



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 (6 August 2023)

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

Dan 7:9-10,13-14 *His raiment was as white as snow*
Psalm 96 *The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.*
2 Pet 1:16-19 *We heard this voice out of heaven*
Mt 17:1-9 *His face was shining like the sun*

Rosters: The roster for cleaning the church, various ministries and Altar servers is on the notice board and website as well. Thank you for your generosity with these ministries.



ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters

	Sat 6:00pm Christopher Dalgado, Sean Joseph, Nithin Savio
	Sun 8:00am Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
	Sun 9:30am: Alex XinLong Qu, Alice YiLin Qu, Caoilinn Bhreatnach, Thea Bhreatnach, Breanna Pinto

	<u>Sat 6:00pm</u>	<u>Sun 8:00am</u>	<u>Sun 9:30am</u>
Hospitality:	Reggis Rego	Annlynn Lopez	Goretti Fernandes
1st Reading:	Chrysllyn Pinto	Tom O'Hanlon	Natasha Pinto
2nd Reading:	Hazel Patrao	Karen Vivera	Sr Helen
Ministers of Communion:	Dolores Arnold	Theresa G	Pius Joseph
Projectionist:	Bradley Pinto	Cyril	Teresa Joseph
	Tamara Pinto	Paul R	Josh Soares
Chief Collector:	Nestor Reynolds	Jewel	Brower Jr Pule
Co-Ordinator:	Allwyn Pereira	Josh	Eddie Sluiter
Music:	Joyce	Mabel	Valyne
	Trinity Choir	N/A	Divine Mercy

If you are not available, please arrange your own replacement. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Vincent George & family (5 August 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Irae Pule & Lisa Kachappilly (5 Aug 2023)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kg 3:5, 7-12 *Solomon asks the Lord for wisdom*
Ps 118 (119) *Lord, I love your commands*
Rom 8:28-30 *God predestined us to become true images of his Son*
Mt 13: 44 -52 *The parables of the kingdom.*

**17TH SUNDAY
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30 July 2023



PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

"The Kingdom of heaven is like..." For the last few weeks we have heard Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven to many things—a merchant searching for fine pearls, a net thrown into the sea, a person who sows seed in good soil, and more. Jesus uses metaphors as a tool of teaching about God's ways that are beyond our normal ways of knowing things. God's kingdom cannot be described in just one statement. God's Kingdom is too vast, too mysterious to be fully known and "explained". We know the Kingdom only through the heart.

In the first reading, Solomon asks for an understanding heart. He pursues wisdom with the same wholeheartedness with which we are to pursue the Kingdom. Today's Psalm continues this theme, for God's leadership—even his commands—seeks to evoke in us a response of love.

We may have had some joy and wonder in encountering God, but the long slog of Christian life can stifle these feelings. Our love is measured not by our emotional response, but by our commitment, with consistency and integrity.

~ Living Liturgy 2023

"Lord I love your commands" - Ps 118

Parish News

UPCOMING PARISH EVENT: Please mark your calendars for 6th August 2023 (after the 9:30am Mass) in the school hall - Celebration for St Dominic's feast day, Recognition and "thank-you" to all Volunteers, St John Vianney (patron saint of Parish Priests) and Transfiguration of the Lord. Lunch will be provided by Fr Ephrem and the parish. Please bring dessert/finger food for all to share.

LITURGICAL EVENTS: (1) A Triduum in preparation of St. Dominic's Feast will be celebrated on 3rd, 4th and 5th August. On 3rd and 4th August, the Triduum service will commence at 6:40pm followed by Mass. On 5th August the Triduum service will commence at 5:30pm followed by the regular Vigil Mass at 6:00pm. **PLEASE NOTE:** Adoration service on Friday 4th August is cancelled. **(2) Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on 15th August: This is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand. We will celebrate with a Mass at 7:00pm

SCHOOL MASS will be on Tuesday, 8th August, 9.15am. Also the School will lead the liturgy on Sunday 27th August at 9.30am Mass

Fr. EPHREM'S BIRTHDAY: There will be a morning tea on Sunday 30th July, after the 9:30am Mass, to celebrate Fr. Ephrem's birthday which falls on 1st August. Please join the community to mark this day and bring a plate of food for all to share. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Members of the new PPC will be commissioned at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 20th August 2023.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for the flower arrangement in the church for weekend Masses. Please contact Goretti Sheppard, if you would like to volunteer. Thank you

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.

