



**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 (28th May 2023)**

**Pentecost Sunday - Year A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)**

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:1-11: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.  
**Psalm:** Ps 103 (104): Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13: In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.  
**Gospel:** Jn 20:19-23: As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.



**ALTAR SERVERS Roster**



**Sat 6:00pm:** Carlos Pulini, Nithin Savio  
**Sun 8:00am:** Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie  
**Sun 9:30am:** Sean Joseph, Jeremy Xing, Jason Dash, Oliver McCrills, Joshua Joseph

**OTHER MINISTERS**

|                                | Sat 6:00pm        | Sun 8:00am    | Sun 9:30am       |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Hospitality:</b>            | Youth             | Annlynn Lopez | Josh Soares      |
| <b>1st Reading:</b>            | Youth             | Jewel Villos  | Lisa Kachappilly |
| <b>2nd Reading:</b>            | Youth             | Mabel Vivera  | Richard O'Malley |
| <b>Ministers of Communion:</b> | Renee D'Souza     | Anne Sia      | Brower Jr Pule   |
|                                | Judy Kwan         | N/A           | Nila Malo        |
|                                | Patrick Lim       | N/A           | Ursula Burgess   |
| <b>Projectionist:</b>          | Sylvester D'Souza | Josh Soares   | Samoan Community |
| <b>Chief Collector:</b>        | Romir Baptista    | Rob Villos    | Paul Reddy       |
| <b>Co-Ordinator:</b>           | Rekha             | Mabel Vivera  | Valyne           |
| <b>Music:</b>                  | 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**

Mark Fernandes (27th May)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**

Goretti Sheppard (27th 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 1:1-11 *Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven*  
**Psalm:** Ps 46 (47): *God mounts his throne with shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord*  
**2nd Reading:** 1Eph 1:17-23: *He has put all things under his feet*  
**Gospel:** Mt 28: 16-20: *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to .*



21st May 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

- The ascension of the Lord ushers us into a week of waiting. Jesus has ascended into heaven and the Holy Spirit has not yet come down. Pentecost is still days away. Times of waiting can often be uncomfortable, yet this unique time in the liturgical year affords us the space to step back with the original eleven disciples and ponder: What does Christ's resurrection mean for our lives? How can I carry the hope of Easter into the next season?
- Relationships change. People constantly grow and evolve. Think back to a time when you reconnected with a long-time friend. This person cared for you at precious times in life and now has the chance to experience you in a new stage, perhaps as you wrestle with big questions or live more deeply into your callings. The disciples know what it is like to see a friend change. They accompanied Jesus through-out his earthly ministry. They witnessed his great care for the poor and compassion for the suffering. Then, Jesus died. The relationship necessarily changed. Perhaps some disciples even wondered if the relationship ended.
- Then Jesus appeared to them days later in the upper room. The disciples reconnected with their beloved friend and Lord who just made a sacrifice that changed the world forever. How did their relationships with Christ change after the resurrection and at the time of his ascension? What about our relationships with Christ—in what ways will the Easter victory impact your connection to Christ.

**Between the readings:** The second reading affirms the power of Christ and that the church, his body, continues his work on earth beyond the ascension. While the gospel has another moment of Jesus's preparing the disciples for his departure, the first reading contains the actual ascension narrative. Here, too, he leaves them with a mission — they are to be his witnesses all through the world. And here, too, there is a promise to return. This is still not the end of the story. ~ *Living Liturgy 2023*

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# Parish News



**SHEILA SEKULA:** Celebrated 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 have done and continue to do in our parish.

**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. 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. Thank you.



**ST DOMINIC'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** have lessons every Sunday from 10:45am to 12 Noon, in the School hall for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, staggered over as separate celebrations. The dates are as follows: • Confirmation - 3rd June at 11am with Bishop Steve Lowe • First Holy Communion - 17th September.

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

**PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts:** for 2022-2023, are available in the Church Porch. Thank you.

**The next PPC meeting:** will be on Thursday 25th May 2023, in the Parish Centre.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** Contact Marie 6279193 or 0273813361. All welcome

**NZ CATHOLIC:** NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price = \$4per copy. Some headlines for this issue: Cardinal John Dew retires as Archbishop of Wellington. Sensitive negotiations over integrated schools. Concerns over new criteria for co-opting school board members. Catholic leaders praise coronation emphasis on service.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 2nd June 7:00pm at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui 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

**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:**

**Holy Spirit:** Currently the school is learning all about the Holy Spirit and how this lives in each of us. This builds us up to the great celebration of Pentecost and allows the children to understand the gift that the Holy Spirit is, and how it was given by God to help us each day .

**EnviroGroup:** We are seeking help from any Parishioners that would like to come into school on Thursdays at 12:00pm. We have a group of students that meet regularly to learn about gardening, and we encourage Parishioners to come along to help out.

**Disabled car-parking:** We are going to be installing another designated disabled carpark. We hope that some Parish members may also benefit from this new parking arrangement.

**First Holy Communion:** A big thank you to the organisers and teachers of the First Holy Communion Programme. The children are loving the lessons and it's wonderful to see the Parish taking up this call to support our childrens' faith development

**Parish Morning Tea:** The school will be hosting a morning tea for Parishioners on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We are very excited to be able to reach out in this way - a chance for us to gather and have a chat. Low key, but something we hope to become an annual feature of our school calendar. Watch this space. Please, as always, feel free to come across with any suggestions or ideas ~ 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 incl lunch) 8 Jun & 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 Pearl on 021 174 4118

**Logos Quiz Night - One Night in Europe:** 3rd June 2023 - 5:30-9:30pm at Christ the King Parish Hall. A fun night of entertainment, fine food and wine, and a fantastic quiz. Bring your friends and family to make up a team of seven. To purchase tickets visit The Logos Project facebook page for a link to eventbrite. Or contact Danielle Webb on 021 02543407 or [daniellewebb02@gmail.com](mailto:daniellewebb02@gmail.com)

**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)

**Volunteers needed!** The Onehunga Vinnies Op shop, run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, raised \$25,000 for flood relief in the lower North Island. We also help fund many food parcels for people in need. We need help with customer service, sorting, merchandising, and picking up furniture donations. Please contact Liz on 634-2697 or 022-467-5443 if you would like to be involved.

**CUT OFF Times for items in the newsletter is 3:00pm THURSDAY. THANK YOU**

*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.*