



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 (27 August 2023)

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

Is 22:19-23 *I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder*
Psalm 138 *Lord, your love is eternal. Do not forsake the work of your hands.*
Rom 11:33-36 *How rich are the depths of God, how deep his wisdom and knowledge.*
Mt 16: 13-20 *Jesus asked Peter: '...but you, who do you say that I am?'*

Rosters: The roster for cleaning the church, various ministries and Altar servers is on the notice board and website as well. Thank you for your generosity with these ministries.
 If you are not available, please arrange your own replacement.
 Thank you.



ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
Sat 6:00pm Carlos Pulini, Sean Joseph, Swinth Rodrigues
Sun 8:00am Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
Sun 9:30am: Jason Dash, Jeremy Xing, Joshua Joseph, Oliver McCrills,

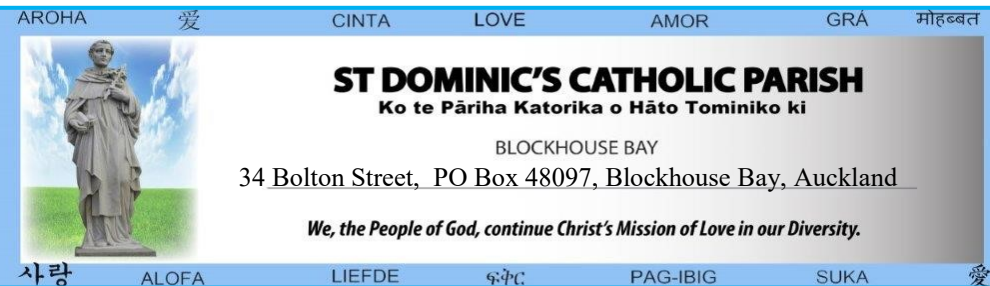
	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Gidget Mendonca	Karen Vivera	
1st Reading:	Peter Dalgado	Jewel Villos	/ School Mass /
2nd Reading:	Natasha Fernandes	Donald Holder	
Ministers of	Jessie Dalgado	Paul Reddy	
Communion:	Wilma Barboza	Theresa G	
	Renee D'Souza	Cyril	
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Josh Soares	
Chief Collector:	Martin Patrao	Karen	Leonard Pinto
Co-Ordinator:	Goretti	Rob Villos	School Mass
Music:	John Smit	N/A	School Mass

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Kevin Creado & family (26th August 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello (26 August 2023)



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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Is 56:1,6-7 *The house of the Lord is a house of prayer for all peoples*
 Psalm 67 *O God, let all the nations praise you!*
 Rom 11:13-15,29-32 *God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice*
 Mt 15:21-28 *Jesus and the Canaanite woman of faith.*

20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

20 August
 2023



I BEG YOU, HEAL MY DAUGHTER

In the Gospel story today, it would seem that Jesus' understanding of his mission is expanded by his encounter with the Canaanite woman. He is the Son of God, yet he is moved here from unresponsiveness, to resistance, and finally to realization that his work is bigger than even He had realised. In this moment it is made clear to him that he is not sent "only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel?" It would be assumed that the Canaanite woman is unbelieving but she has a profound faith in Jesus, so much so that she is prepared to press her case. She is prepared to accept the even the "scraps that fall from the table" —that will be enough to have her daughter healed.

The first reading gives us a foretaste of what we hear in the Gospel: while Israel plays a special role in God's saving work, salvation is for all peoples, regardless of race or origin. We hear about the "foreigners who join themselves to the Lord" (Such is the Canaanite woman in the Gospel). Such people recognise they have no rights to anything but in faith still ask.

Unfortunately, even the Church is not exempt from the human tendency to draw exclusive boundaries that name who is in and who out. We are called to a hospitality that truly loves and receives all.

~ Living Liturgy 2023

"O God, let all the nations praise you" - Ps 67

Parish News

SCHOOL MASS the School will lead the liturgy on Sunday 27th August at 9.30am Mass.

FATHER DAY'S MORNING TEA ON 3RD Sept, after 9.30 am Sunday Mass, and a contribution of shared plate, if possible. All parishioners are invited to join.

NOTE OF THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS, ON VOLUNTEERS DAY, 6TH AUGUST 2023:

Dear Volunteers, allow me to say thank you to you, thank you to your family members, your friends, your faith community of St Dominic. I am blessed to be here in this parish, St Dominic. It is your unique hospitality that stands out. Your graciousness, generosity in serving others is a serious matter. This needs to be said in special words, "Thank You". On behalf of myself and St Dominic Parishioners, please accept my sincerest gratitude of "Thank You". You are a saint, holiness is found in your next door neighbour as Pope Francis says in Gaudete et exultate. May God bless you. Fr Ephrem.

