



Mass Schedule

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 (24th March 2024)

Palm Sunday of the passion of our Lord Year B (Scripture Readings)

Blessing of Palms: First Gospel: Mark 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
 Isaiah 50:4-7 The servant of the Lord did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew that the Lord was with him.
 Psalm 21: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
 Phil 2:6-11 Christ humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high
 The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: (Mark 14:1-15: 47)

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, Swinth Rodrigues, Sean Joseph
	Sun 8:00am	Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
	Sun 9:30am	Jason Dash, Jeremy Xing, Joshua Joseph, Oliver McCrills

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Matthew D'Souza	Donald Holder	Natasha Pinto
1st Reading:	Camryn Fernandes	Tom O'Hanlon	Nila Malo
2nd Reading:	Chryslyn Pinto	Charlotte Monteiro	Paul Pau
Gospel Reader 1:	Reggis Rego	Anne Wilson	Jewel Vilos
Gospel Reader 2:	Tamara Pinto	Annlyn Lopez	Josh Soares
Gospel Reader 3:	Gidget Mendonca	Irae Pule	Sarah Flynn
Ministers of Communion:	Helen Bailie	Valyne Koh	Ursula Burgess
Communion:	Bradley Pinto	Theresa Gomes	Theresa Joseph
Projectionist:	Wilma Barboza	Cyril	Paul Reddy
Chief Collector:	Sylvester D'Souza	Karen Viverra	Samoan Group
Co-Ordinator:	Allwyn Pereira	Mabel	Leonard Pinto
Music:	Goretti Sheppard	Mabel	Valyne Koh
	Youth	N/A	Samoan Group

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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

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.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

17 March 2024



It is reassuring for us to know that in God's artistic work, there is room for a new covenant. The beauty of God's artistry not only includes but uses and transforms the ugly and the dying. This is the point of the wheat grain story. Jesus is the wheat grain, full of the promise of new life, a new way of being. While scripture says that 'being lifted up' indicated the kind of death Jesus would die, it also indicates what is necessary - dying.

In Jesus being lifted up from the earth, which could only happen after the wheat grain died, he was showing us how to live in the new covenant. We must let die all that does not belong to the reign of love and mercy, and we can do this because our God is a God who 'not only forgives our iniquities but never calls them to mind.' This wheat grain story is such an exceptional teaching you might have to read that last sentence again!

Then all will be drawn to Jesus. We will live in him, with the new covenant written deeply in our hearts. We shall be the people of God.

~ God's Word 2024

Create in me a clean heart, O God

Parish News

RECOMCILIATION RITE 2: of the Western Deanery. St Dominic's will join the Reconciliation with St Mary's Avondale on 20th March 2024 at 7:00pm. Therefore there will NOT be the usual 7pm Mass in the school hall. Other RECOMCILIATION RITE 2 dates are: Holy Cross Henderson on 19th March and Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden on 21st March at 7pm.

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

HOLY WEEK TIMINGS: Palm Sunday: Saturday 23rd March 6pm, SUN 24th March 9:30am. (Parishioners are requested to bring along some greenery/palms that will be blessed)

Holy Thursday: 28th March 7:30pm, followed by Prayer vigil at the Altar of Repose till 10pm.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 29th April 9:00am.

Good Friday Service: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: 3pm.

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th March: 8pm. (Parishioners are requested to bring their own candle with holder as well as a plate of food to share in the celebrations after Mass)

Easter Sunday Mass: Sunday 31st March: 9:30am. **(There will be no 8am Mass)**

The roster for **HOLY WEEK** is on the parish website.

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.

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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE: Clinton Correa has resigned from the Liturgy Committee and we are grateful for the hard work he has done during his tenure on the committee. The Parish is blessed to have his expertise over the past year. Clinton - we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

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.

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/>

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

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:

EASTER celebrations: We are all working really hard to keep our Lenten promises here at school. We are planning for Easter and the children are really looking forward to the learning around this most special time in our Catholic calendar. All the children will be making Palms ready for Palm Sunday. They will also be making a special Yellow Flower for the risen Christ liturgy we will be holding here at school on the 3rd.

Monday 25th March – Palm Sunday Liturgy – 1pm

Thursday 28th March – All children dressed in Jesus clothes. Passover meal will be in class at 1pm

Swimming: Our Middle school and Junior school start swimming this coming week. The children are loving these lessons and learning so much. Swimming is a life long skill we need to ensure children are being taught.

Easter Break: The school will be closed from 29th March to 2nd April 2024.

Some stats for you: In the Auckland Diocese 23,500 young people are enrolled in our 42 primary schools and 15 secondary colleges.

Passover meal: 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 painting, electrical wiring and carpet laying has been done. The projector, overhead screen and sound system has been installed and tested. The Church bench frames have been painted and final assembly of the pews will be completed this week.

Despite disruption and unforeseen maintenance issues, the works have progressed well. The Church is expected to be ready for use by Palm Sunday. The church building will be blessed by Fr. Ephrem before we resume celebrating Masses, the date/time will be confirmed and advised.

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.

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.

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.