



Mass Schedule

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 (17 September 2023)

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

Sirach 27:30-28:7 *Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and your sins will be forgiven.*
Ps 102 (103) *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.*
Rom 14:7-9 *Christ is the Lord of the living and the dead.*
Mt 18:21-35 *I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

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, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph
Sun 8:00am Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
Sun 9:30am: Alice Schaumkel, Amanda Chidi, Lillian Schaumkel, Sione Tupu, Sean Joseph

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Peter Dalgado	Irae Pule	Sacramental program
1st Reading:	Carol D'Souza	Josh Soares	Sacramental program
2nd Reading:	Betsy Rego	Leeda Ferdis	Sacramental program
Ministers of Communion:	Tamara Pinto Helen Bailie Rex Coutinho	Paul Theresa Cyril	Daniel Pepper Lukanne Lowe Verena Sluiter
Projectionist:	Jessie Dalgado	Mabel	Brower Pule
Chief Collector:	Allwyn Pereira	Jewel	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Geeta D'Souza	Annlynn	Paul Reddy
Music:	John Smit	N/A	School Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Naomi Franich and family (16 Sept 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Caritas Amputch & Nita Creado (16 Sept 2023)

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

BLOCKHOUSE BAY
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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

Ezek 33:7-9 *If you have not warned the wicked one, I will hold you responsible for his death*
Psalm 94 (95) *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*
Rom 13:8-10 *Love of neighbour is the answer to every one of the commandments*
Mt 18:15-20 *When two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

**23RD SUNDAY
 ORDINARY TIME
 YEAR A**

10 Sept 2023

For where
two or three
 are gathered in
my name,
 there am I
among them.
 Matthew 18:20

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus gives us some clear directions for the ongoing life of our community. Sin and offense will never be absent; our human tendency to err is too strong. But our unity is too important to let that reality stand on its own.

Instead we are to strive to lovingly win back those who have hurt us; first by ourselves, then with the support of the community. But Jesus does not tell us to withstand endless abuse; he introduces the idea that setting boundaries can be an acceptable and appropriate way of loving others. That this is to be discerned within the context of unity is an important value. Gathering together in Jesus' name is one way to secure his presence.

In the 1st reading there is also a strong sense of responsibility for sins within the community. However, our responsibility for them is limited, if they choose not to hear us. And the 2nd reading rounds out these commands: love is the context for all of this and is our ultimate responsibility to one another. The instructions of our Scriptures to day are also a recipe for letting go of grudges and moving on to fuller reconciliation.

~ Living Liturgy 2023

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."- Ps 94 (95)

Parish News

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 next 17th September at the 9:30am Mass. Please keep all candidates in your prayers.

ELECTION FORUM: Hosted by Caritas NZ and co-sponsored by the Justice & Peace Commission. All major political parties will be present. 14th September –6:30 to 9pm. St Anne's Catholic Community, 126 Russel Road, Manurewa. Live entertainment. Refreshments will be provided

PARISH REGISTRATION: As mentioned by Fr Ephrem at the end of the weekend Masses, can all parishioners please register yourselves and your families directly on our website...
<https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/>

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 0274488348 . THANK YOU.
PARISH PRAYER GROUPS: There are a number of Prayer Groups in the parish, mainly during the week. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining any of them

HONORIFICS AUDIT: The parish recently conducted an Honorifics Audit for the Diocesan Centre. This honorifics audit has been requested by the bishops and congregational leaders and is being undertaken throughout New Zealand. It lists anything named after bishops, clergy, religious or lay people connected to the Catholic community as well as photos/portraits on display

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the PPC will be held on Thursday, October in the parish centre. Any parishioner is welcome to attend. Please contact any member who's names and pictures are on the noticeboard, if you wish to find out more.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The September meeting will be on Friday 15th at 10am in the Parish centre. Contact Marie 6279193 or 0273813361. All welcome

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: Dunedin angels to stand at cathedral high altar again. Family gathering with prelate for Opus Dei members. Auckland Catholic college to get \$20 million science facility. Alleged multiplication of hosts investigated as possible eucharistic miracle.

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: Next session is today Sunday 10 Sept, 2pm the Parish Centre

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.

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

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:

Kiwi valley. Next week our little people are heading off to Kiwi valley in Henderson. This is a great trip as it is spring and all the baby animals will be out and about. There is so much learning to be had and so many stories to be written about this trip! Let's pray for good weather for them.

First holy Communion. The school continues to pray for the children that are receiving their first holy communion on 17th September. What a special day this will be and we know it will be something they will remember all their lives.

School Speech finals This will be held on the 15th of September. We have 13 finalists and are looking forward to their talks about a range of topics from sharks to climate change. If you have time. Please feel free to come along and have a listen. 10:30am in the hall.

Carpark marking Please note the car park needs to be empty at 3pm on the 13th of September Monday this week so that the people who are marking the new spaces.

A little light humor Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts." — 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.,

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 3 Oct | Wed 1 Nov | Thu 7 Dec

24 Hr Prayer Retreat for Women:- Join us for a reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for talks on prayer, with time for personal prayer, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration | Sat 7 Oct 3pm- Sun 8 Oct 3pm | Earlybird (before 24/9) \$130 pp | Standard \$150pp (All meals and accommodation included)

Contemplative Prayer Retreat:- Want to deepen your faith? Join us to learn about fruits of the journey of meditation in the Christian Tradition | Sat 7 Oct 10am-4pm | Earlybird (before 23 Sep) \$65 | Standard (after 23 Sep) \$85

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival is back! at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their “riches of nations” in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Get involved. Email louisar@cda.org.nz.

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 / Dolores Webb, Raymond Gribble, Pearl Dharmai, Mrs Smit, Romir Baptista
Please call the parish office if you need to place a name on this list.