



MASS TIMES

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 6:00pm
 Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am

Weekday Eucharist

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 7:00pm
 Saturday 8:00am
 First Friday (Mass of Healing & Anointing of the sick) 7:00pm
 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 (18th February 2024)

1st Sunday in Lent Year B (Scripture Readings)

Gen 9:8-15 After the great flood, God recalls the covenant with Noah
 Psalm 24: Your ways, O Lord are love and truth.
 1Pet 3:18-22 As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today
 Mark 1:12-15 The temptation of Jesus in the desert

Rosters: The rosters for cleaning the church, various ministries and Altar servers are on the notice board and website as well. Thank you for your generosity with these ministries. If you are not available, please try to arrange your own replacement. Thank you.



ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters



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

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Matthew D'Souza	Irae Pule	Paul Pa'u
1st Reading:	Reggis Rego	Ronald D'Souza	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
2nd Reading:	Kendall D'Souza	Leeda Ferdis	Sarah Flynn
Ministers of Communion:	Betsy Rego	Cyril R	Anne Sia
	Helen Bailie	Theresa Gomes	Brower Jr Pule
	Sunita Fernandes	Karen Vivera	Paul Reddy
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Rob Villos	Vincent George
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodal	Mabel Vivera	Paul Reddy
Co-Ordinator:	Geeta D'Souza	Jewel Villos	Valyne Koh
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Graham S

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
N/A

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
N/A

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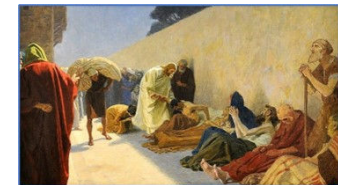
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46 As long as he is unclean he must live outside the camp.
 Psalm 32: I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
 1Cor 10:31-11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ .
 Mk 1:40-45 The leper said to Jesus "If you want to, you can cure me."

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

11 February 2024



People afflicted with leprosy and similar skin diseases were regarded as untouchables in the Jewish society of Jesus' day. In keeping with the Law (see today's first reading), they had to proclaim their uncleanness publicly and keep their distance from all but their own kind.

Today's Gospel story, narrated with an economy of detail, poignantly captures the pariah status of one such unfortunate man. No onlookers are identified; there are only two characters - the leper in need of compassion and Jesus mercifully responsive to his need. In a sense, Jesus takes upon himself the uncleanness of the leper; for in touching him he renders himself, according to the Law, ritually impure.

In our own day there are classes of people who are bracketed out by society - outcasts judged harshly as inferior beings by law-abiding citizens and condemned to lead lives of conspicuous misery. Even as we stand by them in faith and love, we can make our own the leper's prayer: 'Lord, if you want to, you can cure me.'

~ God's Word 2024

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Parish News

Fr EPHREM— is on holiday and will be back on 1st March. Fr Rajat and other Capuchin priests will be serving the parish while Fr Ephrem is away.

LITURGY ROSTERS— are now available on our website. Please check if you are rostered on for February 2024, or you can contact the Parish Office on 626 6207.

Shrove Tuesday 13th February - Over the weekend of 10th/11th February, parishioners are requested to bring in their blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday and place in the box kept for the purpose at the entrance of the school hall. These will be burnt at a service on 13th February at 6:45pm, followed by Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February - Mass at 9:00am with the children from St Dominic's school and parishioners are most welcome to join them.

- There will also be a Mass at 6:00pm including imposition of Ashes.
- A Combined Churches Ecumenical Service will be held at 7:30pm at Church of the Saviour.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Will be held every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm in the School Hall from 16th February, followed by daily Mass. When the renovation of the church is completed, Stations of the Cross will move back to the Church.

MASSES DURING THE RENOVATION (Tue. 2nd January 2024 – Sat 2nd March 2024): All Masses will be celebrated in the School Hall. All Weekend Masses will be at usual timings.
- Weekday Masses **29th January to 2nd March at 7pm**

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The first meeting for this year will be on Friday 16th Feb. at 10am in the Parish Centre. There will not be a 9.15 Mass so the meeting will start at 10am with morning tea to follow. Contact Marie 6279193 or 0273813361. All welcome.

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale: Price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: Kiwi and Anglican bishops gather in Rome and UK. New director for Hearts Aflame. Chch diocese seeks feedback on cathedral location options. Dunedin cathedral sanctuary angels get their wings.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: This Lent change our hearts and minds by publicly witnessing to the dignity of every human person from conception, and praying for an end to abortion. Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday—Monday to Saturday from 7am to 1pm, corner of Dominion Road and Prospect Terrace, Mt Eden. Sign for your hour at: FLI.org.nz/prolifeevents

PARISH REGISTRATION: please register yourselves and your families directly on our website: <https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/>

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP: Charismatic Mass at Christ the King church on 10th March from 4pm to 6pm. Celebrant is Bishop Steve Lowe.

LEGION OF MARY: The parish Legion of Mary welcomes new members to join and serve the parish community. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7pm, in the Parish Centre. You are welcome to attend to find out more about this ministry.

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**

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

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:

Welcome back: As some of you know, school is back and the children turned up with their new uniforms, bags and big smiles. We were blessed with beautiful sunshine and our holidays, and the children have certainly loved making connections with their friends and being in new classrooms with new teachers.

Ash Wednesday: We are excited to be able to celebrate Ash Wednesday here at school. Our year 5 and 6 children will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am in our Hall. The rest of the children will receive their ashes in their classrooms. All children are aware that Ash Wednesday starts our season of Lent and a chance for us to reflect and think about the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all.

Church renovations: It's wonderful to be able to see the St Dominic's parish church being renovated. We are really excited about how it will turn out and feel very blessed to be able to help the parish through this time by offering our school hall. It's great to see parishioners moving in and out of the school as we know that the school and the parish are very close, and this will only bring us closer together in community.

Ready for learning: The 2024 year is all about being ready for learning. This is our theme and teachers are unpacking what the theme means inside the classrooms. It's all about children being ready to learn each day by having the bags packed, a healthy lunch box, stationery, a reading book and a big can-do attitude as they arrive at school. Independent and resilience are our keywords here.

School Family Picnic: Our annual family picnic will be held on the 16th of February on the top field from 5pm to 7:30pm. This is a chance for all of our parents to meet in an informal way and have take aways together and play simple games. We have a water slide and a bouncy castle for our junior children. All are welcome.

We hope everyone has a blessed week and as always if you have any ideas or questions about the school please feel free to drop in and see me. My door is always open. —Daniel

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE.

The renovation project began on 3rd January 2024. The situation as it stands now is that the Asbestos removal is complete and has been sent for certification. The subsequent cleanup will be done once the certification has been completed and cleared.

The Church bench frames have been painted and are stored in the containers outside the church. Most of the upholstery has also been completed (off site).

The electrical and building work will start next week, subject to inspection of work required to be done, post asbestos removal.

The external painting is mostly completed, and the painters will move inside the church, once the electrical/building preparation work is done.

Further updates will follow. 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: Chris Sekula, Pearl Dharmai, Ineke Merckens, Peter Gasson, Yvonne Ryan, Shirley Namhauser, Joseph Steuart, Anthony Bakarich, Fr Mario Dorado, Conrad and Margaret Rasch, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Patras Tigga.

For the Sick: John and Dolores Webb, Peter Mun, Bozena Bakarich

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