



*Mass Schedule*

**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  
 Parish Renewal Rosary (Every Saturday) 6:30am to 7:30am

**SACRAMENTS**

Reconciliation Every Saturday 8:30am to 9:30am  
 Baptism classes: 1st and 2nd Saturdays of the month 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
 (Please see the Church noticeboard and Website as well)

**NEXT SUNDAY (14th April 2024)**

**3rd Sunday of Easter Year B (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Acts 4:32-35 They were of one heart and soul  
**2nd Reading:** 1Jn 5:1-6 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ, is a child of God.  
**Gospel Reading:** Jn 20:19-31 After eight days Jesus came and stood in among them.  
**Psalm:** Ps 118 (117): Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**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**



**Sat 6:00pm** Carlos Pulini, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph  
**Sun 8:00am** Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie  
**Sun 9:30am:** Angeline Xing, Braeli Faith, Chuka Chidi, Sophia Xing

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Peter Dalgado	Karen Viverra	Ethan Dharmai
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Rekha Baptista	Annlynn Lopez	Izabel Queen
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Bendito Fernandes	Ronald D'Souza	Seanna Sajan
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Betsy Rego	Anne Sia	Kamla Singh
<b>Communion:</b>	Jessie Dalgado	Paul Reddy	Pius Joseph
<b>Communion:</b>	Rex Coutinho	Valyne Koh	Ursula Burgess
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Irae Pule	Sylvester D'Souza
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Josh Tham	Paul Reddy	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Leema Kishore	Jewel Villos	Jewel Villos
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Youth

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 Naomi Franich and family (13 April 2024)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 Goretti Sheppard (13 April 2024)

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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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**SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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*7th April 2024*

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Thomas was absent at the first appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples, but he was the central character in the second appearance which ends with a beatitude forever associated with him: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Thomas represents future generations of Christians who are called to believe on the testimony of others. At the Last Supper, in his prayer to the Father, Jesus already had them in mind: 'I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you' (John 17:20-21). As profound as Thomas' confession was after he came to believe, the faith of those who do not enjoy the kind of experience he and the other disciples had is more remarkable. Peter speaks so beautifully of this faith: 'You did not see him, yet you love him, and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls' (1 Peter 1:8-9).

**Wishing you a joyous and blessed Eastertide!**



Among us, who is above must be in service of the others. This doesn't mean we have to wash each other's feet every day, but we must help one another."  
 (Pope Francis)



## 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. Dominic's School grounds (School Hall, if 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.

**Fr Ephrem's Anniversary:** The parish will celebrate the 22nd Ordination Anniversary of Fr Ephrem on Sunday 14 April at the 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are warmly invited to this Mass of thanksgiving, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre at 10:45am organised by the PPC. If you would like to assist with the morning tea, please contact Anne Sia or Natasha Pinto

**ST DOMINIC'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** have lessons every Sunday from 10:45am to 12 Noon, in the School hall for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, starting from Sunday 5th May. The key dates are as follows: • **Registration** closes Thursday 2nd May • **Parents meeting** Thursday 2nd May at 7:00pm in the **school staff room**. • The sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion is on Sunday 22nd September with Bishop Steve Lowe.

**Kendall D'souza** has resigned as a Youth Leader and PPC member after 5 years of outstanding service to the parish. The PPC want to acknowledge with sincere thanks her work, efforts and leadership over the period. We are grateful to Kendall's family for their support to her in this role. We will acknowledge Kendall's contributions at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday 21 April followed by a morning tea, organised by the PPC, in the parish centre. All are welcome.

**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.

**Tax Receipts:** for the 2023-2024 Tax Year will be available later this month. 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.

**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

Christ  
is risen  
He is risen  
indeed  
Alleluia !



## St Dominic'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 – **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.

Easter funny: Therapist: What's been up lately?

Chocolate bunny: I don't know Doc, I just feel so hollow inside. ~ 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. ~ 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](mailto: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.

**Dove Catholic Fellowship** is celebrating 40 years of ministry to the women of New Zealand. There are celebration days planned in North Shore, Hamilton and Nelson. For information on these, please check out our website: [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz) Blessings, Gloria Stafford, National Leader.

**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.*