



MASS TIMES

Sunday Eucharist
 Saturday 6:00pm
 Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Weekday Eucharist
Monday 7:00am
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:15am
Tuesday Reconciliation & Exposition will take place after the 9:15 AM Mass and continue until 11:00 a.m.
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
Saturday Parish Renewal Rosary 7:30am and Sacrament of Baptism (By Fr. Ranjit) 10.00 am - 12 Noon
 (Please see the Church noticeboard and Website)
 Sacristan: Joseph (0220894049)

NEXT SUNDAY (05th April 2026)

Easter Sunday - (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a,37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4 When Christ appears, then you shall appear with in glory
Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-9 Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty
Psalm: Ps 117 (118) This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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



HOLY WEEK ROSTER



Commentator:
1st Reading:
2nd Reading:
Ministers of Holy Communion:
Projectionist:
Chief Collector:
Coordinator:
Music:

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Kevin Cready & Family - 04th Mar 2026)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(Nita Creado - 04th March 2026)

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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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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION—(Scripture Readings)

Blessing of Palms: First Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 The Suffering Servant: "I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed."
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Psalm: Psalm 21 (22) My God, my God why have you abandoned me?



29th March 2026



The prophet Isaiah writes in the person of the 'suffering servant of the Lord, who is identified with Christ himself. Yet this also offers each one of us a model for behaviour and our response to the world. Today, we hear the principle of non-resistance, of not attempting to defend oneself against opposition. This principle of non-resistance is often taken as a call to a kind of heroic fortitude, but such an approach is often not sustainable or healthy in the long term. Perhaps this non-resistance can be also be understood in terms of simply letting things be, or 'going with the flow!

In reality, we often compound and multiply our sufferings by resistance to what is rely beyond our control. How much more conducive it is to our serenity simply to accept with gentleness, flexibility, fluidity and non-judgement that which happens! This nonresistance is expressed beautifully in the words of Bruce Lee: Be like water making its way through cracks. Do not be assertive, but adjust to the object, and you shall always find a way around or through it!

~ God's Word 2026

The Pontifical Society of St Peter the Apostle, one of the Pope's missionary arms, currently supports 81,393 seminarians training in third world countries. The Church in NZ has been blessed by priests from the Philippines, Indonesia, India and Uganda serving our people. Can you offer a donation or financial support for this work? Donate to MissioNZ 06-0411-0021447-00



Parish News

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

Palm Sunday: 28th March 6pm, Vigil Mass
29th March, 8:00 am, Mass & 9:30am, Blessing of Palms, Procession & Holy Mass
Holy Thursday: 2nd April - 07:30 pm - Adoration at the Altar of Repose – till 11:00 pm
Good Friday: 3rd April - 09:00 am - Way of the Cross
03:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Easter Vigil Mass: 4th April, Saturday, 7.30pm.
Easter Sunday Mass: 5th April, Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30am.

Paschal Meal - Join us for a Paschal Meal on 29 March 2026, at 5.00pm in the School Hall as we reflect on the Passover and its connection to the Eucharist. Tickets: \$15 per person, Contact Reena Goodman on 02108882441 or email: reena.goodman1@gmail.com to book. All are welcome.

Special Collections: Collection for the Holy Places, Good Friday - 3 April 2026 & Easter Sunday, Sunday, 5 April 2026

Sacramental Programme - Year 2026 will commence on **Sunday, 26th April 2026**. Registration form available on parish website. Please complete the form and submit to office/ use drop box or e-mail to: sacramental.stdoms@gmail.com.

Annual General Meeting: will take place in the Church on **Sunday 14 June 2026 at 11am**. All are welcome.

You're Invited: Alpha programme - Curious about faith? Have questions about life? Looking for a space to connect and share? Come along to our Alpha Programme: **Every Monday evening at 7:00 pm, St Dominics Church Hall**. Bring a friend, bring your questions, or simply bring yourself. Send an email to cliveandreenanz@gmail.com or text 02108882441 for details.

Kairos New Zealand are hosting our **Annual 'GetSet' retreat at Houghtons Bush Camp**, Muriwai, from **Friday 17 April 2026 6pm onwards to Sunday 19 April 2026 2.45pm**. This is the 12th 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 "Be Transformed" based on Romans 12:2. 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: www.tinyurl.com/getset2026. For more information, please contact **Karyn Coutinho 021806855** or email getset.auckland@gmail.com.

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.

"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

Welcome to St Dominic's Parish Community: We extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners joining our community. We would love to stay connected with you - please take a moment to register at our website. <https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/>

Planned Giving & Donations: We invite you to join our Planned Giving programme. Your generosity sustains the mission and life of our parish. If you would like to join our Planned Giving programme, please email stdomspgc@gmail.com or contact the Office. For online contributions, please use the following details:

Account Name : ST DOMINIC'S BLOCKHOUSE BAY

Account No. : 02-0108-0707980-00 Ref : Your name and planned giving number

Planned Giving envelopes for 2026–2027 are available in the Church foyer or from the Parish Office. Receipts for 2025–2026 will be issued during the first week of May 2026.

Thank you sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

St Dominic's School News



Across the Path - from the School Principal

Faith & Sacraments: Baptisms: A joyful welcome to Mila, Harnoor, and Toby, who celebrated their Baptisms last Thursday! Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their sacramental journey.

First Holy Communion: We are thrilled that 26 students have enrolled for First Holy Communion. Lessons will be held at school to support our families in this special preparation. Curriculum & Staff

Refreshed Learning: Teachers are now implementing the updated NZ Curriculum for Maths and English. These new national standards provide clearer benchmarks to help every child excel. Conference Success: Thank you for a record 96% attendance at our recent parent-teacher meetings! The new one-day format was a hit, with 93% of parents feeling better informed about their child's progress.

School Life & Community: Samoan Language: Starting Term 2, join Mrs. Sesilia Talamaivao for Samoan sessions! Mondays, 2:45–3:45 pm in Room 10. Cost: \$5 per session.

Weet-Bix TRYathlon: Kudos to our 33 superstars who competed last weekend! Special thanks to Olivia and Keiran Stokes for their dedicated organizing and to the parents for the early morning support.

Lost Keys - We have a set of keys off a Mazda of some sort. They have a Spider man Key chain on it if this helps!

Schools closes next Thursday at 1pm

~ Daniel Pepper

Other News

Interested in becoming a Catholic? We run sessions every Sunday to prepare adult candidates to join the church through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please contact Donald Holder (RCIA Coordinator) 021 241 0448 or the St. Dominic's Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

Knitting for Charity: We are a small group that meet in the Parish Centre from 2: 00pm to 3:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Our group knits small basic woollen items for the families at Monte Cecilia Trust. We welcome new members. Learners and beginners are also very welcome.

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 M: 021 02247442

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

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Carmeline Coutinho Rodrigues, Sr. Joan, Kathleen Joan Rodgers, Tony L'Estrange, Eric Barboza, Clinton Joseph Correa, Helena Podwin, Ant Carroll, William Maguire (Bill), Frederick Rodgers, Sheila Sekula, Daisy Menezes, Maggie Rebello, , Vern Walker, Chris Sekula, James Joseph Maguire, Yvonne Ryan, Conrad & Margaret Rasch, Margaret Baptista.

For the Sick: John and Dolores Webb, Peter Mun, Joan Mulligan, Bozena Bakarich. *Please contact the parish office if you need to place a name on this list.*