



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 March 2023)
 5th SUNDAY of Lent) - Year A
 SCRIPTURE READINGS**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14 I shall put my spirit in you and you will live .
Psalm: Ps.129(130) With the Lord there is mercy/ Out of the depths I cry to you
2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11 Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ, does not belong to Christ .
Gospel: John 11:1-45 "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead .



ALTAR SERVERS

Liturgical Ministers

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, Joshua Joseph, Sione Tupu (T), Caoilinn Bhreatnach (T), Chuka Chidi (T)

OTHER MINISTERS

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Youth	Annlynn Lopez	Donald Holder
1st Reading:	Youth	Jewel Villos	Sr Helen Bergin
2nd Reading:	Youth	Mabel Vivera	Graham Southcombe
Ministers of Communion:	Valerie Fernandes	Paul Reddy	Brower Jr Pule
Projectionist:	Stephen Mascarenhas	N/A	Nila Malo
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	N/A	Samoan Community
Co-Ordinator:	Romir Baptista	Josh	Josh Soares
Music:	Clinton	Josh	Valyne
	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

Anna Su & Jerry Xing (25th March 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

N/A

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 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: 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: Jn 9:1-41 The blind man went off, washed himself and came away with his sight restored.



19th March 2023

- In today's first reading, God chose Samuel's youngest son, David, to be the anointed king. From the time of his anointing, it is said that "the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David." This powerful image connects well with the ways the spirit of the Lord is at work among those preparing for Christian initiation at the Easter Vigil. We rejoice with candidates and catechumens around the world and in our own parish community who will deepen their relationship with Christ and the church through the sacraments of initiation. The Spirit of the Lord will no doubt rush upon them, just as the Spirit rushes upon us, in the waters of Baptism, in the anointing at Confirmation, and each time we gather for Eucharist.
- Jesus uses the gifts of the earth and the gifts of his body to heal the man born blind. The Son of God does not summon a chorus of angels or some other worldly tools. He simply spits on the ground, rubs the saliva and dirt together, and touches the man's eyes. Instantly, the man can see.
- We are made in the image of Christ the healer. In our own ways, we too can use the gifts of the earth and the gifts of our bodies to help others on the path of healing. Maybe you bring flowers to a friend who just received hard news. Maybe you hold the hand of a loved one going through chemotherapy, reminding them that they are not alone. We may not be able to restore someone's sight, but we can be agents of healing for our hurting world.

Making Connections (Between the readings)

The first reading contains a much more mundane form of blindness. Jesse merely overlooks David, assuming his youngest son cannot be the one chosen by God. But God is clear that his perception is not the same as ours; what God values is not the same as what we value. The second reading continues the themes of light and darkness, exhorting us to choose light over darkness—which is to say, sight over blindness.
 ~ Living Liturgy 2023

*"The Lord is my shepherd,
 there is nothing I shall want."
 Psalm 23*

Parish News

FR MARIO: As you are aware, our beloved Father Mario Dorado OFM Cap, passed away on Tuesday 14th March. May he rest in the peace of Christ. You are invited to attend the Requiem Masses for Fr. Mario, that will be held in his honour at various locations, as follows:

- Saturday, 18th March at 11am - Holy Cross Church, Henderson.
- Sunday, 19th March at 6pm - St Dominic's Church, Blockhouse Bay.
- Monday, 20th March at 11am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden.
- Friday, 24th March at 7pm - St Benedict's Church, Newton.
- Saturday, 25th March at 3pm - St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland City.

We encourage you to come together as a community to offer your prayers and support to Fr. Mario's family. The Capuchin Fraternity wishes to thank you for your prayers, support and generosity during this sad and difficult time.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm led by different groups of the Parish. The session on Friday, 24th March will be led by the parish's Mother's group.

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: has started and lessons will be Sundays from 10:45am to 12 Noon, in the School hall for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, staggered over as three separate celebrations. The dates are as follows: Reconciliation - 3rd May, Confirmation - 3rd June and First Holy Communion - 17th September 2023.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: All welcome. Contact Marie 6279193 or 027 3813361

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.

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

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.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: Interested in being part of it? Email samuelb@cda.org.nz for info.

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:

St Patrick Day: Last Friday we celebrated St Patrick here at school. Children had a great time wearing green and drinking green juice at lunch time. We also had a jig off in the afternoon.

Teacher strike: This took place on Thursday last week. The main issues for the strike: (1) More non contact time for testing and planning. (2) More support in classrooms (3) More pay for the job.

Swimming: All children are swimming at the New Windsor pool. They love it and it's a great chance to learn about water safety.

Carpark woes! Currently we are looking at safer ways we can manage our car park for the children. Our carpark is an accident waiting to happen and we are looking at a range of options so that no little people ever get hit or worse.

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!

Church funny: Which Bible character was the best musician?

Samson—he brought the house down!!

Hot water is always ready for a cuppa tea. Come on over for a chat. - 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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese. Families can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the ACFL Operations Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland (CDA) for further info. Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the CDA Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

Celebrate St Joseph!: The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph. As we approach the Feast of St Joseph on 19 March, we invite you to make a 33 Day Consecration to St Joseph which begins on 30 March and culminates on 1 May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. We invite you to do it as a family, or register to join an online group. Go to www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more details.

Marcellin College, 617 Mount Albert Road, Royal Oak, Auckland. Enrolments are now open.

Lenten Retreat St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga. 4th & 5th April, 7.00pm – 9.00pm Theme: Finding God in All the Wrong Places. Led by: Fr Johnny Go SJ.

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

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: Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Christine Wollard, Francis Laraman, Ruth Manley, Sr Mary Le-onie, 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.