus 17:3-7 *Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses*  
**Psalm:** 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."*

## Third Sunday of Lent

*12th March 2023*

- Water emerges as a major player in today's readings. The Israelites thirst for water. Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman drawing water from a well. In both cases, water serves to meet a basic biological need—and more. Jesus speaks of living water, the kind that satisfies thirst forever. Those who drink of it shall enjoy eternal life.
- This focus on water, midway through draws our attention and prayers to those in our community and around the world that are preparing for Baptism. In a few short weeks, they will be submerged in life-giving water and emerge forever as members of the Body of Christ. The Lord provides all the water we need to never thirst again. Let us follow him ever more closely.
- The conversation between the Samaritan woman and Jesus at the well causes a scandal in the minds of the disciples. Jewish men in charge did not converse with women in public. The gender difference creates scandal. The difference in cultures further divide the two. Jesus, who is Jewish and the woman, who is Samaritan should be on opposing sides. Their people were long time enemies, divided over beliefs of the proper place of worship. The woman should have turned around when she saw Jesus sitting at the well. She should not have engaged. She should have avoided the scandal. Instead, the Samaritan woman stays at the well, and her life is forever changed. She goes on to testify to the power of the one call Christ. Her persistence demonstrates how breaking the rules is not always a bad thing. Risking it all to encounter Christ is, in fact, exactly what we are called to do. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

### Making Connections (Between the readings)

The first reading shares the strong water imagery of the gospel; God provides for us in all ways, including our very human need for water. Our physical thirst reveals the neediness of our human condition; it is never satisfied for long, and we must stay enough to a source of water to constantly fulfil a need that was satisfied not long ago. The second reading is more oblique, but does speak of the love of God being "poured out" into our hearts—an indication that physical thirst is neither our primary need nor the primary way that God provides.  
 ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

**If today you hear His voice,  
 harden not your hearts.**

PSALM 95:8

## Parish News

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm led by different groups of the Parish. The session on Friday, 17th March will be led by the Pastoral care 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.

**EASTER EGG DRIVE:** St. Dominic's Parish Pastoral Care Group is organising the annual Easter Egg Drive for the children of Monte Cecilia and Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge (Avondale). Donations of Easter eggs and treats can be dropped off in the box in the church foyer. We ask that all donations be made by Sunday the 2nd of April. Let us come together and spread the joy of Easter among these children. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**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.

**ST DOMINIC'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** will be starting on Sunday 12th March at 11am in the Parish Centre for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, staggered over as three separate celebrations. The dates are as follows: Reconciliation - 3rd May 2023, Confirmation - 3rd June 2023 and First Holy Communion - 17th September 2023.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The next meeting is on St. Patrick's Day, the 17th March at 10am in the Parish centre after the 9:15am Mass. Wear something green to celebrate the day! All welcome. Contact Marie 6279193 or 027 3813361 for further details.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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:**

**Mihi Whakatau:** On Friday we welcome 13 new children to school with a traditional Maori welcome. The school stops and all take part in this very special ceremony. We have song and dance and also speeches and each child receives a prayer card and a set of rosaries.

**Enviro group Gardens:** If anyone is keen to help out we meet on Thursday at mid day and we keep the garden looking good by weeding, planting seeds and looking after the school grounds. If you find yourself at a loose end on Thursday why don't you come over and help out. Come to the school office and put your name down!

**School Masses:** We really appreciate the parish in being so open to when the children come to Mass. For many children coming to school masses is the only opportunity they get to experience catholic Mass so it is really great that you make each child feel special by welcoming and smiling at them. We really appreciate this sense of community here in the Bay.

**Blockhouse Bay library:** Every Tuesday we visit the library in the morning. The children love this and it allows them to get a new book out but also experience our local area. We walk there which is a learning itself! We have some interesting drivers here in the Bay!

**School Foundation:** Please remember that we are always seeking new donations for the St Dominic's School Foundation. Acc ASB 12-3034-0276615-00. This money is used directly on the children and it is becoming so useful to support families in the current economic climate. We support uniforms, stationary, camp fees, day trip fees and extra food!

**Food Cupboard:** This is now located at school due to rubbish being dumped there for a period of time. Parishioners can use this and add to this. We have said the same to parents. This is all about looking after our community.

**Church funny! Question:** Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

**Answer:** Noah -- he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Go well and stay safe - Daniel Pepper.

## Notices from the Diocese

**Franciscan Spirituality Series** - Learn about St Francis of Assisi and how to live the Gospel according to his spirit.

**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 Mary's College, Ponsonby:** Enrolments OPEN for 2024 and 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)

**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:** Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap, Fortuna Turnwald, John and Dolores Webb.

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