



**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday Eucharist**  
 Saturday 6.00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am  
**Weekday Eucharist**  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:15am  
 Wednesday 7:00pm  
 Saturday 8:00am  
 First Friday (Mass of Healing & Anointing of the sick) 7:00pm  
 First Friday Adoration followed by Mass 6:30pm  
 Parish Renewal Rosary (Every Saturday) 6:30am  
 Reconciliation Every Saturday 11:30am to 12:30pm  
 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 (5th May 2024)**

**6th Sunday of Easter Year B (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Gentiles also.  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Jn 4:7-10 God is Love.  
**Gospel Reading:** Jn 15:9-17 No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.  
**Psalm:** Ps 21: I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.

**Rosters:** The rosters for various ministries 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**

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Christopher Dalgado, Sean Joseph, Nithin Savio, Swinth Rodrigues
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
	<b>Sun 9:30am:</b>	Alice Schaumkel, Amanda Chidi, Sione Tupu, Lillian Schaumkel

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Matthew D'Souza	Ronald D'Souza	Jewel Villos
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Reggis Rego	Tom O'Hanlon	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Yvette Correa	Anne Wilson	Irae Pule
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Bradley Pinto	Cyril R	Teresa Joseph
<b>Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Josh Soares	Ursula Burgess
<b>Communion:</b>	Wilma Barboza	Karen Vivera	Theresa Gomes
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Rob Villos	Brower Jr Pule
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Josh Tham	Mabel Vivera	Eddie Sluiter
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Joseph Moodal	Mabel Vivera	Paul Reddy
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Divine Mercy

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 Simone & Leslie D'Mello (4 May 2024)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello (4 May 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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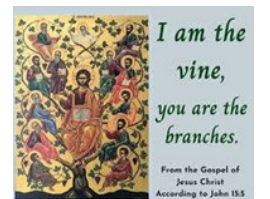
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**FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER  
 TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1st Reading:** Acts 9: 26-31 Barnabas 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 21/22: I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.

**5th Sunday of Easter**

*28th April 2024*



Viticulture or the production of grapes was as common in Israel in Jesus' time as it is today. The vines are usually planted on the slopes of hills, which were less suitable for the planting of crops. The ground is cleared of stones and terraced, the vineyard secured by an enclosing wall or hedge, and a watchtower is built for an additional protection. These steps are described in the Vineyard Song in Isaiah 5.

Metaphorically, Israel is compared with the vine (Psalm 80). It was brought out of Egypt (the Exodus story) and planted in the promised land. It was the peculiar object of the care of the Lord from which he expected much fruit. But the vine yielded only 'wild grapes', or, more precisely, grapes that rot before they are ripe. Israel did not produce the fruits expected by the divine grower because of its bloodshed and injustice.

At the Last Supper, when Jesus declares that he is the 'true vine', he proclaims that he is the new Israel who bears fruits pleasing to God. But he also focuses on his disciples whom he calls 'branches'. United with Jesus, they become the new Israel, the new people of God. But to bear fruit that is pleasing to the vine grower, they must abide with Jesus. They must stay attached to Jesus as if their life depended on it. Pope Francis says that to remain in Jesus means - 'To do good, to help others, to pray to the Father, to care for the sick, to help the poor, to have the joy of the Holy Spirit' ~ God's Word 2024

*I will praise you, Lord,  
 in the assembly of your people.*

# Parish News



**VOCATION SUNDAY:** Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Please continue to pray for our seminarians. Donate at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate). More details on the foyer noticeboard.

**MORNING TEA:** There is no morning tea on the first Sunday of May but all mothers are warmly invited on 12th May to a morning tea following the 9:30am Mass, where they will be served and pampered. Please bring a plate for all to share. Thank you.

**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.

**KNITTING FOR CHARITY:** will be re-starting this season and the next session will be held on Sunday 5th May 2024 at 2pm, in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to join.

**The Lamb of God Christian Community** invites you to a "Life in the Spirit" seminar on 11th & 12th May at Christ the King Parish Hall. Come and experience the Holy Spirit in your life. For more information and to register check the church notice board or visit <https://bit.ly/LISS-2024>.

**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 021 920 983. 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

# 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. ~ Daniel Pepper

## Other News

**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.

**Let's Talk About Mary** 8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore Mary, missionary disciple. Please register [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

**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/>

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 3rd May 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

**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:** 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.*