

#### **CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Southcombe family (6 April 2024)

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

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This is the day which the LORD has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.

# Parish News

Rejoice in the promise of Easter, for Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia! Wishing you a blessed Easter season, filled with the peace and presence of the risen Lord. May the hope of Easter fill your heart with joy and your soul with everlasting peace

### 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.



Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts:** for the 2022-2023 Tax Year will be available later this month **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 <u>your own</u> and <u>not envelopes on behalf of other parishioners</u>. 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

"REQUESTS FOR MASS" Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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

**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 <u>name</u> and <u>planned giving number</u>

# St Domíníc's School News

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

**Easter blessings:** The wishing all in the parish a special Easter blessing. The School and Parish have long had a tight relationship going right back to when the parishioners built the school.

Our school has been built and grown on the shoulders of the parishioners and at times like Easter, the very essence of our faith, the school would like to thank the parish for all that they do for the school.

**Our four school Values:** St. Dominic de Guzman, an itinerant preacher and our school and parish namesake, founded the Order of Preachers in 1216. "Dominicans" are formed throughout their lives according to the four pillars St. Dominic established –<u>Prayer, Study, Community and Service</u>.

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.

# Happy Easter everyone.

St Dominic's Catholic Primary School Board of Trustees, Staff and School families. ~ 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 last weekend.

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

Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm.

University Ministry Coordinator - Catholic Diocese of Auckland - To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Vern Walker, Chris Sekula, Pearl Dharmai, Ineke Merkens, Peter Gasson, Bernadette Waith, Yvonne Ryan, Shirley Namhauser, Joseph Steuart, Anthony Bakarich, Fr Mario Dorado, Conrad and Margaret Rasch, 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.