



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) 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 (31st March 2024)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B (Scripture Readings)

Acts 10:34a,37-43: We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.
Ps 117 (118): This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Col 3:1-4: When Christ appears, then you shall appear with in glory.
Jn 20:1-9: Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty.

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

	<u>Sat 8:00pm</u>		<u>Sun 9:30am</u>
Hospitality:			
1st Reading:			
2nd Reading:			
Gospel Reader 1:			
Gospel Reader 2:			
Gospel Reader 3:	HOLY	WEEK	ROSTER
Ministers of			
Communion:			
Communion:			
Projectionist:			
Chief Collector:			
Co-Ordinator:			
Music:			

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We, the People of God, continue Christ's Mission of Love in our Diversity.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
TODAY'S 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
 (Mark 14:1-15: 47): The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: .



24th March 2024



Are you prepared to hear the Easter story this year? With your disciple's ear ready, shoulders back, and face set like flint, take a deep breath. As you exhale, let go of your own story, all selfishness and pride. Let yourself become little, humble before your God. It might take a few breaths to do this, to really let go of all your ideas, convictions, and plans, no matter how good they are.

Breathe ... Breathe in the love born of covenant peace and breathe out anything hindering your deep listening to the story this year. Give yourself some time. This is an opportunity for you to let the seeds of your Lenten prayer bear fruit.

Now read the Passion Narrative slowly (Mark 14:1—15:47), and in the space that you have cleared in your heart, keep this word firmly, let it live and grow in your whole being as you journey through this Holy Week." ~ God's Word 2024

Making Connections (Between the readings)

The first reading provides the first moment of stark contrast between the procession's triumphant tones and the gravity of the passion. The glory of Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem was not for its own sake. The beautiful hymn of the second reading captures this paradox in all its fullness: Jesus shares God's being by rights, but by choice humble himself to death. It is this humility that allows his even greater exaltation and the worship we now bring to the one who gives us life.



Parish News

ST DOMINIC'S PARISH FAMILY DAY: Sunday 7th April from 11:00am onwards at the St. Dominics School grounds (School Hall, in case it rains). This is an event filled with fun and games. There will be hot food & a sausage sizzle. Entry is FREE, however small donation/Koha will be appreciated. So please bring your family and friends along. We would love to see our parish community come together as one.

HOLY WEEK Collection: (1) The collection at Easter is in appreciation for priests and is given directly to them. **(2)** The collection on Good Friday goes towards the upkeep of the Holy Places.

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. (Please bring a plate of food to share in the Morning Tea after Mass **(There will be no 8am Mass)**.)

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

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.

HELPERS WANTED: to help with serving refreshments after the Easter Masses. Please contact Anne Sia or Valyne Koh, if you can help. THANK YOU

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.

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale: Price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: Dunedin diocese eyes self-insurance as premiums soar; Holy Cross welcomes six new seminarians; Pilgrimage endures despite Holy Land turmoil.

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: will be re-starting this season and the next session will be held on Sunday 21st April 2024 at 2pm, in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to join.

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.

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**

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

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:

Passover meal: We have a special Passover meal planned for the children on Holy Thursday 28th. We do this every second year with the other year being the Stations of the Cross. This year, because the parish has been using our school hall, we will be having the meal in individual classes. The meal/liturgy will start at 1pm and all children will take part from our new entrants to our seniors. Children will be dressed in Jesus type clothing for this day.

Our 4 school Values: St. Dominic de Guzman, an itinerant preacher and our school and parish namesake, founded the Order of Preachers in 1216. "Dominicans" as they are known are formed throughout their lives according to the four pillars St. Dominic established –

Prayer, Study, Community and Service.

At St Dominics Catholic Primary School we have 4 school values.

Aroha, Respect, Perseverance and **Respect**, derived from the 4 pillars of the Dominican order.

Our values form the basis to all that we do here at school. We use these inside and outside the classes and all children can tell you what these are and why they are important here at school and at home. All schools have values however at Catholic schools these Values are gospel based.

Schools goals this year: Every year the school sets direction to what it want to achieve and work on. This year and into 2025 we have set the following 3 goals that we would like to improve and develop in the school

Deliver a literacy programme that caters for all learners within our classrooms.

Develop our Te Wa plan so that it forms the basis to how we learn and grow our understanding of our responsibilities to Te Tiriti.

Support and guide new families when it comes to our Special Catholic Character.. —Daniel Pepper

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT UPDATE.

The refurbishment project is finally and fully complete.

Despite disruption and unforeseen maintenance issues, the works progressed well. The church building was blessed by Fr. Ephrem this weekend.

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

Kairos New Zealand are hosting 10th anniversary of Annual 'GetSet' retreat at Houghtons Bush Camp, Muriwai, from 12th to 14th April 2024 2:45pm. We invite all young adults aged 18-35 years to attend. The Theme "By the Stream" based on Psalm 1:1-3 and explore what it means to be refreshed and renewed by God's Word. The retreat is filled with insightful talks, Praise and Worship, Workshop, Games and above all an opportunity to grow in your faith, widen your friend circle and have fun in doing all of this. Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/GetSet2024>. For more information, please contact Karyn Coutinho 021806855 or email getset.auckland@gmail.com

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 remember the following in the Eucharist and your personal prayer:

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Vern Walker, 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, 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.