



## 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 (10 September 2023)

#### 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

**Ezek 33:7-9** *If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death*  
**Psalms 94 (95)** *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*  
**Rom 13:8-10** *Love of neighbour is the answer to every one of the commandments*  
**Mt 18:15-20** *When two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

**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

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Carlos Pulini, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Angeline Xing, Braelei Faith, Chuka Chidi, Sophia Xing

	<u>Sat 6:00pm</u>	<u>Sun 8:00am</u>	<u>Sun 9:30am</u>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Nita Creado	Annlynn Lopez	Lisa Kachappilly
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Kevin Creado	Donald Holder	Seanna
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Bendito Fernandes	Reena Edwin	Ethan Dharmai
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Dora Tham	Valyne	Brower Jr Pule
	Renee D'Souza	Anne	Teresa Joseph
	Wilma Barboza	Karen	Ursula Burgess
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Josh Tham	Rob Villos	Sylvester D'Souza
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Martin Patrao	Irae	Paul Reddy
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Leema Kishore	Jewel	Valyne Koh
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Youth

### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Southcombe family (9 September 2023)

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretti Sheppard (9 September 2023)

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## ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH

**Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki**

BLOCKHOUSE BAY

34 Bolton Street, PO Box 48097, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland

*We, the People of God, continue Christ's Mission of Love in our Diversity.*

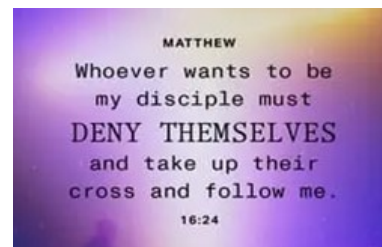
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### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Jer 20:7-9** *The word of the Lord has meant derision for me*  
**Psalms 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.*



**22ND SUNDAY  
 ORDINARY TIME  
 YEAR A**

3 Sept 2023

**In** today's Gospel, Peter displays some misdirected confidence. Last week we heard that Jesus gave Peter the Keys of the Kingdom and declares Peter the Rock on which the Church is built. Now, in this passage, Peter takes matters into his own hands: he tries to dissuade Jesus that his destiny is not to suffer and die. Peter assumes he knows what Jesus should or should not do, should or should not be.

**How** often do we make the same mistaken assumptions about Jesus and how He will reveal himself in our lives? In reality, Jesus is far more radical than we may care to admit. He is more loving, generous, and merciful than we may dare to imagine. Rather than fitting Jesus into our previously made assumptions, we are called to follow him, to take up our cross and find life in Christ.

**The** first reading today echoes the idea that human logic is not the same as divine logic. We can feel "duped" by God when our faith brings some humiliation in the eyes of the world. However, as the prophet Jeremiah finds, God has a way of drawing us back.

**The** second reading also affirms that the life of faith involves sacrifice. We are not to conform to this world, which means that this world, and its expectations, will often not feel much like home.

~ Living Liturgy 2023

**"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." - Ps 63**

# Parish News



**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

**SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK:** begins on this weekend, with the focus on peace and responding to conflict. The National Liturgy Office has relevant information here: <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/social-justice-week-3/> Substantial resources are available to download from Caritas Aotearoa NZ here: [www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week](http://www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week)

**IMAGINE PEACE FOR ALL**  
POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA

**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.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** As mentioned by Fr Ephrem at the end of the weekend Masses, can all parishioners please register yourselves and your families directly on our website...

<https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/>

**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.



**HONORIFICS AUDIT:** The parish recently conducted an Honorifics Audit with the Diocesan Centre. This honorifics audit has been requested by the bishops and congregational leaders and is being undertaken throughout New Zealand. It lists anything named after bishops, clergy, religious or lay people connected to our Catholic community and photos/portraits on display.

**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 or the Parish Office. THANK YOU

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The new 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

**KNITTING FOR CHARITY:** Next session is on Sunday 10 Sept, 2pm the Parish Centre.

**NZ CATHOLIC:** NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: 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](mailto:stdomspgc@gmail.com) for your planned giving number for internet banking or contact the parish office. Thank you.

**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. : 02-0108-0707980-00

Ref : Your name and planned giving number

# St Dominic's School News

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

**Whole School Mass** A big thank you to the Parish for allowing the school to host it's Whole School Mass last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration and so great to see so many families attending on a beautiful Sunday morning. The children sung their hearts out and we got such great feedback from both parishioners and parents alike. The school holds two Whole School Masses per year and we are planning our next one for Term 2 2024.

**Board Consultation** Currently the Board is gathering voice around our next direction as a school. We are holding a consultation evening on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and you are more than welcome, as parishioners, to come and share at this session.

**Kiwi Valley Farm Trip** Last week our Magnus team went to the zoo and next week we take our Siena Team (our 5 and 6 year olds) to Kiwi Valley Farm. The children can't wait to go, and this fits in with their learning this term around animals.

**First Holy Communion Preparation** Talking to the children that are receiving their first Holy Sacraments, they are very excited about this special day in their lives. The preparation has been excellent from the Parish, and it's wonderful for the school to be able to support the Parish in the partnership on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Line Marking** Carpark line marking will be taking place on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Please do not park in the school/Parish carpark from 2:45pm onwards. Thank you!

**St Dominic's School Foundation** If anyone would like to donate to the Foundation, the account number is 12-3034-0276615-00. All donations are gratefully received. Over the last year we have paid out \$8,163.00. This money has gone directly to help children and their families in the way of supermarket vouchers, after school care and college scholarships. —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](mailto: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.

**The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival** is back! Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their “riches of nations” in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Get involved in your ethnic communities! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz). Graphic attached “REQUESTS FOR MASS” Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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

**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:** 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:** John and Dolores Webb, Raymond Gribble

*Please call the parish office if you need to place a name on this list.*