



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
 First Friday (Mass of Healing & Anointing of the sick) 9:15am
 First Friday Adoration followed by Mass 6:30pm
 Parish Renewal Rosary (Every Saturday) 6:30am

Reconciliation and Exposition Every Saturday 11:30am-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)



Mass Schedule

NEXT SUNDAY (12th May 2024)

The Ascension of the Lord Year B (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Why are you looking at the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven.
2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-13 Bear with one another charitably.
Gospel: Mk 16:15-20 The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.
Psalm: Ps 46 (47): God mounts his throne with shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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

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

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Natasha Fernandes	Annlynn Lopez	Seanna Sajan
1st Reading:	Betsy Rego	Karen Vivera	Joanne Jose
2nd Reading:	Carol D'Souza	Josh Soares	Izabel Queen
Ministers of Communion:	Jessie Dalgado	Charlotte Monteiro	Anne Sia
Communion:	Renee D'Souza	Paul Reddy	Kamla Singh
Communion:	Sunita Fernandes	Valyne Koh	Verena Sluiter
Projectionist:	Nestor Reynolds	Irae Pule	Samoan Community
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodal	Neil Monteiro	Melinda Hamlyn
Co-Ordinator:	Leema Kishore	Mabel Vivera	Jewel Villos
Music:	Trinity Choir	N/A	Samoan Community

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Anna Su & Jerry Xing (11 May 2024)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Irae Pule & Lisa Kachappilly (11 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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**SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER
 TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-48 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 98 (97): The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.



5th May 2024



In today's first reading, we hear of another experience of the Holy Spirit coming down on all the listeners, including those who did not believe. This reminds us of the generosity, breadth and inclusivity of God's outpouring of the Spirit of Love. Let our hearts be formed by Love. Let our lives be formed by Love. Let our relationships be formed by Love.

Today's Gospel repeats words we have received in the daily readings this week: Ask, Chosen, Remain, Friend, Fruit, Love, Joy. Choose one of these words and speak it aloud. Breathe it in slowly. Allow the gift of this word to flow through you. Breathe it out upon the world.
 ~ God's Word 2024

During this Easter season, the Word of God continues to point out to us the styles of life that are consistent with being the community of the Risen One. Among these, today's Gospel presents us with Jesus' instructions: "abide in my love" (Jn 15:9): to abide in Jesus' love. To live in the flow of God's love, to take up permanent residence there, is the condition to ensure that our love does not lose its ardour and boldness along the way.

Like Jesus and in him, we too must welcome with gratitude the love that comes from the Father and abide in this love, trying to avoid being separated from it by egoism and sin. It is a demanding project but it is not impossible. ~ Pope Francis

"As the Father Loves me, so I also Love you."

Parish News

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.

SATURDAY 8am MASS: With effect from 11th May 2024, the parish will no longer have the 8am Mass on Saturdays. The last day for this Mass is 4th May 2024.

PARISH MISSION REVIEW: We are looking to redefine our parish vision and goals, in line with “Divine Renovation”, where we take our parish from “Maintenance” to “Mission”. To begin this process we are using the Diocese recommended Parish Mission Review questionnaire. We request parishioners to fill in this form and leave it in the box in the foyer. This questionnaire is anonymous, so please feel free to be open and honest, so we can improve our Parish life. 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: New name sought for Christchurch cathedral. Workshop helps identify future Catholic school principals. Church recognises right to a good reputation. Strengthening relationships after marriage.

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

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: The next session will be held on Sunday 5th May 2024 at 2pm, in the Parish Centre, knitting woollies for Monte Cecilia. 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 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 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 is Back! All the children came back with loads of smiles and many stories from their break. A few went overseas, a few travelled around New Zealand, and many stayed in Auckland to enjoy their local areas and have fun as families. Often holidays become a juggle with work and home -life, however parents do a wonderful job trying to make the holidays a little different and loads of FUN! Back to school means catching up with friends and even more learning!

Mother’s Day is coming up! On the 10th of May, we are holding our Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast here at school from 8:00am to 9:00am. All Mums, Grandmothers and other mother figures, are invited to attend a special breakfast in the hall, to celebrate the wonderful things they do for us each and every day! We will be providing coffee, a few treats, and also a special performance from the school choir, which always goes down a treat! See you there!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: These are taking place next week over two days. A chance for parents to come into school and ask questions, and see what their children have been learning and where they can help at home. Each family gets 10 minutes with the teacher.

School hall painted: Over the holidays we had the inside and outside of the school hall painted. We kept it simple, but it has freshened up the hall and kitchen area and now looks nice and clean!

Te Wa....how you can get involved! There are many people in the parish that have helped shape, build and grow the community we now find ourselves in, and we would love for you to be involved in our research. I have approached a few people myself, however there are many others that I know have also helped contribute to our school’s history, and I would like to be able to contact you personally to see if you would like to be part of this initiative. The format of the interviews will be between 20 and 30 minutes and these will take place here at school. Children will lead these interviews with a set of questions that we have collectively created, and the interviews will be recorded and transcribed. At the end of the gathering stage, we will then put them into some sort of format - both online and in text - so that we could not only share it back to the parish, but also use it here as a learning tool for generations to come. I see it as bringing together the history of our community, the history of our charism and also the history of the Tangata Whenua. Please see the insert in this week’s Parish newsletter for further information and check out the display board in the parish foyer.

Have a blessed week everyone. . ~ 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 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

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

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.