



**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 (21st May 2023)**

**Ascension of our Lord - 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:** Sophia Xing, Lillian Schaumkel Alice Schaumkel Amanda Chidi, Sione Tupu

**OTHER MINISTERS**

|                                | Sat 6:00pm       | Sun 8:00am    | Sun 9:30am     |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Hospitality:</b>            | Hazel Patrao     | Donald Holder | Jewel Villos   |
| <b>1st Reading:</b>            | Gidget Mendonca  | Irae Pule     | Donald Holder  |
| <b>2nd Reading:</b>            | Carol D'Souza    | Reena Edwin   | Sarah Flynn    |
| <b>Ministers of Communion:</b> | Rex Coutinho     | Valyne        | Pius Joseph    |
|                                | Sunita Fernandes | N/A           | Valyne Koh     |
|                                | Betsy Rego       | N/A           | Kamla Singh    |
| <b>Projectionist:</b>          | Josh Tham        | Jewel Villos  | Vincent George |
| <b>Chief Collector:</b>        | Richard Raphael  | Josh          | Josh Soares    |
| <b>Co-Ordinator:</b>           | Joseph           | Jewel Villos  | Irae           |
| <b>Music:</b>                  | John Smit        | N/A           | Graham S       |

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**

Dharmai family (20th May)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**

Irae Pule & Lisa Kachappilly (20th 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 8:5-8,14-17: They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit*  
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**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**14th May 2023**

"IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS"

• Great joy came upon the crowds of Samaria who paid attention to the speech and signs pointing to Christ. Their witness reminds us that joy—profound Easter joy—can spark from simply paying attention. The world teems with resurrection moments: a brother's depression slowly lifts, warring countries call for a cease-fire, fresh buds bloom at the start of spring. Pay attention for resurrection moments in your life this week. When one happens, sink into the joy it evokes and give praise to God for the Easter victory that is ours.

• Why do you hope? St. Peter puts forth a challenging summons in today's second reading: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." In a world pained by suffering, violence, and oppression, it can be easy to lose hope. It could be easy to feel let down by political systems, broken promises, and other entities not of God. For we have been promised that in Christ—and only in Christ—rests all our hope. How do we communicate this hope in compelling ways? What does it look like to share a reality as mysterious as Christ's resurrection? This is the call of the Easter season and beyond.

• In today's gospel, Jesus assures us that God's Spirit "remains with you and will be in you." How have you seen the Spirit alive in yourself? In your family and friends? In this congregation? As we approach the celebration of Pentecost, let us be ever more mindful of the Spirit's lasting presence in our lives.

**Between the readings:** In the first reading, we see an affirmation of the gospel's idea of the Holy Spirit as an ongoing presence with us beyond Christ's bodily presence on earth. This is depicted in a forerunner of what we now know as the sacrament of confirmation. Those who have been baptised in Samaria have their baptisms completed in a sense when the apostles lay hands on them and the Holy Spirit descends. . ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*



# Parish News



**SHEILA SEKULA:** Celebrates her 100th Birthday on 16th May 2023. Happy birthday, Sheila and God's special blessings on this huge milestone. Thank you for all the work you do in the parish.

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

**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.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY MORNING TEA:** There will be a morning tea on Pentecost Sunday 28th May, after the 9:30am Mass. Come in your culture costume/traditional dress and bring a plate of your cultural food for all to share

**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.

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

**PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts:** for 2022-2023, will be available from Saturday 20th May.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The next CWL meeting will be on Friday 19th May at 10am in the Parish centre. We will have the WUCWO liturgy and collection. Also a special morning tea . Contact Marie 6279193 or 0273813361. All welcome

**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:**

**School Community Updates:** (1) We had our first event of Term 2 last Friday, which was our well attended Movie Night. Loads of parents and their children turned up for a choice of one of four movies. A great event for our families to meet, chat and enjoy a movie together. (2) In the weekend we held a Working Bee. Again, many parents turned up to help out, which was great and much appreciated. We tidied up one of our gardens and started on fixing up the Year 2 and 3 playgrounds. (3) Our School Quiz Night is coming up on the 17th of June. Tickets are now on sale at the office. Parish members are welcome to put together a team of 10. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$250.00 per table.

The school wishes to thank the Parish Council for approving the installation of a new pathway, which will eliminate the problem of children walking in the school/parish carpark. As you know, our carpark is a dangerous place to be at drop off and pick up times. This new pathway will allow children to enter and exit the school in a safe manner.

**New Religious Education Curriculum:** Our Year 1 and 2 teachers are currently attending professional development on this. We are excited about the new curriculum and how engaging it is for our children. Watch this space.

**Farewell to a friend:** After 22 years of association with our school, Mrs. Kelly Ah Fook (our Receptionist/Administrator) is leaving St Dominic's. Kelly's husband has been offered a job in Sydney, so with this great opportunity they are making the move across the ditch. We will be farewelling Kelly on the last day of term 2, and hope to see anyone from the Parish who would like to personally come and say goodbye. ~ 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.

**Trinity Events Charitable Trust:** invites you to a fundraiser event in aid of the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Hillsborough at the Mt Eden War Memorial on Sat 10th June at 7:30pm. Please see Church notice board for more details or contact Alex on 021 225 6402

**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

**A Social Justice Retreat** focusing on social justice aspects of the Gospel of Luke will be held 9.30-4pm on Saturday 10 June at St Francis Retreat Centre 20 Hillsborough led by Bible Scholar Br Kieran Fenn, FMS who has taught the Scriptures for more than 40 years. Cost: \$30 including lunch. Applications to Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730 by 31 May 2023.

**Marist College,** a girls Catholic Secondary School. Limited Spaces are available in Years 7, 8, 9 and all senior levels. Please complete the online application at [www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments](http://www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments)

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

**Recently Deceased/Anniversaries:** 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.*