



**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023)**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - Year A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7 *The Suffering Servant: "I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed."*  
**Psalm:** Psalm 21 (22) *My God, my God why have you abandoned me?*  
**2nd Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11 *He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*  
**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66 *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTERS Roster**

**Sat 6:00pm:** 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, Braeli Faith (T), RioPereira, Eli Pereira (T)

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chryslyn Pinto	Annlyn Lopez	Sarah Flynn
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Gidget Mendonca	Tom O'Hanlon	Natasha Pinto
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Kevin Creado	Karen Vivera	Lisa Kachappilly
<b>Proclaimers of the Gospel :</b>	Reggis Rego, Tamara Pinto, Matthew D'Souza	N/A	Josh Soares, Paul Pau and Pearl Dharmai
<b>Ministers Of Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Anne Sia	Ursula Burgess
	Sunita Fernandes	N/A	Theresa Joseph
	Wilma Barboza	N/A	Paul Reddy
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Nestor Reynolds	Josh	Divine Mercy
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Mabel	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Mabel	Irae Pule
<b>Music:</b>	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.

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Simone & Leslie DeMello (1st April 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:** 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:** Rom 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.*

WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY  
 AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*26th March 2023*

- The raising of Lazarus surfaces difficult questions about life and death. In their grief, Martha and Mary speak bluntly to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died". They know Jesus to be the son of God. They know his track record of healing the sick. Martha and Mary are dear friends of Jesus. How could he not save their beloved Lazarus? The sisters cry out, and Jesus weeps with them. Moved with compassion, Jesus commands the dead man, Lazarus to come out of the cave—and behold, he does.
- Some of us may hear this story and rejoice. Lazarus receives a second chance at life! Others of us may feel jealous of Mary and Martha, for the extra time they got with their brother. Such a miraculous event begs big question: Why does Jesus not raise all our loved ones to new life on this earth immediately after their deaths? Why does suffering exist if our Lord is all powerful? What might our resurrection look like? These questions have no easy answers, yet they point us to some of the most profound truths of the Christian faith.
- Our God is utterly mysterious. God's timing is beyond all human comprehension. There is so much about God and God's ways that we cannot know yet. But we can choose to believe Christ's proclamation "I am the resurrection and the life...everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" We can grieve the earthly death of loved ones and be confident that they are now enjoying new life with Christ. We can choose to live each day with trust in Christ's abiding love for all of creation.

**Making Connections (Between the readings)**

In the first reading, God reveals through Ezekiel that death does not have the final say. Despite death's appearance of permanence, God's power is greater still, and what God wants for us is life. The second reading affirms that while our bodies still die, this is no longer the end it once was. Christ's Spirit living in us allows us to share in his triumph over death.  
 ~ Living Liturgy 2023

# Parish News

**FR MARIO:** Please keep Fr Mario and his family in your prayers and thoughts. We also wish Fr Ephrem a safe and holy journey to repatriate the remains of Fr Mario to the Philippines.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm led by different groups of the Parish. The session on Friday, 31st March will be led by the Discipleship School group.

**LENT RECONCILIATION (Rite II):** - will be held in the Church on Wednesday 29th March at 7pm. Fr Rajat and visiting priests will be there for the sacrament.

**FR EPHREM ANNIVERSARY:** We will be celebrating Fr Ephrem's 21st Anniversary as a priest on Sunday 16th April after the 9:30am Mass. We will start in the school hall from 11:00am with a program of entertainment and refreshments. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us celebrate this wonderful occasion with Fr Ephrem. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK Collection: (1)** The collection at Easter is in appreciation for priests and is given directly to them. **(2)** The collection on Good Friday goes towards the upkeep of the Holy Places.

**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.

**HOLY WEEK TIMINGS: Palm Sunday:** SAT 1st April 6pm, SUN 2nd April 8:00am and 9:30am.  
**Holy Thursday:** 6th April 7:30pm. **Good Friday Stations of the Cross:** 7th April 9:00am  
**Good Friday Service:** Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm  
**Easter Vigil Mass:** Saturday 8th April: 7:30pm. **Easter Sunday Mass:** Sunday 9th April: 9:30am.  
The **ROSTER** for Holy Week is on the noticeboard and website. Please check your rostered days and contact anyone from with the Liturgy Committee if you have any questions. Thanks

**MORNING TEA:** We will not be having a morning tea on Sunday 2nd April but instead there will be Refreshments after the Easter Vigil and again there will be a morning tea after the 9:30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Please bring a plate for all to share. Thank you.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-2024:** Are available in the Church Porch. Please collect your own (due to high postage costs these cannot be mailed out). Please do not collect envelopes on behalf of other parishioners. Thank you.

**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:**

**Swimming continues:** Our seniors have now finished their swimming lessons and our juniors began theirs this week. The seniors competed in their swimming sports on Tuesday, and it was great opportunity for them to show off all they had learnt.

**Playgrounds Unsafe!** Recently the BOT arranged for a playground safety audit to be carried out on our playgrounds here at school. Two of our three playgrounds came up short, so we will be holding a Working Bee on Sunday the 7th of May to work on getting them back up to standard. Please feel free to come and help out from 1:00pm – 3:00pm – many hands make light work!

**Lent:** Lent continues here at school with children focussing on the journey that Jesus took leading up to his crucifixion. We have the Stations of the Cross on the 5th of April here at school and all are welcome to attend.

**First Holy Communion:** First Holy Communion classes continue. The school is really happy it can help out by holding classes here on a Sunday.

**Joke of the Week:** A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl "because white is the colour of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today." After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

As always, please feel free to pop over for a cuppa – my door is always open.

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. 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. For more details go to: [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz)

**Marian Movement of Priests (MMP):** We are hoping for a visit from the Oceania Responsible in July 2023 and he would like to know if your parish has any MMP members. Please contact Sylvia Hartley via email [aldonsylvia@gmail.com](mailto:aldonsylvia@gmail.com) or 021 088 22990

**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.

**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, Diane Henare, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, 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 Lafatanoa, 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.*