



## 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 (12 November 2023)

### 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

**Wis 6:12-16** *Wisdom is found by those who look for her.*  
**Psalms 62 (63)** *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God*  
**1Thess 4:13-18** *Do not grieve about those who have died like people who have no hope.*  
**Mt 25:1-13** *Look the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

**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  
**Sun 8:00am** Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie  
**Sun 9:30am:** Angeline Xing, Braelei Faith, Chuka Chidi, Sophia Xing

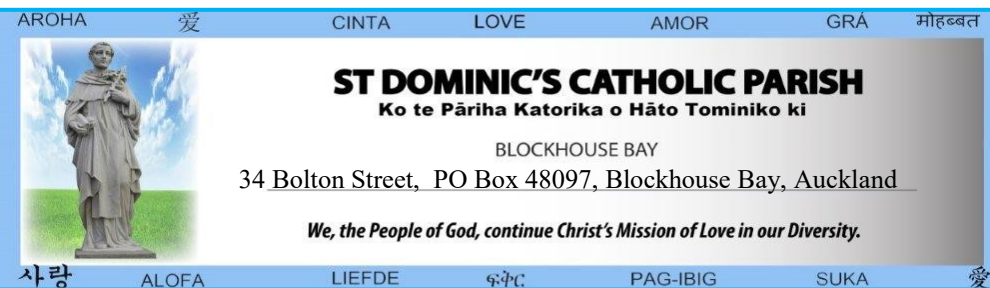
	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Matthew D'Souza	Karen Vivera	Seanna Sajan
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Chrysllyn Pinto	Josh Soares	Ethan Dharmai
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Gidget Mendonca	Anne Wilson	Camryn Fernandes
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Bradley Pinto	Cyril R	Brower Jr Pule
	Jessie Dalgado	Valyne Koh	Natasha Pinto
	Renee D'Souza	Theresa Gomez	Ursula Burgess
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Nestor Reynolds	Irae Pule	Sylvester D'Souza
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Rob Villos	Paul Reddy
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Leema Kishore	Mabel Vivera	Jewel Villos
<b>Music:</b>	Trinity Choir	N/A	Youth

### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Naomi Franich and family (11 Nov 2023)

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretti Sheppard (11 Nov 2023)



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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Malachi 1;14-2:2, 8-10  
Psalm 130 (131)  
1Thess 2:7-9,13  
Mt 23:1:1-12

*You have strayed away from my teaching.  
In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.  
We were eager to hand over to you the Good News and also our lives  
Jesus warns his followers to practice their faith with humility: "Those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

## 31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

5 Nov 2023



Throughout the Gospels we see Jesus grow increasingly frustrated with the religious leaders of the day who wield their authority in ways he deems hypocritical. Their misguided love for recognition and honour outweighs their love for God. They seem to hold power —by earthly standards they do, but they are not enacting the true power that is available to all of us.

This real power is God's gift that enables us to enact God's will. It doesn't look much like power though. It looks a lot like servanthood. Jesus tells his followers to humble themselves, because humility is the basis of true exaltation in God's ordering of things. This humility is found in unity, joined as brothers and sisters under one loving Teacher, Father, Master

We don't always get to see the promise of the Gospel played out; too often, it seems that those with power get more, and those with little get even less. Our human structures are cyclical, and these cycles can be hard to break. But sometimes harmful cycles can be broken by, for instance, sacrificing a power-based relationship for one based on love.

Jesus speaks honestly and directly to the issues he sees. What if we were to follow Jesus' way of respectful, honest, and direct dialogue?

~ Living Liturgy 2023

**"In you, O Lord, I have found my peace."- Ps 130 (131)**

## Parish News

**Conferral of Ministry of Lector to Clive Goodman:** Bishop Steve has acknowledged your petition to receive the Ministry of Lector, as you continue to discern the Lord's call to you towards the permanent diaconate. We would like to congratulate you today as you receive the conferral of this Ministry on Sunday 5th November.

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

**Ministers of the Word** (those who proclaim the Word of God) will be commissioned on Sunday 19th November at the 9:30am Mass

**St Dominics Pastoral Mission Christmas drive:** for the Monte Cecilia housing trust and Mother of Divine Mercy refuge. Please support our Christmas drive 2023, with donations of food and toys. Toys must be new and if wrapped, then please indicate if it is for a boy or girl and the relevant age group. All gifts/donations can be dropped off, to the parish centre, from Sunday, 3 December to 10 December 2023. 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:** 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 each. Some headlines for this issue: Pope appoints new Bishop of Hamilton. Carmelites reflect on papal letter on St Therese of Lisieux. Young people told about navigating a cultural crisis. Synod on synodality first assembly closes.

**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 12th November, 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](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. : 02-0108-0707980-00

Ref : Your name and planned giving number

## St Dominic's School News

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

**All Saint Mass** A BIG thanks to the parish for celebrating with the school on All Saints Day. Children loved it and it allowed them to think about the Catholic side of things as we enter this time of everyone going trick and treating. We need to make sure the children understand the Religious side of things as well as the 'getting lollies' side of things.

**Art Expo and Cultural Food Festival Extravaganza!** 10th November 5pm to 7:30pm. In the school's courtyard. Buy your dinner and have a drink in the sun.....we hope! Karaoke and children's performances. Check out the children's ART and connect with others.

**Board of Trustees update:** We had a great BOT meeting last week with many topics and ideas discussed. Reports presented were

1. Student Achievement Report End of Term 3
2. Catholic School Office internal review presented by Miss Lowe
3. Plans for the Consultation meeting held today discussed
4. Property issues update - playground, AC units, and painting the hall.
5. Finance update and budget for 2024

## Notices from the Diocese

**Upcoming Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:** Franciscan Spirituality Series - Learn about what St Francis had to say about death and what his approach to it was. Next session is this Sun 5 Nov- 'Sister Death' by Anne Moody - 2pm-4pm (Free)

**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](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto: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, purchase liturgical resources and more.

**Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland Seeking part-time Chef:** for 30-hours per week over 5-days (Sunday-Thursday non-negotiable), commencing early February 2024. Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, working within budgets, as well as x1 evening meal preparation for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. Holy Cross Seminary follows a university term schedule, and the successful applicant will be required term-time only (x32 weeks per year). If you have the necessary qualifications/experience and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to [office@holycross.org.nz](mailto:office@holycross.org.nz) by Wednesday, 15 November 2023.

**Marriage & Family:** Are you passionate about the Sacrament of marriage? Would you be interested in training to become Marriage Educators through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland? We are looking for couples who have been married for 5 plus years and

***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, Conrad Rasch, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Sr Mary Leonie, Patras Tigga, Margaret Rasch, Sr Dominic op, William Maguire

**For the Sick:** John and Dolores Webb, Peter Mun, Bozena Bakarich

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