

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 (23rd April 2023)

3rd SUNDAY of Easter - Year A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33 On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood with the Eleven and addressed the crowd.
Psalm: Ps 15: Lord, you will show us the path of life
2nd Reading: 1 Pet 1:17-21: The Blood of Christ is the ransom that was paid to free you.
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35 They recognised him at the baking of the bread.

ALTAR SERVERS Roster



Sat 6:00pm: Moriel Dabre, Ethan Misquitta, Swinth Rodrigues
Sun 8:00am: Javier Soares, Eva Hu
Sun 9:30am: Sean Joseph, Jason Dash, Joshua Joseph, Alex YiLin Qu, Alice YiLin Qu

OTHER MINISTERS

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Reggis Rego	Karen Vivera	Donald Holder
1st Reading:	Joyce Rapheal	Annlynn Lopez	Goretti Fernandes
2nd Reading:	Peter Dalgado	Reena Edwin	Lisa Kachappilly
Ministers of Communion:	Rex Coutinho	Valyne	Anne Sia
Projectionist:	Sunita Fernandes	N/A	Brower Jr Pule
Chief Collector:	Sylvester D'Souza	Josh	Samoan Community
Co-Ordinator:	Martin Patrao	Mabel	Josh Soares
Music:	Joseph M	Josh	Irae
	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.

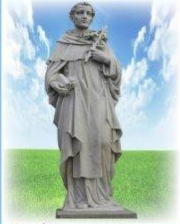
CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Tepana (Maria) & Tepano (22nd April)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Irae Pule and Lisa Kachappilly (22nd April)

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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: Acts 2:-42-47 *The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.*
Psalm: Ps 118 *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*
2nd Reading: 1 Pet 1:3-9 *We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.*
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31 *Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.*



16th April 2023

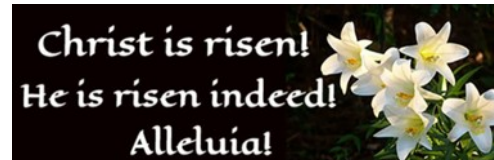


• Tradition can be quick to judge Thomas for his reaction to the risen Christ. He does not take the disciples' claim lightly: "We have seen the Lord." Thomas asks for more.

He asks to see and touch Jesus, so that he too might come to believe. Thomas's doubt can be interpreted as a desire to dive deeper into the mystery of the resurrection. By all human logic, Jesus should still be dead. His heart stopped beating. His lungs stopped breathing. Jesus died, full stop. His resurrection three days later defies everything we thought to be true about the workings of the world.

• The other disciples did not rejoice in belief until the resurrected Jesus showed them his wounds. They too needed to see. Who among us would not jump at the chance for a physical encounter with our Lord who lived and died and now lives again?
 • Jesus does not scold Thomas for his request. When he appears to the disciples a week later, Jesus gives Thomas exactly what he needs to believe. Jesus's invitation to touch, see, and believe in his resurrection is enough for Thomas to cry out: "My Lord and my God!" Did Thomas actually put his hands in Jesus's side? The gospel account does not say. But the invitation was enough for the doubter to make a profound declaration of faith. Jesus wants Thomas to believe. Jesus meets Thomas in his uncertainty and desire for more. Jesus gives Thomas what he needs to persevere on the path of faith.

Between the readings: The gospel tells the story of one of the first encounters with the risen Christ; the first reading tells us about a community living in the wake of such an encounter. They respond to the gospel with awe and generosity, with prayer and communal living. The second reading is written to a community slightly more removed from immediately witnessing the resurrection; while they (and we) need to rely on the testimony of others, it affirms that joy and hope are at the heart of their response. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*



Parish News

As we rejoice in the Resurrection, may our hearts be stirred anew, with hope and possibilities that we might renew our commitment to follow Jesus in the everyday moments of life.

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.

NOTE: The Hall will be open from 9am Sunday to receive donations of food and drink. The gift box and envelopes will be in the foyer at the Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am and 9:30 am Masses

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who volunteered their time, energy, spirit and goodwill, to make Holy Week a special and meaningful week. Our parish is blessed to have you in our midst.

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 are on 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.

GETSET 2023: A Christian retreat for ages 18-35—April 28th 6pm to 30th 2:45pm at Houghtons Bush Camp, Muriwai. Contact getset.auckland@gmail.com. See poster on Noticeboard and website.

Thank you everyone who has already given to the Caritas Lent Appeal 2023, helping Caritas deliver aid and development, and advocate for justice, here in New Zealand and around the world. Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Bishops Stephen Lowe, Michael Gielen and Michael Dooley.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-2024: Are available in the Church Porch. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts: for the 2022-2023 Tax Year will be available after 15th May.

NZ CATHOLIC: Some headlines for the current issue: Daughter of saint speaks in Auckland. Nuncio calls for defence of life, family, Christian values. Young Vietnamese priest writes of his ministry in NZ. Accompanying people with gender dysphoria.

ST DOMINIC'S FOUNDATION: We encourage you to support the Foundation, which works behind the scenes, supporting families in need. We use this fund to help our families with: Food parcels, School fees, Transport, Scholarships, Uniform costs, supporting learning while families are isolating due to Covid. The Donation account number is: **12-3034-0276615-00 All donations are welcomed!**

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.

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

PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR WEBSITE & NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH FOYER

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:

As we come to the end the term, the school's Board of Trustees and staff want to pass on their thanks to the Parish for their continued support and prayers in what we do.

It was a very disruptive start to the term with floods and then the cyclone, not to mention the very sad loss of our dear friend, Father Mario. However, as we enter into this reflective time of Easter, we are reminded of the importance of our faith and the privilege it is to work with children and their families.

We start back at school on Wednesday the 26th of April, until then, we wish you a very happy Easter

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. - 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. 24Hr Quietude – For those who seek a short retreat – Fri 7pm – Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accomm + food) 7th/8th July 2023.

An evening with Fr Chris Skinner sm & Friends! This concert is not only a night of fantastic music, but also an opportunity to support the Young Marist Pilgrims from The Logos Project. Come and be inspired by Fr Chris Skinner's soulful voice and the talents of his friends, all while making a difference in the lives of young people. Saturday, April 22nd at 7:30pm at Christ the King Church. Get your tickets now and be a part of something truly special! Tickets are available on Eventbrite, The Logos Project FB page or via the QR code on the poster. (see foyer)

Local Youth Ministry and Administration Support – Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? The Diocese of Auckland want someone to join our in the role of Local Ministry and Administration Support. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For more information, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Nga Whaea Atawhai O Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy, invite young women aged between 18 - 40 to a "Come and See Day" to discover more about our mercy life! Saturday 22nd April 2023 | 9.30am to 1.00pm | Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings, 104 The Drive, Epsom. RSVP Monday 17th April for Catering and for more information. vocations@mercy.org.nz or phone 021-0360781.

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

The Book of Job – a Book of Hope? With Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 24 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl material) <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>

Please remember the following in the Eucharist and your personal prayer:

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Conrad Rasch, 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 Pereira, 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.