



*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 (28th April 2024)**

**5th Sunday of Easter Year B (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Acts 9: 26-31 Barnabus told the apostles how the Lord appeared to Saul  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Jn 3:18-24 His commandments are that we believe and that we love one another.  
**Gospel Reading:** Jn15:1-8 All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. .  
**Psalm:** Ps 21: I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people .

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

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Carol D'Souza	Josh Soares	Paul Pa'u
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Natasha Fernandes	Irae Pule	Richard O'Malley
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Camryn Fernandes	Mabel Viviera	Nila Malo
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Betsy Rego	Anne Sia	Kamla Singh
<b>Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Charlotte Monteiro	Natasha Pinto
<b>Communion:</b>	Renee D'Souza	Valyne Koh	Pius Joseph
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Sylvester D'Souza	Karen Viviera	Samoan Community
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Neil Monteiro	Paul Reddy
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Valyne Koh	Paul Reddy
<b>Music:</b>	Youth	N/A	Samoan Community

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Simone & Leslie D'Mello (27 April 2024)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**

Goretti Sheppard (27 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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**THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER  
 TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1st Reading:** Acts 4:8-12 By this name and no other can we find salvation  
**2nd Reading:** 1Jn 3:1-2 We shall see God as He is .  
**Gospel Reading:** Jn 10:11-18 The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.  
**Psalm:** Ps 118 (117): The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.



*21st April 2024*



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. John introduces the image of the shepherd by describing how the shepherd enters the sheepfold, calls the sheep by name, and leads the flock to pasture. Then Jesus identifies himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. The text mentions the suspicion often levelled at shepherds by acknowledging that those who came before Jesus were indeed 'thieves and robbers' (John 10:0). The image is transformed completely when the title 'good shepherd' is applied to Jesus. The context makes clear that Jesus is not claiming expertise in animal husbandry; rather, it suggests that he is claiming a special relationship with the flock. Responsible leaders, like good shepherds, were expected to seek the welfare of the flock and even risk their lives for the flock, but only Jesus, the good shepherd, would lay down his life for the sheep. People today, most of whom sec? shepherds only in movies or on television, are nonetheless moved by the comforting image of a shepherd. In times of difficulty or intense sorrow, they derive comfort from praying Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (v. 1). Moreover, the image of Jesus as Good Shepherd challenges religious leaders to be 'shepherds after God's own heart' and inspires the? people, the 'flock', to turn to him for love and security. ~ God's Word 2024



## Parish News

**REFURBISHMENT CONTRACTORS THANKS** All the contractors and people who worked on the refurbishment will be officially thanked and appreciated for their work at the end of the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 21st April. This will be followed by a shared morning tea, organised by the PPC, in the parish centre. All are welcome.

**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.

**NZ CATHOLIC:** NZ Catholic for sale: Price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** All welcome. Contact Marie 6279193 or 0273813361.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUPS:** There are a number of Prayer Groups in the parish, mainly during the week. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining any of them.

**LEGION OF MARY:** The parish Legion of Mary welcomes new members to join and serve the parish community. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7pm, in the Parish Centre. You are welcome to attend to find out more about this ministry.

**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 are available in the foyer. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** - Volunteers are required to assist once a month with Children's Liturgy held every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you are happy to help

**HOUSIE:** Every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. St. Dominic's Housie group need volunteers to help with various aspects of the activity. If you can help, please contact Anne Sia on 027 448 8348 . 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](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:**

**School Holidays – 13 April – 29 April:** We are all looking forward to the upcoming school holidays. It has been a great but busy term. We especially enjoyed the Easter Celebrations where we celebrated the Palm Sunday, the Passover Meal and the return of the Risen Christ.

**Te Wa Journey:** We are on a journey to ensure that all ākonga (students) in our school learn how our history has shaped our present day lives. Alongside this is the journey that our school needs to take in understanding our story here in the Bay, and how our Catholic faith came to New Zealand.

In regards to the history of the Bay, we are seeking parish voice. The stories and rich history that our elders have, need to be captured for future years. Their personal lives and connections to the St Dominic's community have meaning, and so much learning can be had for our children and our whole community. We know that as time moves on, these stories are being lost, and we hope to capture at least some of them that have shaped and given strength to our community.

Watch this space as we approach parishioners to ask them to tell their stories. If you would like to be part of this project, please feel free to see us, or contact Joanne, at [admin@stdominics.school.nz](mailto:admin@stdominics.school.nz) or on phone 626 5391.

**School and Parish Footpath Access:** We are currently obtaining quotes for the new footpath that will be commissioned in the coming months. This footpath will be extended from the oak tree directly out to the entrance. The hope is that we can eliminate the need to use the driveway to access the school and Parish, thus making it a safer place for children, parents and parishioners.

**School reopens on Monday the 29th of April** when we can start to teach the children all about the importance of Pentecost. The school will be celebrating Mass with the Parish on the 17th of May at 9:15am. See you then.

**Church Funny:** Prayer at Sea: As the storm raged, the captain realised his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" A man stepped forward. "Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we're one short." ~ 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.

**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.

**Pilgrims of Hope** -- The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

**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.*