



**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 (17th March 2024)**

**5th Sunday in Lent Year B (Scripture Readings)**

Jer 31:31-34 The days are coming when I will make a new covenant.  
 Psalm 51: Create a clean heart in me, O God  
 Heb 5:7-9 Through his prayer and obedience, Jesus became for all the source of eternal salvation.  
 John 12:20-33 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

**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, Sean Joseph, Nithin Savio  
**Sun 8:00am** Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie  
**Sun 9:30am:** Alice Schaumkel, Amanda Chidi, Lillian Schaumkel, Sione Tupu and Sean Joseph

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Matthew D'Souza	Karen Viverra	Sarah Flynn
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Kendall D'Souza	Anne Wilson	Joy Reginald-Opara
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Nita Creado	Leeda Ferdis	Anthony Carroll
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Betsy Rego	Cyril R	Anne Sia
	Helen Bailie	Theresa Gomes	Brower Jr Pule
	Wilma Barboza	Josh Soares	Natasha Pinto
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Annlynn Lopez	Vincent George
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Mabel Viverra	Eddie Sluiter
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Geeta D'Souza	Mabel Viverra	Valyne Koh
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Graham S

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 N/A

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 N/A

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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**

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.



10 March 2024

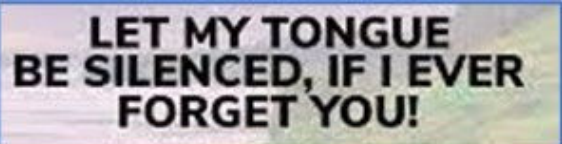


As we remember and rejoice in the mercies of God this Laetare Sunday, the readings give us beautiful images of new creations. King Cyrus is ordered to build up the temple again, Paul speaks to the Ephesians of being raised up, brought to new life in Christ Jesus, and Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up.

All this 'building up' speaks of the artistic work of our Creator God, the resurrection life we move towards each Lent. Just as a temple can be rebuilt, so too can the temple of our bodies be renewed. A work of art might be a painting, a sculpture, or a piece of music.

Yet the most beautiful work of art is undoubtedly the life of each one of us in right relationship with all of creation. A life that is created in Christ Jesus, knowing God and loving God is a life eager to be lived in the light of truth. When we live this kind of life, our only song is a hymn of praise - we believe, we love, we give thanks for the place we have in the eternal life of God."

~ God's Word 2024



## Parish News

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Will be held every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm, followed by Mass.

**VOLUNTEERS** are urgently required for assisting with the Children's Liturgy (Sun. 9:30am Mass) and the Flower Arrangers team (Sat. mornings). Parishioners happy to offer their assistance are requested to contact the Parish Office or the Liturgy Committee (Clinton 021 769135).

**A THANKGIVING MASS:** will be celebrated on the 11th anniversary of Pope Francis's election on Wed. 13th March 7pm. This Mass will also be offered in remembrance of our dear Fr. Mario Dorado on his 1<sup>st</sup> death anniversary.

**EASTER EGG DRIVE:** St. Dominic's Parish Pastoral Care Group is organising the annual Easter Egg Drive for the children of Monte Cecilia and Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge. Donations of Easter eggs etc can be dropped off in the church. We ask that all donations be made by Sunday, 24th March. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**HOLY WEEK TIMINGS: Palm Sunday:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm, SUN 24<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am.  
**Holy Thursday:** 28<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm, followed by Prayer vigil at the Altar of Repose till 10pm.  
**Good Friday Stations of the Cross:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 9:00am.  
**Good Friday Service:** Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: 3pm.  
**Easter Vigil Mass:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March: 8pm.  
**Easter Sunday Mass:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: 9:30am.

**NZ CATHOLIC:** NZ Catholic for sale: Price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: New Zealand Catholic Church faces engagement and giving challenges, survey shows; Wellington priest appointed seminary rector; PN Bishop argues for Catholic thought in the public square today.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024-2025:** are available at the back of the church. Please collect your own and not envelopes on behalf of other parishioners. Thank you.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE: This Lent** change our hearts and minds by publicly witnessing to the dignity of every human person from conception. Monday to Saturday from 7am to 1pm, corner of Dominion Road and Prospect Terrace, Mt Eden. Sign for your hour at: [FLI.org.nz/proliffevents](http://FLI.org.nz/proliffevents)

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

**The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops**, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Participants will only need to attend ONE of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion. Each session will be held on a Sunday as below, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

**14th April** | East (St Marks Pakuranga), **5th May** | South (St Annes Manurewa), **9th June** | North Shore (St Josephs Takapuna). **Register via the link below or contact the parish office:**  
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

**Divine Mercy Feast**, Sunday 7th April at 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed.

**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:**

**Week 6 here at school:** We all can't believe how fast this term is going. We only just seemed to open our classroom doors and here we are looking down the barrel of Autumn and colder days.

**Swimming:** All children need to learn to swim. At St Dominic's we take the children for 10 swimming lessons. This costs the school \$25,000. At present our Year 5/6 are being bused to Cameron Pools and our Year 1-4 will still continue to go to New Windsor pools. The children love it and even though it is very expensive, it is vital that our children learn to swim and have water confidence.

**St Joseph's Day and Grandparent day:** Another great event that is coming up is St Joseph day 19th March combined with Grandparents Day where we are inviting all grandparents into school where children can show them the classrooms, meet their friends and have lunch with them.

**Passover meal:** On the 28th of March we have our Passover meal which is on the Thursday before we break for Easter. Because the hall is currently being used by the parish, we cannot hold the Passover meal as a whole school family. In past years we've all sat down in the hall at the table and hosted this very special time together.

The 2024 Passover meal will take place in the classrooms and we will be sending out information where parents who can cook and help set up for the day so that it can be a special memory the children will have as they enter into the Easter weekend. All are welcome. —Daniel Pepper

**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**

## CHURCH REFURBISHMENT UPDATE.

The refurbishment project current update is that the contracted Asbestos removal is fully complete and certified, including resulting remedial building works.

All external and internal plastering / painting has been done and scaffolding dismantled.

All the electrical wiring has been done and projector, overhead screen and sound system has also been installed.

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). These will be assembled this week, once the carpet has been laid.

Despite disruption and unforeseen maintenance issues, the works have progressed well. The Church is expected to be ready for use by Palm Sunday.

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

Further updates will follow. Thank you

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The next meeting will on Friday 15th March at 10am in the Parish centre. All welcome. Contact Marie 6279193 or 0273813361.

**Please remember the following in the Eucharist and your personal prayer:**

**Recently Deceased/Anniversaries:** Chris Sekula, Pearl Dharmai, Ineke Merkens, 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.*