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

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: Next session is on Sunday 13 August, 2pm the Parish Centre.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER with BNZ: has changed to 02-0108-0707980-00. This will only apply to any manual deposits or direct credits done by parishioners. NO change needed for parishioners who are currently contributing via direct credit.

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: Young people sent forth to World Youth Day in Portugal; Thoughts and Prayers - what are they? Update on Precinct plan for Hato Petera site.

ST DOMINIC'S FOUNDATION: We encourage you to support the Foundation, which works behind the scenes, supporting families in need. **All donations are welcomed!**
The Donation account number is: **12-3034-0276615-00**

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.

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

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

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. : 02-0108-0707980-00

St Dominic's School News

Across the Path - from the School Principal, Daniel Pepper:

Red Nose Day and Bake Sale The school held a fundraiser last Friday for Cure Kids in the form of Red Nose Day. Kids dressed up in red, and their gold coin donations were made into a coin trail. We then had a special assembly in the afternoon.

The Year 6 children also held a Bake Sale to raise funds for their upcoming camp, which is being held in Long Bay from the 8th to 11th of August. They also held a carwash on Saturday which was very successful.

Zoo Trip Our Year 3 and 4 classes will be visiting the zoo in Week 6. This is always an exciting trip for children and is all part of their learning around animals this term.

Sports All Year 5 and 6 students are currently training for our interschool winter sports competition that is coming up. We take part in hockey, rugby, football and netball.

Religious Education Currently the school is getting prepared for the St Dominic's School Day Celebration on the 8th of August. Prior to that, the school carries out learning around our charism where we look at the Dominican Values and Pillars. This is great learning for the children as they come to understand that the Dominican Pillars on which our values are based. Our 5 and 6 year olds also do some learning around the word *Veritas*.

The Schools Mass Children love coming to celebrate Mass on a Wednesday with the Parish. We are also looking forward to the school Mass which will be held on the 27th of August where we invite all our parents to participate in the Eucharist on this day, at 9:30am. Please note this in your calendar as the church will be very full.

Church Funny The best vitamin for a Christian is B1! - Daniel Pepper.

Notices from the Diocese

THE MARIST SISTERS Mt Albert have a position for a **Home Care Support Person** in an aging religious community. The goal is to attend to personal cares and some cleaning. Mornings only, up to 20 hours. Please email Sr Lorraine anzbur@xtra.co.nz for further details.

HEARTS AFLAME Catholic Summer School 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship
There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before August 15, 2023.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: Sunday 6 August, Sancta Maria College. Let's come together as diocesan young people to celebrate WYD with inspiring speakers, powerful worship, Mass, Dinner (Bishop Steve is paying), reconciliation and adoration .

House Mother Role: St Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies in Pukekohe seeks a House Mother to join our team, a permanent full-time live-in position to cover overnight duties. For a Position Description, please email: Rebecca rebeccacrowe@fli.org.nz or visit: fli.org.nz/join-our-team/.

Disaster Response Training for Churches: Join us on August 1st at 7pm at C3 Ellerslie as presenters share concepts like preparing for disasters, active response, caring for the carers, and rebuilding.

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

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

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Anthony Bakarich, Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap, Conrad Rasch, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Francis Laraman, Ruth Manley, Sr Mary Leonie, Patras Tigga, Margaret Rasch, Mavis Ulrich,

For the Sick: John and Dolores Webb, Raymond Gribble