



Mass Schedule

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 (24 September 2023)

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

Is 55:6-9 *My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways.*
Ps 144 (145) *The Lord is near to all who call him.*
Phil 1:20-24 *Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of Christ*
Mt 20:1-16 *“Why are you jealous when I am generous?” The parable of the vineyard owner*

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

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

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Tamara Pinto	Donald Holder	Natasha Pinto
1st Reading:	Natasha Fernandes	Annlynn Lopez	Sr Helen Bergin
2nd Reading:	Camryn Fernandes	Jewel Villos	Joy Reginald-Opara
Ministers of Communion:	Bradley Pinto	Karen	Anne Sia
	Lourdes Trainor	Cyril	Lisa Kachappilly
	Sunita Fernandes		Valyne Koh
Projectionist:	Sylvester D'Souza	Rob Villos	Samoan Community
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Mabel Vivera	Leonard Pinto
Co-Ordinator:	Goretti Sheppard	Karen	Irae Pule
Music:	Youth	N/A	Samoan Community

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Leslie D'Mello (23 September 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello (23 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

Sirach 27:30-28:7 *Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and your sins will be forgiven.*
Ps 102 (103) *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.*
Rom 14:7-9 *Christ is the Lord of the living and the dead.*
Mt 18:21-35 *I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

**24TH SUNDAY
 ORDINARY TIME
 YEAR A**

17 September 2023



Jesus practiced forgiveness that knew no bounds. Time and again, he forgave people who hurt him or his disciples. Jesus even forgave those who sentenced him to death! “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!” Today’s Gospel challenges us to practice this same spirit of forgiveness, a spirit that is generous and ongoing.

Jesus proposes a formidable task. Forgiveness is rarely easy and can be really difficult where the hurt is deep. Let us be aware that forgiveness is not about forgetting, despite what a familiar adage says. A real harm has been done—we cannot gloss over it. Forgiveness is likely not to happen overnight. When we forgive we free ourselves to begin healing. Oftentimes, forgiving is a longer process of acknowledging the harm, working through the thoughts and feelings that were provoked, and praying for God’s help.

When we refuse to forgive, it our own hearts that become dry and hardened, Granting others the grace of forgiveness expands our own capacity to live out God’s love and thus to become more truly ourselves.

This week, let’s think of a relationship that could do with fuller forgiveness. Know that God promises the same for each one of us.

~ Living Liturgy 2023

“The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.”- Ps 102

Parish News



ST DOMINIC'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: We will be celebrating the sacrament of **First Holy Communion** of 23 of our children, this Sunday 17th September, at the 9:30am Mass. Please keep these children in your prayers. You are welcome to come and support them in their faith journey.

CHURCH RENOVATION: As announced by Fr Ephrem over the last few months and presented at the parish AGM in April, the asbestos in the church ceiling will need to be removed. This is for health and safety reasons. Other refurbishment works will also be done. The Finance Committee and the PPC have approved it and we are now awaiting approval from the Diocese to go ahead with the works. More information will be provided over the coming weeks.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2024: are available for sale at \$15 each from Sunday 24th September, after each Mass. The sale of the calendars is a main source of income for the missionary work of the Columban Fathers.

ASYLUM SEEKERS HOUSE, Blockhouse Bay Rd. Speakers—Christina Webb (social worker) and Dawit Arshak (originally from Ethiopia). Discussing the current situation of asylum seekers, locally and internationally. Short talk at Mass on Sunday 15th October, followed by discussion in the parish centre. For further info please contact : Paul Robertson (St Dominic's Social Justice Group) on 8274503 (Home) or 021 087 39920.

NEXT PPC MEETING: will be on Thursday 5th October 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is open to all parishioners.

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 on 027 448 8348 . 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 24th September, 2pm in 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 supports families in need. 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 : 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:

Last day of term: The last day of Term is Friday the 22nd of September and school returns on Monday the 9th of October. I am sure we are all wanting a bit of sun over this two week break.

First Holy Communion: The school celebrates this very special day for the children who are receiving their first Holy Communion. May God bless them on their faith journey.

Art Expo and Food Festival Extravaganza: Please mark the 10th of November in your diary. You will be able to buy your dinner at school and have a look at the artwork created by our amazing students. This event starts at 5:00pm and finishes at 7:30pm.

Books for Tonga: We are currently collecting books to send to villages in Tonga. We are hoping to have four or five boxes to send to help support others. Please feel free to drop any good quality second-hand books off at the school office over the next two weeks. Thank you.

Cans for Christmas: We have been collecting Cans for Christmas for the last nine years, and this year we have collected 417 cans to send off. The cans are used to help our foodbanks and is an initiative from St Peter's College that we like to support.

Speeches: On Friday we held our Senior Speech Finals and all the children did extremely well. We will publish the results in the next newsletter.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Week: Ka mihi atu te Paraimere Katorika o St Dominics ki te Pariha mo to ratou tautoko me te aroha i nga wa katoa.

St Dominics Catholic Primary thanks the parish for their support and love always.

What do you call a sleepwalking nun? Answer: A roamin' Catholic. ~ Daniel Pepper.

Notices from the Diocese

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre: Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 3 Oct | Wed 1 Nov | Thu 7 Dec

24 Hr Prayer Retreat for Women- Join us for a reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for talks on prayer, with time for personal prayer, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration | Sat 7 Oct 3pm-Sun 8 Oct 3pm | Earlybird (before 24/9) \$130 pp | Standard \$150pp (All meals and accommodation included)

Contemplative Prayer Retreat - Want to deepen your faith? Join us to learn about fruits of the journey of meditation in the Christian Tradition | Sat 7 Oct 10am-4pm | Earlybird (before 23 Sep) \$65 | Standard (after 23 Sep) \$85

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College: accepts enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology starting September 25. “With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, our program will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable.” To learn more about the programmes, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.

Calling any man wanting St Joseph's help: Come and find out how to be a man like St Joseph. Why? For help, guidance, companionship, support, or encouragement. When? 7:00 p.m. Wednesday 27 September. Where? Saint John Paul II Centre for Life, 569A Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. Want to know more? Call Simon Archer (Family Life International) – 021 400 729

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, Valerie Smit

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