



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 (3 September 2023)

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

Jer 20:7-9 *The word of the Lord has meant derision for me*
Psalm 63 *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*
Rom 12:1-2 *Worship God by offering your bodies as a holy sacrifice*
Mt 16:21-27 *If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross and follow me.*

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



ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
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, Breanna Pinto, Sean Joseph

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Hazel Patrao	Annlynn Lopez	Irae Pule
1st Reading:	Reggis Rego	Tom O'Hanlon	Josie Wilson
2nd Reading:	Chryslyn Pinto	Anne Wilson	Lisa Kachappilly
Ministers of Communion:	Dolores Arnold	Anne	Paul Reddy
	Bradley Pinto	Cyril	Pius Joseph
	Tamara Pinto	Paul R	Josh Soares
Projectionist:	Nestor Reynolds	Josh	Brower Jr Pule
Chief Collector:	Allwyn Pereira	Mabel	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Joyce	Jewel	Jewel Villos
Music:	Trinity Choir	N/A	Divine Mercy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Mendonca family (2 September 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Irae Pule & Lisa Kachappilly (2 September 2023)

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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

Is 22:19-23 *I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder*
Psalm 138 *Lord, your love is eternal. Do not forsake the work of your hands.*
Rom 11:33-36 *How rich are the depths of God, how deep his wisdom and knowledge.*
Mt 16: 13-20 *Jesus asked Peter: '...but you, who do you say that I am?'*



I GIVE YOU THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

27 August
 2023

Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom.... to Peter? It may seem like an odd choice at first glance to anyone who is familiar with Peter's track record. This is the same man that Jesus calls "Satan" a few verses later when Peter takes issue with Jesus' suffering. This is the same Peter who denies Jesus three times on the night that Jesus could have used support the most. Time and again, in the Gospels we see Peter misspeak or misstep. Yet Jesus still decides that Peter is the rock on whom his church will be built.

Jesus recognises in Peter a deep abiding faith. Peter says, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Peter wasn't perfect —didn't have to be—but he was courageous in voicing his belief, where others might have been more reticent.

Imagine Jesus asking each one of us "Who do you say that I am?" How would we, I, respond? With Peter we could say with confidence that Jesus is brother, friend, confidant, Redeemer, Saviour, Son of the Living God, and so much more.

The 1st reading shows us another example of God delegating power to a human. It was not earned or necessarily deserved, but because God gives it, it is real.

"Lord, your love is eternal. Do not forsake the work of your hands" - Ps 138

Parish News

SCHOOL MASS the School will lead the liturgy today Sunday 27th August at 9.30am Mass.

FATHER DAY'S MORNING TEA ON 3rd September, after 9.30 am Sunday Mass, and a contribution of shared plate, if possible. All parishioners are invited to join.

ST DOMINIC'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Lessons are on Sundays from 10:45am to 12 Noon, in the School hall for the sacrament of First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated on 17th September at the 9:30am Mass.

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA (Mother Teresa): feast day will be celebrated at ST MARY'S CHURCH, AVONDALE on Tuesday 5th September at 9am with Mass, followed by a morning tea. All are welcome



HOUSIE: Every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. St. Dominic's Housie group need volunteers to help with various aspects of the activity. If you can help, please contact Anne Sia 0274488348. THANK YOU.

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: Next session is on Sunday 27 August, 2pm the Parish Centre.

NOTE OF THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS, ON VOLUNTEERS DAY, 6TH AUGUST 2023:

Dear Volunteers, allow me to say thank you to you, your family members, your friends, and your faith community of St Dominic. On behalf of myself and St Dominic Parishioners, please accept my sincerest gratitude of "Thank You". May God bless you. Fr Ephrem.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Members of the new PPC were commissioned at the 9:30am Mass last Sunday 20th August 2023. The PPC consist of the following members: Fr Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap., Sr Helen Bergin o.p., Paul Pa'u (Chair), Anne Sia, Seve Lafaele, Nestor Reynolds, Jewel Vilos, Kendall D'Souza, Natasha Pinto and Richard O'Malley

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue are: Revised lectionary planned for NZ. Lay leaders of liturgical prayer trained. Knights of the Southern Cross centenary. Plea for people to be Catholic prison chaplains.

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 or contact the parish office. Thank you.

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.

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 or contact the Parish office. For online contributions please use the following details:

Account Name : St Dominics Blockhouse Bay EC, Clesiastical Goods Trust,
Account No. : 02-0108-0707980-00
Ref: Your name and planned giving number

St Dominic's School News

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

Thought I might share some stats for you this week. Gives a good picture of the current picture in our country. The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand is divided into six regions called [dioceses](#) which are made up of parishes. There are 271 Catholic parishes throughout the country – 68 in the Diocese of Auckland; 37 in the Diocese of Hamilton; 22 in the Diocese of Palmerston North; 22 in the Archdiocese of Wellington; 26 in the Diocese of Christchurch and 37 in the Diocese of Dunedin. Each diocese is headed by a bishop.

Catholics in New Zealand There are around 500,000 Catholics in Aotearoa New Zealand, approximately one eighth of the population. This figure is based on the people who identified themselves as Catholic in the 2013 Census. This number will change with the up and coming information coming out from the 2023 census.

Catholic schools in New Zealand Catholic education in Aotearoa New Zealand is strong, with 11 percent (almost 66,000) of the country's school students enrolled in the Catholic school system. There are 189 Catholic primary schools and 49 secondary schools or colleges, all of which are integrated into the state education system.

Jot down this date! Art Expo and Cultural Food Festival Extravaganza! 10th November, In the school courtyard. Buy your dinner and have a drink in the sun....we hope! Karaoke and children's performances. Check out the children's ART and connect with others. 5-8pm

Quote: "It is as Māori that the Lord calls you, it is as Māori that you belong to the Church, the one body of Christ." Pope John Paul II, Auckland, 1986 ~ Daniel Pepper.

Notices from the Diocese

Part Time/Casual Work St Francis Retreat Centre is looking for someone to join the Kitchen team. If you love to cook and serve others, contact Sam 021 985 125 for more information.

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Learn about how St Francis responded to the issues of the world by living out the Gospel in his life. Email: admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651.

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st Sept 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 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.

A Special Mass: will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. Spiritual and psychological healing is necessary after the loss of a child and the Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist help to facilitate healing and to fully know God's love and mercy. St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera on Saturday 2nd September at 5pm; Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm. For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell, St Michael's Parish, 027 641 5615

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

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Joseph Steuart, Anthony Bakarich, Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap, Conrad Rasch, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Sr Mary Leonie, Patras Tigga, Margaret Rasch, Sr Dominic op, James Maguire, Patrick Sharp, Daphne Janssen.

For the Sick: Sheila Sekula, John and Dolores Webb, Raymond Gribble
Please call the parish office if you need to place a name on this list.