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SACRAMENTS							LITURGY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE stdominicsparish@xtra.co.nz
Baptism	Every Saturday at 11:00am Contact Fr. Mario Dorado.						CARING COMMITTEE stdominicspastoralcare@gmail.com
Reconciliation	Saturday after 9:15am Mass						EVENTS COMMITTEE stdomsevents@gmail.com
Anointing	First Friday of every month after 9:15am Mass						YOUTH GROUP stdomsyouth@gmail.com
DEVOTIONS Adoration	Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm						NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE stdomsnewsletter@gmail.com
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REFLECTION

At the beginning of our second reading, we are reminded that God does not experience time in the same way that we do, for “with the Lord one day is like a thousand years / and a thousand years like one day.” The second letter of St. Peter is believed to be the latest writing in the New Testament, most likely composed in the first half of the second century. At this time, the community of Christians faced new challenges as they dealt with the unrealised expectation that Christ would return in glory within the lifespan of the first apostles. Instead of a sprint, their collective waiting for the fulfillment of God’s kingdom had turned into a marathon of unknown duration.

We, too, find ourselves in a time of waiting. Advent calls us to renew our own desire and longing for the “coming of the day of God,” and each of today’s readings offers insight into how we are called to prepare both individually and as a community for this moment.

The prophet Isaiah invites us to turn our attention to the valleys and mountains that obscure our vision of God’s glory. The epistle writer invokes us to “holiness and devotion,” while John the Baptist calls us to repentance.

While these readings seem to promote interior reflection, today’s psalm turns our attention outward, telling us, “Justice shall walk before the Lord, / and prepare the way of his steps.” After we have done the internal work of acknowledging sin, we are invited to consider how our actions affect the dignity and rights of others. The path of justice is one that leads us to right relationship with God and with all people. In our waiting there is plenty of work to be done.

Living Liturgy 2021



FROM OUR PARISH

THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021 has been finalised and registration forms are available in the church foyer, on the parish website <https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/sacraments/sacramental-programme> and at the main office of St. Dominics Primary School. Registration forms can be emailed to stodomssacprogram@gmail.com. For further information, please contact Bradley Pinto on 0223629592.

RCIA & RCIC: On Sunday 6th December 2020 at the 9:30 am Mass our RCIA and RCIC candidates will receive their sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). This year we have 8 adults and 9 children who will be receiving these sacraments. We ask you to pray for our candidates who have been through this journey to build their faith and grow in the knowledge of Christ. Mass will be followed by morning tea. We invite you to join in this celebration to welcome the new members of our community. Please bring a plate to share.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Support the Columban Fathers with their missionary work by purchasing a calendar @ \$12 ea.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

In preparation for Christmas the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at the following churches:

St Dominic’s, Blockhouse Bay, on **Wednesday 9 December at 7.30pm**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden, on **Thursday 10 December at 7.30pm**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Avondale, **Wednesday 16 December at 7.30pm**

SATURDAY NIGHT MUSIC GROUP: Practice will be on Friday, 11 December at 7pm for the Masses on Saturday the 12th and Thursday the 24th (Christmas Eve Vigil Mass). Both of those Masses will start at 6pm.

BHB CHRISTMAS PARADE: Takes place tomorrow, 6 December.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE PARK: To be held on 13 December.

LITURGY MINISTERS: December roster available in church porch. Also posted on parish website under ‘Groups’.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET every Sunday at 7:45am before 8:00am Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

16-24 December: Christmas Novena 5:00 a.m.

Thursday 24th: Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 24th: Carols 10:00 p.m. followed by Mass 11:00 p.m.

Friday, Christmas Day: 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

MONTE CECILIA CHRISTMAS APPEAL: This year we need your help and support for our homeless families. There are 1,410 children in our care who have been exposed to homelessness, living in cars and no place to call home. We have a tradition of providing a gift for every child so they may experience a little Christmas joy. Are you able you donate a gift/gifts so we can be sure none of them go without? We also need the usual donations of canned food, breakfast cereals, and maybe the odd small Christmas treat such as cake, tarts and sweets. Donations can be dropped off to the church after Mass on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December. If you can help, please contact Anne: 027 448 8348 or Nila: 021 181 7561.

THE ASYLUM SEEKERS SUPPORT TRUST, which runs a House on Blockhouse Bay Rd, is seeking the following assistance:

- 1) CHILDREN'S CLOTHES - good quality, for boys (aged 4 - 16).
- 2) GARDENING PROJECT - a new project. Seeking help and guidance from anyone with an interest or expertise in gardening to help out at the House. Contact: Frejya Stocker, Client Services Manager, Asylum Seekers Support Trust. Mob 021-0236-4668. Message from Paul Robertson, St Dominic's Social Justice Committee.

FROM OUR DIOCESE

A REFRESHED DIOCESAN WEBSITE same address

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/> is live. Bishop Pat invites you to explore it. You will also find a message from him and Bishop Michael regarding the Mission Map on the site as well as a wealth of information and resources.

MORE NEWS

Pre-Dawn Candlelit Mass RORATE CAELI the Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 5:00a.m. | 12th December. St. Paul’s College Chapel, 183 Richmond Rd, Ponsonby. Flyer on notice board.

NZ CATHOLIC 29 Nov—12 Dec. Some headlines are: Delight as Timaru basilica reopens. Palmerston North diocese in “really good stead” for 2021. Troubled lay movements need outside oversight. Schools collect thousands of cans for Christmas.

Online Session (Evening): Christmas “Self-Care Nibbles” with Clare Barnett. Tuesday, 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm. Fee: \$30. ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/christmas-self-care-nibbles/>

Please remember the following in prayer:

For the Sick: Margaret Rasch, June Parr, Ofa Brown, Mavis Ulrich, Brenda Tweedale, Christina Woolard, Rosemary McLaughlin, Paulina Unkovich, Margaret Baptista, Theresa Furdas, Helena Podwin, Ineke Merckens, Sr. Dominic OP, Kath Conway.

Recently Deceased: Lynette Tuttle, David Mu, Don Matthews, Luming Dorado, Vernon Stowers, Fr. Luke Rawlings OP, Denise McNichol, Sarah Byrne, Ted Murphy.

Anniversaries of Death: Matthew Foskin.

Please call the office if you need to place a name on this list.

6th December 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Reading: Isa 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm: 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
2nd Reading: 2 Pet 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



NEXT SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11
Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
2nd Reading: 1 Thess 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

SATURDAY 6.00pm

Altar servers: Ethan M, Jordan D, Jordis P, Moriel D, Shane M.

Commentator Francis D'Souza

1st Reading Senon Pinto
2nd Reading Gavin Mehrotra

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SUNDAY 9.30am

Altar servers: Seanna S, Angeline X, Sophia X, Jason D, Jeremy X.

Commentator Youth

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