



**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 (1 October 2023)**

**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)**

**Ezek 18:25-28** *The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: "Hear now, House of Israel...."*  
**Psalms 24 (25)** *Remember your mercies, Lord.*  
**Phil 2:1-11** *His state was divine but he emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave*  
**Mt 21:28-32** *Jesus said that outcasts will enter the kingdom of God before the righteous who lack repentance*

**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>	Christopher Dalgado, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph, Swinth Rodrigues
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Alex XinLong Qu, Alice YiLin Qu, Breanna Pinto, Sione Tupu

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Matthew D'Souza	Annlynn Lopez	Goretti Fernandes
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Chrysllyn Pinto	Tom O'Hanlon	Paul Pa'u
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Kendall D'Souza	Anne Wilson	Richard O'Malley
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Dora Tham	Anne Sia	Kamla Singh
	Jessie Dalgado	Cyril	Pius Joseph
	Renee D'Souza	Paul R	Teresa Joseph
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Josh Tham	Josh	Brower Jr Pule
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Martin Patrao	Mabel	Eddie Sluiter
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Clinton	Jewel	Paul Reddy
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Divine Mercy

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 Anna Su & Jerry Xing (30 September 2023)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 Irae Pule & Lisa Kachappilly (30 September 2023)

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**ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
 Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki

BLOCKHOUSE BAY  
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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 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*

**25TH SUNDAY  
 ORDINARY TIME  
 YEAR A**

**24 September  
 2023**



**Vineyards**, at harvest time, need workers who are nimble, attentive, and eager to embrace the unexpected — both when it comes to picking grapes, and, as we see in today's Gospel story, when it comes to matters of financial payment.

The group of labourers hired first in the day make what seems to be a fair assumption: they see those who have worked only an hour get the same pay as they were promised. So surely they will receive a lot more for having worked 12 hours. Familiar workplace conditions!

But the landowner rebukes this reasoning. Jesus shows us again that God is far too creative to be constrained by what is "fair". Our God is a God of infinite possibilities whose ways are far above the humans ways to which we have become accustomed. If the landowner's final comment is anything to go by, then Jesus seems to be saying that when we glimpse the infinite generosity of God, it is possible (likely?) that we respond, not with gratitude, but with envy.

The 1st reading reminds us, in no uncertain terms, that God's ways are not our ways. God operates on a different sort of "logic", one that surpasses all the we would call logical, but rather responds out a love that overflows with lifegiving power. And are we welcomers of this power?

~ Living Liturgy 2023

**"The Lord is near to all who call him." - Ps 144 (145)**

## Parish News

**SACRAMENT of First Holy Communion 2023:** Fr. Ephrem, Paul Pa'u Chairperson, the PPC and Parish extend their heartfelt thanks, to the Sacramental Program team for mentoring and guiding the First Holy Communion candidates, for the celebration held last Sunday. May God bless you abundantly for the work that you do in this Ministry.

**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/>

**The ConQuest Leadership Team** ran 'The ConQuest Leadership Wenceslaus Anthony Memorial Award' campaign, in our parish last month. We thank the ConQuest team for selecting St Dominic's for the \$500 award. A winner has been selected and will be announced at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the winner and a big thank you to all the children who made a submission.

**CHURCH RENOVATION:** As announced by Fr Ephrem 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.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2024:** are available for sale at \$15 each, 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.

**The LEGION OF MARY** invites all to Marian Day 2023 on 7th October, at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 13 Church St., Onehunga. There will be Mass, Benediction, Guest Speakers and Catholic supplies. For more info please contact Mark –027 650 6908 or John 020 430 0050

**MORNING TEA:** We will have a light morning tea on Sunday 1st October after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome and a shared plate is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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

**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: Bishops urge politicians to focus on real issues; Care and consolation at Mass for loss of a child; Sr Marie Ange of Jesus makes final Carmelite profession.

**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](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:**

**First Holy Communion Celebration** What a great event this was, and the Parish certainly made sure that the children felt special on their day. The school is always happy to support the Parish with any events as we continue to develop and grow this Parish/school community.

**Save the Date** Our Art Expo and Food Festival Extravaganza will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November. More about this to come, so please just mark this date in your calendar. It will be event not to be missed!

**Cars parking on the Field** As you might have all seen, there was yet another victim from our wet field in the weekend. Just a reminder to please make sure that if you are going to park on the bottom field, that you check before you drive onto it. The water table is currently so high, I can't see the bottom field being used as a solid carpark until at least November.

**Carpark Line Marking Update** Due to bad weather last week, the line marking will now take place in the holidays. This will be carried out during the day. This line marking might make it easier for us all to park safer.

**School Holidays** The school will be closed for term break over the next two weeks, reopening on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October.

*There was a very gracious woman who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments", answered the woman.*

~~ 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](http://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. To learn more about the programmes, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes](http://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

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kiteuni 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.

**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:** Yvonne Ryan, Shirley Namhauser, 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

**For the Sick:** John and Dolores Webb, Valerie Smit

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