



**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday 6:00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am

**Weekday Eucharist**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:15am  
 Wednesday - Novena at 6:45pm followed by Mass at 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 refer Holy Week Roster in the Church Noticeboard and Website)**

**NEXT SUNDAY (27th APRIL 2025)**

**2nd Sunday of Easter (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Acts 5:12-16 The numbers of people who came to believe in the Lord increased.

**2nd Reading:** Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 I was dead and now I am to live forever and ever.

**Gospel Reading:** Jn 20:19-31 Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

**Psalm:** Ps 117 (118): Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**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> Braelei Faith, Sean Joseph, Carlos Rudra Pulini
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b> Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun, Javier Soares
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b> Nithin Savio, Jessica MacKenzie, Sione Tupu

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Rekha Baptista	Josh Soares	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Natasha Fernandes	Anne Wilson	Natasha Pinto
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Leema Rose	Melinda Hamlyn	Richard O'Malley
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Reenie D'Souza	Teresa Gomez	Valyne Koh
<b>Communion:</b>	Sunita Fernandes	Tino Malo	Kamla Singh
<b>Communion:</b>	Helen Bailee	Anne Sia	Paul Reddy
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Sylvester	Irae Pule	Samoan Group
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Romir Baptista	Neil D'Souza	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Geeta D'Souza	Jewel Villos	Valyne Koh
<b>Music:</b>	Kendall	N/A	Samoan Group

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Kevin Creado & family - 26th April 2025)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 (Nita Creado - 26th April 2025)

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**ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
 Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki

BLOCKHOUSE BAY  
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*We, the People of God, continue Christ's Mission of Love in our Diversity.*

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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**Easter Sunday (Scripture Readings)**

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43** We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead  
**Col 3:1-4** When Christ appears, then you shall appear with in glory  
**Jn 20:1-9** Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty  
**Ps 117 (118)** This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad



As light marked the dawning of Easter faith for some women, the Gospel of John points out that when a disconsolate Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, it was 'still dark'. She suggests to Peter and the Beloved Disciple that someone has stolen the body. She opens her experience of resurrection in the darkness of unfaith. But her words to the disciples send them on their way to the tomb. The Beloved Disciple, spurred on by his love for Jesus, arrives first and looks into the empty tomb. Respecting the authority of Peter, the Beloved Disciple stands back to allow Peter to see that the empty cloths have been carefully folded and lain at different parts of the tomb. Someone else has indeed entered the story! We hear nothing of Peter's faith response, but the Beloved Disciple, the best of all disciples in the Gospel of John, enters the tomb, sees, and believes. It was not until then that the disciples were able to remember and believe the words of Scripture: Jesus' promise of resurrection on the other side of death. Easter can lead us from hard-nosed unfaith (the darkness), through doubt (running to the tomb), to belief that God will always have the last word: resurrection (he saw and believed). ~ God's Word 2024

*He is not here*

**HE IS RISEN**

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**HAPPY EASTER**

# Parish News

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors: **Fr. Ranjit's birthday** is on 22 April 2025. Please join us in celebrating his first birthday here at St. Dominic's with a Morning Tea on the **first Sunday in May - 04/05/25**. If you would like to assist with set-up/serving/clean-up please let Natasha/Anne know by emailing the parish. Your contribution with a plate of either savoury or sweet finger food would be appreciated. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, please do so using the box that has been placed at the back of the church (weekend masses only).

**Parish Youth Group: The first Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM Mass** is led by the youth of our parish. Additionally, there is a **youth program on the 4th Friday evening** of each month, and the **youth choir leads the Mass on the 1st Sunday**. Inviting all young people to be a part of the vibrant St. Dom's Youth Group and experience community, faith, and growth together! We kindly request that you use these new e-mail addresses for all future communications.

**Kairos New Zealand** are hosting our Annual 'GetSet' retreat at **Houghtons Bush Camp, Muriwai, from Friday 2 May 2025 6pm onwards to Sunday 4 May 2025 2.45pm**. This is the 11th year of GetSet and it promises to be a special one. We invite all young adults aged 18-35 years to attend. The Theme this year is "Born For such at time as This" based on Ephesians 2:10. 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/getset2025>. For more information, contact Karyn Coutinho 021806855 or [get-set.auckland@gmail.com](mailto:get-set.auckland@gmail.com)

**KNITTING FOR CHARITY:** will be held at 2pm on the 13th & 27th of April 2025, which is the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, in the Parish Centre. We will be knitting woolen garments for the Monte Cecilia Trust. All are welcome to join."

