

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday 6.00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am and 9.30am

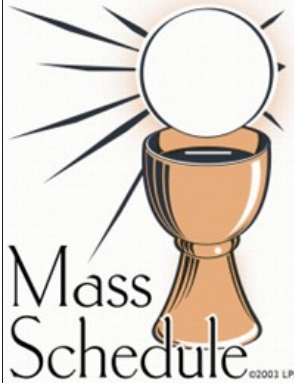
**Weekday Eucharist**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am  
 Saturday 8:00am  
 First Friday (Mass of Healing & Anointing of the sick) 9:15am  
 First Friday Adoration followed by Mass 6:00pm

**SACRAMENTS**

Reconciliation: Every Saturday 8:30am to 9:30am  
 Baptisms: Every Saturday (by appointment) 11:00am

Please see the Church noticeboard and Website as well



**NEXT SUNDAY (4 December 2022):**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT - Year A**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1st Reading :** Is 11:1-10: *A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse and He will judge the poor with justice*  
**Psalm :** Ps 71 (72): *Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever*  
**2nd Reading:** Rom 15: 4-9: *God helps us through Christ his Son.*  
**Gospel:** Mt 3:1-12: *John the Baptist proclaimed “repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.....prepare the way of the Lord.”*



**LITURGICAL**



**MINISTRIES**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat 6:00pm:** TBA

**Sun 8:00am:** TBA

**Sun 9:30am:** TBA

**OTHER MINISTERS**

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Kendall D'Souza	Annlynn Lopez	Donald Holder
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Rekha Baptista	Tom O'Hanlon	Lisa Kachappilly
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Natasha Fernandes	Donald Holder	Mabel Vivera
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Karen Vivera	Pius Joseph
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Stephen Mascarenhas	N/A	Valyne Koh
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Jessie Dalgado	N/A	Brower Jr Pule
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Richard Raphael	Josh/Mabel	Eddie Sluiter
<b>Music:</b>	Joseph M	Mabel	Irae
	TRINITY CHOIR	N/A	DIVINE MERCY

The roster for various ministries is on the notice board and website. If you are not available, please arrange your own replacement. Thank you to all our ministry volunteers for your generous service to our Parish.

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Southcombe family (03 December)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**

N/A

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

BLOCKHOUSE BAY  
 34 Bolton Street, PO Box 48097, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland

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

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**PARISH PRIEST**

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**HOPE**  
 WEEK ONE



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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1st Reading :** Is 2:1-5 *The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in God's kingdom*  
**Psalm :** Psalm 122 (121) *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*  
**2nd Reading:** Rom 13:11-14 *Live honourably, the day of the Lord is near .*  
**Gospel:** Mt 24:37-44 *The Lord is coming when we least expect, so stay awake and be ready .*



**27 November 2022**

**“Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”**

- Jesus urges the disciples to prepare. The Son of Man will come, but they know not the time nor the place. Mystery abounds in matters of faith, then and now. God reveals Godself to creation over and over, yet we can never know it all. God is too big, too powerful, too mysterious. How, then, are we to prepare? Like the disciples, we are not expected to solve the mystery. Instead, we are instructed to be present, to pay attention, to awe at the gift of God alive all over.
- What does it feel like to be spiritually awake? Think of a time when your mind, body and spirit felt awake and present to the Divine. What spiritual practises helped you to get to that place? Advent is a season of preparation, a time to try new—or resurrect old—spiritual practises that help us wake up to our faith. Pick a practice the works for you: meditate on the daily readings; light a candle; sit in silence.
- The prophet Isaiah paints a vision of God who makes Godself known in bigger and bolder ways. The Lord establishes a house on the highest mountain. People of all nations converge to learn God's holy ways and to walk in the divine light

**Making Connections between the Readings**

Compared to the Gospel, the first reading offers a more comforting and joyful vision of the end times. There is unity and inclusion rather than division; all are called to be part of the lasting peace God envisions for us. The Psalmist echoes the joy of the nations streaming toward Jerusalem as he, too, heads there on pilgrimage and prays for its peace. The second reading gives us practical ways of “staying awake”, through moral conduct and union with Christ.  
 ~ Living Liturgy 2023

**Responsorial Psalm**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

# Parish News

**ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE:** The Advent Combined Churches' Service was held last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see such a good number of people gathered to start a new liturgical year of renewal in Christ. We would like to thank Rev Shashikant, of Church of the Saviour, for his hospitality including the fellowship after the service. There was very good energy among the people as they mixed and mingled. Our parish was active, with Fr Ephrem delivering the Homily.

**MORNING TEA:** There will be a morning tea after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 4th December 2022, as it is the first Sunday of the month. Please bring a plate to share. All are welcome. The Hospitality Committee will be taking a break in January so morning teas will resume in February 2023.

**BAPTISM:** Thulmi and Maurya Dewage were baptised in our Church on 26th November. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2023:** are available for sale at \$12 each. The sale of the calendars is a main source of income for the missionary work of the Columban Fathers.

