



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 (5 November 2023)

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

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Mt 22:34-40 *You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself*

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



Sat 6:00pm Carlos Pulini, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph, Swinth Rodrigues
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:	Kendall D'Souza	Donald Holder	Goretti Fernandes
1st Reading:	Betsy Rego	Tom O'Hanlon	Paul Pa'u
2nd Reading:	Carol D'Souza	Jewel Villos	Joy Reginald-Opara
Ministers of Communion:	Helen Bailie	Paul Reddy	Kamla Singh
	Rex Coutinho	Josh Soares	Lourdes Trainor
	Tamara Pinto	Karen Vivera	Verena Sluiter
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Rob Villos	Brower Jr Pule
Chief Collector:	Mark Fernandes	Mabel Vivera	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Connie Fernandes	Mabel Vivera	Josh Soares
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Divine Mercy


CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Southcombe family (04 November 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretti Sheppard (4 November 2023)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

29 October
2023



The Pharisees attempt to entrap Jesus with a trick question: naming one commandment as the greatest would devalue the others by comparison, making it sound as if Jesus does not value God's Word in its fullness.

Instead Jesus shows that he understands God's Word more deeply than those who are tied to reading the Law literally. He names not one of the 10 commandments but one that comes after them in the Book of Deuteronomy. He reveals that fulfilling the Law is not about servile deference to what is written, but about love. If our hearts are formed in love, the other commandments will follow, flowing forth from our inner being, instead of needing to be forced as outer actions. The Second commandment is "like" the first because it flows from the love of God. If we truly love God, we will love our neighbour.

The first reading (from the Book of Exodus) shows there is continuity between how Jesus teaches and how God speaks in the Old Testament. Here the commandments are more specific, and make punishment clearer, but they are about the very love of neighbour that Jesus has named as so important. To treat foreigners, widows, orphans with justice is to fulfil the love to which we are called.

"I love you Lord my strength." - Ps 17 (18)

Parish News

MINISTERS OF THE WORD TRAINING: will be held on the weekend of 21-22 October and 28-29 October after the 6pm Vigil and 9.30am Masses. All parishioners who currently serve as Readers, are required to attend any one of the four training sessions. New volunteers are welcome

MISSION SUNDAY was on 22 October. Every baptised person is a missionary. Mission Sunday is a day to celebrate our being missionaries during the Mass. It is also the time to share our financial gift to help the work of the Church in many mission territories all over the world. Give from your heart.

A special collection with be taken up for Missions at the weekend Masses of 28/29 October.

ALL SAINTS DAY Mass: Wednesday 1st November: Mass at 9:15am as usual.

ALL SOULS DAY Mass: Thursday 2nd November: Masses at 9:15am and 7:00pm. The Book of Remembrance will be placed in the foyer.

MORNING TEA: We will have a light morning tea next Sunday 5th November, after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome and a shared plate is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHURCH RENOVATION: As announced by Fr Ephrem and presented at the parish AGM in April, the asbestos in the church ceiling will need to be removed. This is for health and safety reasons. Other refurbishment works will also be done. The Finance Committee and the PPC have approved it and we are now awaiting the final approval from the Diocese to go ahead with the works.

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. Thanks to those of you who have already done so. <https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/>

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2024: are available for sale at \$15 each, after each Mass. The sale of the calendars is a main source of income for the missionary work of the Columban Fathers.

LEGION OF MARY: The parish Legion of Mary 'Our Lady of Grace' group, will lead the Our Lady of Perpetual Succour novena at 6.30pm every Wednesday

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: NZ bishops react to papal exhortation on ecology. University debate on science and miracles. The modern dating scene for single Catholics in NZ. Are our Sunday Masses too long? .

HOUSIE: Every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. The St. Dominic's Housie group need volunteers to help with various aspects of the activity. If you can help, please contact Anne Sia on 021 920 983. THANK YOU

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: All welcome. Enquiries: Marie 627 9193 or 027 381 3361

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: Next session is on Sunday 29th October, 2pm in the Parish Centre.

ST DOMINIC'S FOUNDATION: We encourage you to support the Foundation, which supports families in need. The Donation account number is: **12-3034-0276615-00**

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:

Save the Date Just a reminder that our Art Expo and Food Festival Extravaganza is going to be held on the 10th of November. More about this to come, so please just mark this date in your calendar. It will be event not to be missed!

St Mary's College Orchestra The school is very excited about the orchestra coming to perform for us. The St Mary's girls carry out a tour once a year around our Catholic primary schools, and we are looking forward to them coming on the 10th of November. We are very thankful that the Parish has allowed us to hold the performance in the church.

Parking on the field Please note that the field should now be okay to park on moving forward, as the ground has hardened up. Sometimes it is a good idea to check before you drive up though, as I know this has caught a few people out over the last few months.

All Souls' Day and All Saints' Day Our school will be celebrating All Saints Day with the Parish on the 1st of November, and also praying and remembering those in our families that have passed away, on All Soul's Day.

School Athletics Day We are holding our school athletics day on the 2nd of November. Feel free to come down and cheer the kids along. They would love it!

We hope you are enjoying the sun a bit more as the seasons have changed.

Notices from the Diocese

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) Wed 1 Nov | Thu 7 Dec

Dinner at Burger Burger Saturday 28th October 2023 • 6:30PM onwards. Osbourne lane, 3B York Street, Newmarket, Auckland 1023. Organized by AUCKLAND CATHOLIC SINGLES SOCIAL GROUP: A new group for single Catholic men & women in their 30s & 40s. Find us - we will have Fra Angelico's Annunciation on the table. aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

Salesians of Don Bosco: Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project. We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024, to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm you are invited to an Open Home at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchases liturgical resources and more

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 3rd November 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 veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

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

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Yvonne Ryan, Shirley Namhauser, 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

For the Sick: John and Dolores Webb, Peter Mun

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