**Legion of Mary 'Our Lady of Grace' Praesidium** The Legion of Mary holds its meeting every **Tuesday evening, in the Parish Centre at 7pm**. This worldwide apostolic group has over 10 million members in 170 Countries. Join us and discern if this is a suitable ministry for you to be part of. Your sacrifice of time and effort in this service, brings forth blessings from our Lord Jesus and Mother Mary. Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

**Beans 4 All Appeal:** "Beans 4 All, One bite at a time" is a Monte Cecilia programme where our Whanau Support Coordinators deliver a Monte Cecilia Food pack with ingredients (including canned beans, kidney beans, black beans or other beans) along with a recipe (such as Mexican Chilli, or Minestrone Soup), encouraging our families to try something new, and give it a try to include beans in their meals. Any donation of canned beans, diced tomatoes, pasta or rice is greatly appreciated and will go directly helping families eat well and healthy.

**Cathedral Parish Secretary:** The Cathedral Parish of St Patricks & St Josephs is currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Secretary. They are seeking a talented person able to ensure the effective and efficient day to day running of the Cathedral office and to support the Dean of the Cathedral. To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit the Diocesan website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPS FOR 2025-26** are available in the Church foyer for collection or by contacting Parish Office. **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

**PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts for the Yr. 2024-25 is now ready to collect.**

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Please register yourselves and your families directly on our website: <https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/>

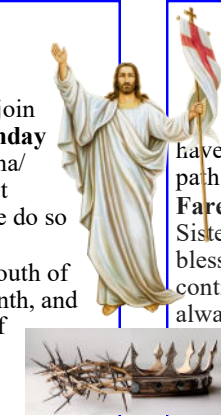
"REQUESTS FOR MASS" Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**CUT OFF Times for items in the newsletter is 3:00pm THURSDAY. THANK YOU**

**DONATIONS / PLANNED GIVING:** To join our Planned Giving scheme please 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:

Welcome everyone to the school insert into the parish newsletter. We thank you for letting us have this space and keeping everyone up to speed with what is happening in your school across the path.

**Farewell to Sister Joan and Sister Helen** This week, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Sister Joan and Sister Helen as they transition to retirement villages. Their dedication, faith, and service have been a blessing to our school community, and we will miss them dearly. We pray that God's grace and love continue to guide and uphold them in this new chapter of their lives. May His blessings be upon them always.

**Marae trip to te Kamaka marae.** Last week, our entire school had the incredible opportunity to visit **Te Kamaka Marae** on the North Shore. It was a truly brilliant event, with our students traveling by bus and receiving an **excellent pōwhiri (welcome)** upon arrival. The children's behaviour was outstanding, and they engaged deeply in the experience. Throughout the day, we explored the **connections between Catholic faith and Māori traditions**, as well as the **rich history of the local area**—which, excitingly, ties back to our own space in **Blockhouse Bay**. This learning aligns beautifully with the work we are doing in understanding local whenua (land) and deepening our school's knowledge of our community's history. The atmosphere was filled with **whānau spirit**, with **amazing parents, enthusiastic children, and beautiful waiata (songs)** creating a strong sense of connection. It was a day full of learning, reflection, and pride—a trip that will be remembered for years to come. Ngā mihi to everyone who made this experience so special!

We thank all the parents and helpers for the day and it truly was a feast to remember.

Drop over any time for a chat and a cup to tea.

~ Daniel Pepper

## Other News

The next Alpha Session will take place at 7pm on Monday 28th April 2025 and the topic will be: **"How Can I Make The Most Of The Rest Of My Life?"** If this topic causes a stir within you, then Come and Join us and let's discover the answer together.

**Year of Jubilee** Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of Jubilee Events. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. Explore [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/)

**Purple Orchid's Sacred Europe with Switzerland Tour** – One of our most popular and best-selling tours visiting 5 countries which includes: Rome - Assisi - Pisa - Padova - Venice - Engelberg - Lucerne - Paris - Lourdes - Salamanca - Fatima – Lisbon. Tour Date: **19<sup>th</sup> September - 3rd October 2025 - NZ school holidays**. For further details please contact Salvito D'Souza, Mobile:0211 899679 OR Email : [dsalvito@hotmail.com](mailto:dsalvito@hotmail.com)

## Engaged / Planning a wedding?

### Catholic Diocese of Auckland – Approved Marriage Preparation Course

Book your Marriage Preparation Course early 1 year for NZ and 18months for overseas weddings

Register & Book here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

For more information contact: Gerry at [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) M: 021 02247442

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

**Recently Deceased/Anniversaries:** Maggie Rebello, Elsa Olla, Janet Jensen, Elsy Vivera, Vern Walker, Chris Sekula, Pearl Dharmai, Ineke Merkens, Peter Gasson, Bernadette Waith, Yvonne Ryan, Fr Mario Dorado, Conrad & Margaret Rasch, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Patras Tigga, William Maguire (Bill), Frederick Rodgers (Fred), Daisy Menezes.

**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.*



Do not let your heart be troubled. Have faith in God.