

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday Eucharist**  
 Saturday 6.00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am and 9.30am

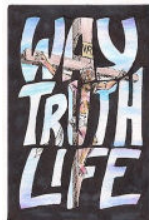
**Weekday Eucharist**  
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am  
 Saturday 8:00am  
 First Friday (Mass of Healing & Anointing of the sick) 9:15am  
 First Friday Adoration followed by Mass 6:00pm

**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 (7th May 2023)**

**5th SUNDAY of Easter - Year A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)**

**1st Reading:** Acts 6:1-7: They elected seven who were filled with the Spirit and with wisdom.  
**Psalm:** Ps 32 (33): Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you .  
**2nd Reading:** 1Pet 2:4-9: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood .  
**Gospel:** Jn 14:1-12: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.



**ALTAR SERVERS Roster**



**Sat 6:00pm:** Carlos Pulini, Nithin Savio  
**Sun 8:00am:** Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie  
**Sun 9:30am:** Angeline Xing, Thea Bhreatnach, Caoilinn Bhreatnach, Alice YiLin Qu, Alex XinLong Qu

**OTHER MINISTERS**

	<u>Sat 6:00pm</u>	<u>Sun 8:00am</u>	<u>Sun 9:30am</u>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Betsy Rego	Jewel Villos	Irae Pule
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Natasha Fernandes	Tom O'Hanlon	Goretti Fernandes
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Tamara Pinto	Annlynn Lopez	Pearl Dharmai
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Dolores Arnold	Theresa Gomez	Anne Sia
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Stephen Mascarenhas		Teresa Joseph
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Bradley Pinto		Tino Malo
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Nestor Reynolds	Karen	Brower Jr Pule
<b>Music:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Mabel	Eddie Sluiter
	Goretti	Mabel	Paul Reddy
	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**

Clyde and Sarena Pereira (6th May)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**

Nita and Kevin Creado (6th May)

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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:** Acts 2:14, 36-41: God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.  
**Psalm:** Ps 22 (23): The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want  
**2nd Reading:** 1Pet 2:20-25: You had all gone astray like sheep.  
**Gospel:** Jn 10:1-10: I am the gate of the sheepfold.

**WELCOME**  
 4th Sunday of Easter

**30th April**  
 2023



- Too often, unjust distinctions between who is “in” and who is “out” plague our communities. People are welcomed or cast aside based on who they voted for, the amount of money in their bank account, the colour of their skin, and countless other human-made categories. In today's gospel, Christ the Good Shepherd does establish a boundary for his sheep, but he does so for the sake of drawing all people toward fullness of life. The Good Shepherd's fence is ever-expanding. Our Lord longs to welcome all of creation into his pastures—and indeed, calls each of us into the sheepfold by name.

- In today's gospel, we are told Jesus came so that we “might have life and have it more abundantly.” Now is a good time to take stock of our realities and consider: Am I living my life to the fullest? If not, what is preventing me? How can I live more deeply into Christ's gift of life? Today's psalm is one of the more popular ones in Scripture. The familiar phrase is often prayed in times of trial: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.” The psalmist does not claim that the Lord will take away all suffering. Instead, the psalmist assures us of God's constant presence as we wade through the darkness. God will not leave us to face our fears alone. No matter what happens in this life, we can be assured that goodness and kindness will follow us always. Dwelling in the house of the Lord is our destiny.

**Between the readings:** The second reading explicitly repeats the sheep and shepherd image of the gospel; sheep sometimes go astray, but returning to their shepherd keeps them safe. Peter's preaching of baptism in the first reading is an important connection to the sheepfold gate of the gospel. Baptism is how we share in Christ's death and thus his life. It is our entry point to the safety of Christ's flock.

**To experience:** For many of us, baptism was long ago. We take for granted that we are part of God's flock of sheep and do not remember what it was like to ever be outside it. This is an important season to listen to the witness of those more newly initiated into the church; their stories of coming in from the outside are often very powerful and can remind us of what we're about. If you are a new convert, consider ways you might share your story with those around

## 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.

**PARISH AGM:** The St Dominic's parish AGM will be held this Sunday 30th April 2023 at 11am. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the AGM where the various committees will provide reports and give parishioners the opportunity to raise questions.

**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 - 17th May, Confirmation - 3rd June and First Holy Communion - 17th September.

**Fr EPHREM AWAY:** Fr Ephrem will be away from the parish from Monday, 1st May to Sunday, 14th May. The parish will be looked after by Fr Praful Kerketta OFM Cap. Have a lovely, well-deserved break, Fr Ephrem.

**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.

**MORNING TEA:** We will have a morning tea on Sunday 7th May after the 9:30am Mass. Please bring a plate for all to share. Thank you.

**ST. DOMINIC'S MEN'S GROUP:** The Men's group will be getting together on Saturday 6th May from 8:30 to 10:00am for breakfast in the Parish Centre. This invite goes out to all men of our parish to come along. We will have a barbeque going so please bring a plate to share or items for the BBQ. We look forward to seeing you there.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** All welcome. Please contact Marie 6279193 or 027 3813361 for further information.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUPS:** There are a number of Prayer Groups in the parish, mainly during the week. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining any of them.

**NZ CATHOLIC:** Some headlines for the current issue: Three in national seminary first year. Oceania speaks on synod document. Abuse in Care Royal Commission report date extended by eight months. Challenges about Church property.

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

**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](mailto: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](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:**

**School is back!** We have started the term with great energy and are looking forward to all the learning and fun we will have this term. Term 2 dates are 26th April to 30th June. We are learning all about Technology and how this helps us in our lives today.

**The risen Christ:** We start the term with a special prayer liturgy and welcome Jesus back into the hall as a risen Christ. We left the children with the Station of the Cross last term and now the children see the risen Christ on the first day of term. A special time for us all.

**Working Bee:** Does anyone want to help with the school Working Bee we are having this on the 7th of May 1-3pm. We are fixing up the playgrounds and re-barking the gardens.

**Parent talks:** Our next parent talk will take place on the 8th June here at school. 6:30 to 8pm in the hall. All welcome. It is all about Big Feelings. Supporting our kids through disappointment and the big feelings that accompany it. Provides parents with valuable insights into what's really going on beneath the surface.

- Parenting styles: • What's in your child's world - anger Iceberg and what lies underneath. • What's in your world and the importance of taking care of ourselves'. • Resetting ourselves and our children.
- Resilience and confidence

**Church funny:** Why are atoms Catholic? Because they have mass. ~ 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.

**If you are able to volunteer 2 hours per week and willing to train as Marriage Educators,** then you are just the married couple we are looking for to join our Marriage Educators Team. We are looking for couples married for more than five years with strong Catholic faith to journey with couples preparing for marriage. We are especially interested in couples fluent in English or Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Mandarin, French or Spanish. For more information contact [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)

**Local Family Pilgrimage on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima:** Join the Family Pilgrimage with Mary on 13 May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima to pray for the needs of families. It starts with Mass at 8:30am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral and ends with a picnic at Hato Mere St Mary's Parish, Otaki. For more details, email [info@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto:info@marriageandfamily.org.nz) or [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz)

**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/>

**The Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Baradene Convent** in Remuera are seeking a Nurse Manager. Hours are flexible & weekdays, supporting 8 retired women and leading a small team of 24/7 caring staff. Please apply on Seek or email [clare@clarewade.co.nz](mailto:clare@clarewade.co.nz) in confidence.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 5th May 7:00pm. St Mary's Church, 20 Kitemui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

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

**Recently Deceased/Anniversaries:** Wojt Sekula (20th Anniversary), Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap, Conrad Rasch, 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:** John and Dolores Webb

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