**LEGION of MARY** St Dominic parish, has initiated the consecration of the family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes. Willing families can contact the parish office and the parish Legion of Mary will and work out the process of enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes.

**NZ CATHOLIC for sale in church foyers.** Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: • Otara school celebrates opening of new buildings. • New Catholic Māori Group meets with Bishops. • Liturgical formation of the People of God in NZ .

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** All are welcome. Contact Marie 627 9193 or 027 381 3361

**CCTV CAMERAS:** St Dominic's parish have installed CCTV cameras for safety and security purposes. Accordingly, information may also be collected in relation to anyone that comes into contact with the Parish and Presbytery, through the use of those CCTV cameras installed on parish premises.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Registration forms are available in the foyer.

**Teacher Aide Job:** Marist College is looking to employ a Teacher Aide for 20 hours per week. To work with young women in the spirit of Mary and collaboratively with a motivated and efficient team of Teacher Aides. Closing date for applications is 2 December 2022 at noon. Please email your CV and cover letter to Principal's PA Margaret McKinney: [m.mckinney@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:m.mckinney@maristcollege.school.nz)

**ST DOMINIC'S FOUNDATION:** We encourage you to support the Foundation, which works behind the scenes, supporting families in need. We use this fund to help our families with: Food parcels, School fees, Transport, Scholarships, Uniform costs, supporting learning while families are isolating due to Covid. The Donation account number is: **12-3034-0276615-00 All donations are welcomed!**

**PLANNED GIVING:** We would like to encourage those who can, to donate using internet banking directly to our parish bank account. Please email [stdomspgc@gmail.com](mailto:stdomspgc@gmail.com) for your planned giving number for internet banking.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please advise the parish office if you have changed your address recently.

**"REQUESTS FOR MASS" Envelopes** are available at the back of the church. Please write the details on the front, place your donation inside envelope and hand to Fr Ephrem.

## DONATIONS / PLANNED GIVING

To join our Planned Giving scheme please send an 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 0100 0120958 10 Ref : Your name and planned giving number

# St Dominic's School News

## Across the Path - from the School Principal, Daniel Pepper:

Week 6 here at school and we really are looking forward to the Christmas show happening on the 2nd December. All are invited and welcome. It will take place in the hall from 6-7pm.

**Farewell to Ms Mary Boyle:** It is with great sadness for us, but also excitement for Mary, that I share with you all that Ms Boyle has decided to hang up her laptop. Mary Boyle will be retiring at the end of this year 2022, and after 37 years of teaching at St Dominic's Catholic Primary School and another few years at other schools before this, we can say that Mary has given her all to education. We send her off on the 9th December at 1pm All welcome to attend in the hall.

**Parent Christmas raffle:** Our Christmas raffle is full of goodies and is valued at over \$1,000..! Can you believe this? Each ticket is \$5.00 each. You can buy from the school office till the 8th December. We will be drawing all raffles, children's and parents', at the Whole School Assembly starting at 1:00pm on Friday the 9th December 2022. All money from the raffle, will go towards a book each for every student at the end of the year. This will be a new school tradition.....this is to support our reading culture of 20 minutes every day, 365 days a week!

## School joke for Week 6:

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O.

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Remember that the jug is always on here at school and to keep praying for us, especially the teachers!



# Notices from the Diocese

## Upcoming events at St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre

• **Casual/Part Time Work @ St Francis** - Experienced cook to work weekends. Contact Sam [kitchen@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:kitchen@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) for more information.

• **Fulfilled Retreat** - Fri 2 - 4 Dec 2022. Weekend retreat on the life-changing series by Christopher West, Fulfilled - The Promise of the Christian Life. Email [retreats@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:retreats@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) for more information.

• **Franciscan Spirituality Series** - Join us every first Sunday of the month to learn about St Francis of Assisi and living the Gospel according to his spirit. Next session is on the C.R.I.B with Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap on Sun 4 Dec 2pm - 4pm (Free)

• **Time Out Day** - For those who seek a day retreat - Tue 6 Dec, 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 incl lunch)

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 2nd December 7:00pm: St Mary's Church, 20 Kiteuni Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome

**Marriage & Family Life** would like to invite you to consider becoming Marriage Educators. If you have 2 hours a fortnight and are passionate about helping engaged couples prepare for marriage and have been married for 5 years or more, **please contact Gerry on 021 02247442**

## PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR WEBSITE & NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH FOYER

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

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Christine Wollard, Francis Laraman, Ruth Manley, Sr Mary Leonie, Francis Sementy, Patras Tigga, Norman Periera, Ruby D'Silva, Margaret Rasch, Mavis Ulrich, Pauline Lafotanoa, Imeleta Maddox, Junn Pascual, Pauline Unkovich, Pauline Gallagher, Lynne Carroll,

**For the Sick:** Fortuna Turnwald, John and Dolores Webb.

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