

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 (9th April 2023)

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

1st Reading: Acts 10:-43 *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Psalm: Ps 117 (118) *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad*

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4 *When Christ appears, then you shall appear with in glory.*

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 *Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty.*



ALTAR SERVERS Roster

Sat 7:30pm: Sean Joseph, Breanna Pinto, Joshua Joseph, Jeremy Xing, Eva Hu (T)

Sun 9:30am: Javier Soares, Jeremy Xing, Jessica MacKenzie, Jason Dash,

OTHER MINISTERS Roster

	Sat 7:30pm	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	HOLY WEEK ROSTER Please see Notice Board and Website for details	
1st Reading:		
2nd Reading:		
Ministers of Communion:		
Projectionist:		
Chief Collector:		
Co-Ordinator:		
Music:		

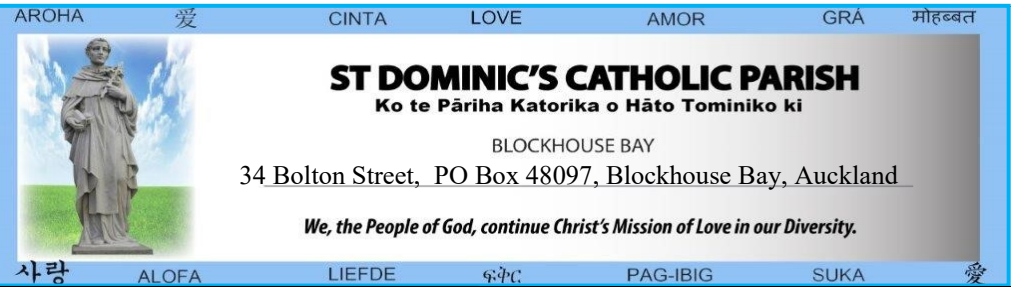
The roster for various ministries is on the notice board and website. If you are not available, please arrange your own replacement. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Vincent George and family (8th April 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretti Sheppard



ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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TODAY'S 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.*



2nd April 2023

• Jesus's divinity is always a reality— and, the readings of Holy Week draws our attention to Jesus's humanity in particular ways. Over the coming days, the church invites us to accompany our brother, Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. The liturgies of Holy Week offer chances to feel with Jesus and his disciples—the palm branches waving in the streets, the water that washes over our feet, the bread and wine shared in the memory of Christ, the wood of the cross. We can also feel the difficult emotions that may have welled within Jesus during his final days—sadness over saying goodbye to his beloved disciples, loneliness from a friend's betrayal, anguish over his impending death. These core elements of Holy Week, both the tangible objects and the emotions, are central to human life. Our God knows them intimately.

• As St Paul writes, Jesus came in human likeness. He emptied himself and took on the form of a slave. The Son of God knows what it is like to feel sad and hurt, to say hard goodbyes, and to suffer injustices. Our Saviour live the hard realities of humanity just like us. He gifts his very self to humankind. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and said "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup of wine, the blood of the covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

• As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us give thanks for Jesus and his great gift of self. Let us consider how we might journey with Jesus during this holiest of weeks.

Making Connections (Between the readings)

• The first reading provides the first moment of stark contrast between the procession's triumphant tones and the gravity of the passion. The glory of Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem was not for its own sake. The beautiful hymn of the second reading captures this paradox in all its fullness: Jesus shares God's being by rights, but by choice humble himself to death. It is this humility that allows his even greater exaltation and the worship we now bring to the one who gives us life. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

Parish News

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.

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

ROSTERS FOR HOLY WEEK: Liturgy rosters for Holy Week are on the church notice board and on our website. If you are involved, please check these to see the times for the various Liturgies. Practice for the Holy Triduum services are as follows:

- (1) Holy Thursday service - on previous Wednesday at 7.30pm
- (2) Good Friday service - On Friday after the Way of the Cross in the morning just after 10am
- (3) Easter Vigil - Saturday morning (8 April) at 10am

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.

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.

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

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 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:

Easter Plans: Palm Sunday will take place in Hall on Monday morning 3rd April with a special liturgy and singing. We have Stations of the Cross happening on Wednesday 5th April here at school where all children dress in Jesus clothing for the day and we are taken through the hours leading up to our Christ death on the cross.

End of Term 1: Last day of school will be the 6th April and we return back to school on 24th April.

Cross Country Training: This training starts in Term 2 with the whole school taking part in this event on the 26th May on the top field and around the block.

Winter months: As we enter into the colder months the children move from their summer uniform into their winter uniforms. We are hoping it won't get too cold this winter.

We are trying to fund raise for 7 more Air Conditioning units so that we can keep everyone warm in the classrooms. At present we have older heaters which take a very long time to heat up a large classroom space.

Church funny: The secret of a good homily is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. -- George Burns

Please drop in any time to school for a chat and a cuppa!

Always happy to take a break and share ideas.. - 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

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 16th April 5:30pm at Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass followed by Veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome

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: Fred Rodgers (17th Anniversary), Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap, Diane Henare, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Francis Laraman, Ruth Manley, Sr Mary Leonie, 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.