

**MASS TIMES**

<b>Sunday Eucharist</b>	
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	8:00am and 9.30am
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	
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
<b>SACRAMENTS</b>	
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 (14th May 2023)**

**6th SUNDAY of Easter - Year A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)**

**1st Reading:** Acts 8:5-8,14-17: They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit  
**Psalm:** Ps. 65 (66):1-7,16-20: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy  
**2nd Reading:** 1.Pet 3:15-18: Christ, innocent though he was, died for the guilty, to lead us to God  
**Gospel:** Jn 14: 15-21: If you love me you will keep my commandments.

**ALTAR SERVERS Roster**



**Sat 6:00pm:** Carlos Pulini, Nithin Savio  
**Sun 8:00am:** Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie  
**Sun 9:30am:** Breanna Pinto, Braelei Faith, Eli Pereira, Rio Pereira,

**OTHER MINISTERS**

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Nita Creado	Jewel Villos	Youth
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Amanda Dalgado	Graham Southcombe	Youth
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Bendito Fernandes	Leeda Ferdis	Youth
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Anne Sia	Lisa Kachappilly
	Wilma Barboza	N/A	Theresa Gomes
	Tamara Pinto	N/A	Verena Sluiter
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Annlyn	Sylvester D'Souza
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Martin Patrao	Rob Villos	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Joyce	Irae	Jewel Villos
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Youth

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

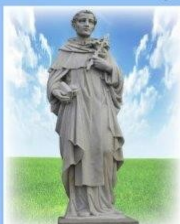
**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Simone and Leslie DeMello (13th May)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**

Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello (13th 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 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.

*I am the Way  
 the Truth  
 and the Life*

Fifth Sunday of  
**EASTER** 7th May 2023

• Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Jesus's decree comes on the heels of what any observer would call a troubling time for the disciples. Jesus just told the Twelve that he is to die and that his death will be brought about in part by the betrayal of one of them. Life is about to change drastically for the disciples. Grief looms on the horizon. Jesus knows the challenges to come—and still he declares, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Jesus assures the disciples—and in turn, each of us—that the divine dwells with us always. We need not fear. We need not hold all the answers. We need only to believe in God's great love and power to bring light into the darkest places.

• Does such a belief mean our hearts will never feel troubled again? Most likely not. Our world is hurting. People on the planet are suffering under the weights of individual and structural sin and misfortune.

• It is natural to feel pain ourselves and to feel with the pains of our neighbours. This is empathy. Jesus is not suggesting that we disavow ourselves of the world's troubles. Rather, he is encouraging us to bring the stirrings of our hearts to God. He is inviting us to trust that he is indeed “the way, the truth, and the life.” He is inviting us to trust that all will be made well once more when the kingdom finally comes. Until then, we are to claim our royal priesthood and announce the praises of our God.

**Between the readings:** Like the gospel, the second reading calls us to follow in Christ's' footsteps. Here, we are to follow him in becoming “living stones” that might be built into a “spiritual house.” This house is akin to the temple, a place for offering sacrifice. But it can also serve as shelter for others. The first reading reminds us that part of the work of the church is to distribute goods in a just way. This is so important that a new group is established: deacons are initiated to oversee the social work of the church. Reflecting on themes of home and hospitality might help these readings take on a more robust meaning. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

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## 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 was held this Sunday 30th April 2023. The meeting was presided over by Fr Ephrem and Paul Pa'u. Thank you to parishioners that attended and raised questions.

**ASBESTOS REPORT:** A question relating to asbestos in the church was raised at the AGM. A full investigation was carried out in 2017, the report is available in the foyer in a red folder for all to read.

**CHURCH AV SYSTEM:** The church AV (Audio Visual) System has now been upgraded thanks to the approval of Fr Ephrem and the Finance Committee. Please see Nestor Reynolds, if you have any questions in relation to the new system.

**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.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR MARIO RIP** – At 7pm on Wed 10th May, at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie, Wellington. Fr Ephrem, who was in that parish for a few years, will be joining this Mass. Fr Mario himself was in the parish from 2006 to 2008.

**MORNING TEA:** We will have a morning tea on Sunday 14th May after the 9:30am Mass, to celebrate Mother's Day. Please bring a plate for all to share. Thank you.

**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.

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

**NZ CATHOLIC:** NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price = \$4per copy. Some headlines for the current issue: Bishop Campbell returns to Holy Cross Seminary. Reflections on motherhood by four Catholic women. Exorcism a hot topic for films and books. Priest ordained in south.

**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.

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

**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:

**Some statistics for you:** There are currently 42 Catholic Primary Schools in the Auckland Diocese from Kaitaia in the North to Thames in the South. In the Auckland Diocese 23,500 young people are enrolled in our 42 primary schools and 15 secondary colleges.

**Working Bee:** This Sunday 7th 1pm-3pm we are having a Working Bee here at school. If you are available please feel free to come along to help out. Bring gardening gear and a rain coat!

**Up and coming Parent talk evening:** Please feel free to come along and get a few tips should you need them. Open door/Koha please and a plate to share. The next Parent Workshop is on Thursday 8th June 2023 6pm. *Topic for the Evening is “Big Feelings”.*

- 1) Supporting our kids through disappointment and the big feelings that accompany it.
- 2) Providing parents with valuable insights into what's really going on beneath the surface.
- 3) Parenting Styles and what this means for your child

**Church funny:** Heard about the insurance Company that refused to pay for the lightning damage of the church? .....It was judged to be an Act of God, and thus deliberate damage by owner.

~ Daniel Pepper.

## Notices from the Diocese

**Franciscan Spirituality Series:** Learn about how Jesus' teaching was acted on and acted out by St Francis and how we can do the same. Next session is this Sun 7 May- 'The Upside Down Franciscan' by Robert Hardie OFS - 2pm-4pm (Free)

**Time Out Days** – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Wed 17 May | Thu 8 Jun | Tue 4 Jul.

**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)

**Executive Secretary of the Justice & Peace Commission:** The Diocese seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to promote, encourage and support justice and peace initiatives in the Diocese. For full details please visit the Diocesan website. Applications close 5pm Wednesday 24 May 2023

**Bishop Steve's Cyclone and Flood Appeals raise \$621,000** A huge thank you from Bishop Steve for the generous support for the two emergency appeals to support those impacted by the floods and cyclones in Auckland, Northland, the Coromandel, Hawkes Bay region and Gisborne/Tairāwhiti.

**MIHA MĀORI – MASS IN TE REO MĀORI AT HĀTO PETERA CHAPEL, NORTHCOTE:** A monthly Miha Māori is held at the Hāto Petera Chapel, 103 College Road Northcote. The Mass for May, will be celebrated on Saturday 13th May at 5.00pm with Rosary at 4.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori via email [ManuelB@cda.org.nz](mailto:ManuelB@cda.org.nz)

**Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2023 For Theology and RE courses.** Applications close Thursday, 8 June 2023. Please contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)

**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 Lafatanoa, 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.*