ST DOMINIC'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Lessons are on Sundays from 10:45am to 12 Noon, in the School hall for the sacrament of First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated on 17th September at the 9:30am Mass.

The ConQuest Leadership Team is running a campaign in our parish called '*The ConQuest Leadership Wenceslaus Anthony Memorial Award*' to select a Winner of a \$500 Cash Prize. The Competition is open to all Catholic Boys and Girls of this Parish between the ages of 8 and 14 years. Applicants need to send their submissions (written or by email), describing how they have used, either in the Parish or in their local community, any of the following five Virtues e.g., Charity, Faith, Love, Responsibility or Generosity, and with keeping Jesus as their Leader. The Applications are to be submitted directly to the Parish Secretary (stdominicsparish@xtra.co.nz). Full details of how to apply / enter the Competition are displayed on the Parish Notice Board in the Church Foyer. Parents are urged to please encourage your children to enter the Competition. The last date for receipt of Applications is Wednesday, 23-August-2023

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Members of the new PPC will be commissioned at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 20th August 2023. They are as follows:
Fr Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap., Sr Helen Bergin o.p., Paul Pa'u (Chair), Anne Sia, Seve Lafaele, Nestor Reynolds, Jewel Vilos, Kendall D'Souza, Natasha Pinto and Richard O'Malley

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: Next session is on Sunday 27 August, 2pm the Parish Centre.

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: World Youth Day. Exorcisms suspended in Christchurch Diocese. Maori Champion sought for Bishops' Conference.

ST DOMINIC'S FOUNDATION: We encourage you to support the Foundation, which works behind the scenes, supporting families in need. **All donations are welcomed!**
The Donation account number is: **12-3034-0276615-00**

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 for your planned giving number for internet banking or contact the parish office. Thank you.

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

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

DONATIONS / PLANNED GIVING: To join our Planned Giving scheme please send an email to: 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:

Weather is changing I think we may have turned a corner with our weather and the children are finally able to enjoy the sun a little more. The children are looking forward to the Winter Sports Day that is coming up. We have Rippa Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Football teams in the competition and the children always love this competition!

Whole school mass We are so excited about being able to share A Sunday with you all. Our full school mass is on the 27th of August at 9:30am and we are hoping for a full house. We promise great voices and very quiet children....we hope!

It will be a full church so get in quick or come to the earlier mass if that suits you better. The school will take up the front seats on both sides to about halfway back.

Director of Religious Studies Every catholic school has a DRS and ours is Miss Lowe. You will all know Miss Lowe as she oversees our masses and runs many liturgies and school prayer time here at school. A DRS in a Catholic school is a senior role and shows just how important we see the special character of the school. Miss Lowe does a wonderful job and she is the link between our parish and our school.

School finishes this year The school closes its doors on the 15th of December for those that need to know this. We start school in 2024 on Thursday 1st February.

Preference form. Every child entering a catholic school needs a preference form signed by a priest. It does not matter what priest signs these but usually, it is from your local parish priest. Please make time to meet them and they will take you through what it means to support your child through a catholic education. No form...no enrolment.

—Daniel Pepper.

Notices from the Diocese

Part Time/Casual Work St Francis Retreat Centre is looking for someone to join the Kitchen team. If you love to cook and serve others, contact Sam 021 985 125 for more information.,

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Learn about how St Francis responded to the issues of the world by living out the Gospel in his life. Email: admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651.

"Joy of the Gospel" Life in the Spirit Seminar! Join us for a transformative two-day event designed to rekindle your faith and explore the good news of the gospel. Saturday, August 19 – Sunday, August 20 Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (both days) at St Joseph's Church Hall, Takapuna Seminar Highlights: Praise & worship, Proclaims, Small group discussions Fellowship, Registration fee: \$20 Lunch and afternoon cuppa provided To reserve your spot register at bit.ly/joyofgospel For further inquiries, please contact us: Phone: 027 226 2319 OR 021 0234 6853.

Young Adults Ball 26 August 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham: This is an 18+ event. Please go to facebook.com/AKCYM for tickets

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st Sept 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui 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.

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

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

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Joseph Steuart, Anthony Bakarich, Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap, Conrad Rasch, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Sr Mary Leonie, Patras Tigga, Margaret Rasch, Sr Dominic op, James Maguire, Patrick Sharp, Daphne Janssen.

For the Sick: John and Dolores Webb, Raymond Gribble

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