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Baptism	Every Saturday at 11:00am Contact Fr. Mario Dorado.						CARING COMMITTEE stdominicpastoralcare@gmail.com
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DEVOTIONS Adoration	Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm						NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE stdomsnewsletter@gmail.com
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REFLECTION

Although Mary was conceived and lived without sin, as a fully human member of the Body of Christ, she experienced human emotions and difficulties. Before she assents to Gabriel's proclamation that she will become the mother to God's own son, Mary is said to be "troubled" and questions how this event could possibly come to be. Gabriel responds, "Do not be afraid. . . for nothing will be impossible for God." As disciples of Christ and spiritual children of Mary, we are called to take these words to heart in our own lives.

Being faithful to God's call will very likely lead us to places of discomfort, hardship, and even fear. In his book *Ave Maria*, Pope Francis writes, "If a young man of today, a young woman of today, hears a special call from the Lord and is not afraid, that means something is missing. However, when along with enthusiasm for that call there is also the experience of fear, then we can move forward, because God calls us to great things."

In the words of Gabriel, we see a pattern for God's action and invitation in human lives. God desires to bring us to a fullness of life beyond our wildest imaginings. To become his collaborators, like Mary, we must both believe in the God of possibilities and be willing to face our fears. Today, as we ponder the message spoken to a young Jewish woman nearly two thousand years ago, we might ask, In our own lives of faith do we dare respond to God's invitation by echoing Mary's words of courage and trust, "Be it done to me according to your word"?

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.

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

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.

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

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SHINE TV – Shine will broadcast Christmas Day Mass starting at **1.50pm**. Shine is on Free-to-air Channel 25 and Sky TV Channel 201. Mass comes from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and the presider is Bishop Michael Gielen. Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. Or it can be watched from <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/> Mass will be broadcast at 2pm the next Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family and that will conclude this current provision of broadcast Mass.

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.

Christmas blessings and gratitude from the Caring Foundation. Your support for families and communities in need during 2020 has helped the foundation support over 60 agencies working with the poor and the vulnerable. Thank you for your compassion and care. Please keep the Foundation in your prayers, and if able please support our Christmas Appeal. www.caringfoundation.org.nz

MORE NEWS

150 YEARS OF DOMINICAN SISTERS IN NEW ZEALAND

18 February 2021 will mark 150 years since ten Dominican sisters arrived from Dublin, Ireland, to begin the congregation in New Zealand.

The sisters are taking this opportunity to remember with gratitude all those who have enabled and supported our life in this country: family, friends, women who have shared our life, former pupils, parishioners, benefactors and supporters in prayer and ministry.

A public mass will be held at St Mary's Church, Mosgiel, at 10am on Saturday 20 February, to which all are welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT: Social Justice Retreat 9am-4pm Saturday 6 March 2021 at St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr. Merv Duffy SM. It will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and *Fratelli Tutti*. \$20 including lunch. Places are limited so please contact Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz asap if you are interested in attending.

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60, ZOOM <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

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, Marie McKenna.

Anniversaries of Death: Jasmine Nielson (1st Anniv)

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

20th December 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm: 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

2nd Reading: Rom 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



NEXT SUNDAY Holy Family

1st Reading: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

2nd Reading: Col 3:12-14

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

SATURDAY 6.00pm

Altar servers: Ethan M, Danil C, Jordan D, Moriel D, Roswell M.

Commentator Amanda Dalgado

1st Reading Goretta Sheppard
2nd Reading Peter Dalgado

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Co-ordinator Peter Dalgado
Projectionist Clinton Correa

SUNDAY 9.30am

Altar servers: Jonathan P, Sean J, Kaynaan P, Anahera B.

Commentator Melanie Pereira

1st Reading Mabel Vivera
2nd Reading Goretta Fernandes

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