



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 (10th March 2024)

4th Sunday in Lent Year B (Scripture Readings)

2 Chron 36:14-16,19-23 God's people lived in sin, mocking God's messengers
 Psalm 136: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!
 Eph 2: 4-10 When we were dead through sin, God brought us to life
 John 3:14-21 God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
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:	Kevin Creado	Ronald D'Souza	Camryn Fernandes
1st Reading:	Natasha Fernandes	Annlynn Lopez	Seanna Sajan
2nd Reading:	Bendito Fernandes	Mabel Vivera	Joanne Jose
Ministers of Communion:	Renee D'Souza	Anne Sia	Kamla Singh
	Rex Coutinho	Cyril R	Ursula Burgess
	Sunita Fernandes	Theresa Gomes	Valyne Koh
Projectionist:	Jessie Dalgado	Karen Vivera	Sylvester D'Souza
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodal	Paul Reddy	Josh Soares
Co-Ordinator:	Leema Kishore	Mabel Vivera	Valyne Koh
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Youth

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
 N/A

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
 N/A

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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

Ex 20:1-17 The law was given through Moses
 Psalm 18: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life
 1 Cor 1:22-25 God's folly is wiser and the Lord's weakness stronger than human wisdom
 John 2:13- 25 Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3 March 2024



At this stage of your Lenten journey, how would you rate your zeal for God? Jesus' actions at the temple might shock us, yet his disciples realised that he was acting out of his zeal for the house of God. Jesus wasn't worried about what people might think of him for getting angry. His motivation was the law we hear in the reading from Exodus. We are to put God first and not satisfy our own selfish desires or think we have the right to judge others. That is, we are to let the love and mercy of God rule our lives.

According to the psalmist, the law will then refresh our souls, give us wisdom, rejoice the heart, enlighten the eye, and endure forever! It is worth noting that in his anger, Jesus actually makes the whip out of cord to drive everyone and everything from the temple area. What were his thoughts, what was his prayer as he plaited the cord into a whip?

Next time you are angry, perhaps you could take time to plait your own whip as you discern with God the right course for your actions."

~ God's Word 2024

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:19

Parish News

Fr EPHREM— We welcome Fr Ephrem back to St Dominic's parish and thank Fr Rajat and Fr Daniel who served the parish while he was away.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL HOURS: please note our school is open after school hours. There is a walkway that runs from the tennis courts right through the school. The school does not lock this gateway at the back to allow parishioners to make it to mass. We've noticed that someone is padlocking this back gate and we are unsure of who this is currently. If you are using the school on the weekends or after school and you see anything that doesn't seem right, please let the school office know and we can follow it up. The school has CCTV cameras and often we can check these to see what has been going on after school hours.

MASSES DURING THE RENOVATION (Tue. 2nd January 2024 – Friday 22nd March 2024): All Masses will be celebrated in the School Hall. Weekend Masses will be at usual timings. -
Weekday Masses **29th January to 22nd March at 7pm** -

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale: Price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College opens. Pounamu taonga for national shrine. Campaign for living wage for lowest-paid school workers. Chch Catholic women encouraged to form little communities .

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: FLL.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.

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**

The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend ONE of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

10th March | West (Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden), **14th April** | East (St Marks Pakuranga), **5th May** | South (St Annes Manurewa), **9th May** | North Shore (St Josephs Takapuna).

Register via the link below or contact the parish office:
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

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

St Dominic's School News

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

Week 5 here at school: We can't believe it's already week five. The school has had some amazing weather and children have really enjoyed being outside using the bike track and using the playgrounds. We are blessed to have three playgrounds at our school which means the children are able to play safely and split up so that we don't get too many people in one place. This can cause issues.

Bolton Street: The school is very aware that there will be a huge amount of development on Bolton Street. This is going to cause more issues and regards to parking and traveling up and down Bolton Street. This means our carpark will become even busier as people try and find car parks off Bolton Street. Please note that there are limited spaces in the car park

Lenten promises: The children are continuing with the Lenten promises and have been doing lots of learning around what Lent means to them. The assembly we had on Friday was a good example of prayers being said about Lent and our whole school understanding what a special time it is. We are working up towards our Passover meal which will take place on the 28th of March. The Passover meal starts at 11 o'clock and all children will be seated and be taken through a prayer based around the very special meal.

Church renovations: We are looking forward to the unveiling of the beautiful church that is being renovated next door to us. The roof looks amazing, and we know that once the doors open it will be an exciting time not only for the parish but for the school as well. We are so grateful that the parish is able to use our school hall in the meantime.

Church funny: Why is it hot in hell? Because it's not prayer conditioned. —Daniel Pepper

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT UPDATE.

The current update for the refurbishment project is that the contracted Asbestos removal is fully complete and certified, including resulting remedial building works. The preliminary electrical work is also now complete.

The external and internal painting has been completed and it looks really nice inside.

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

The installation of all electrical work—lighting and AV system will be done this week, starting Monday 4th March, and finally the carpet will be laid and benches installed.

Despite disruption and unforeseen maintenance issues, the refurbishment has progressed quite well. The approximate time of completion of all works is the third week of March.

Fr. Ephrem would personally like to thank all parishioners for your patience and cooperation during the refurbishment. May God bless you abundantly.

Further updates will follow. Thank you

PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR WEBSITE & NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH FOYER

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: 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.