



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 (19 November 2023)

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A (SCRIPTURE READINGS)

Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 *A perfect wife is far beyond the price of pearls
Happy are those who fear the Lord.*
Psalm 127 (128) *The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the
joy of the Lord*
1Thess 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

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, can you 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: Alice Schaumkel, Amanda Chidi, Lillian Schaumkel,
Sione Tupu, Sean Joseph

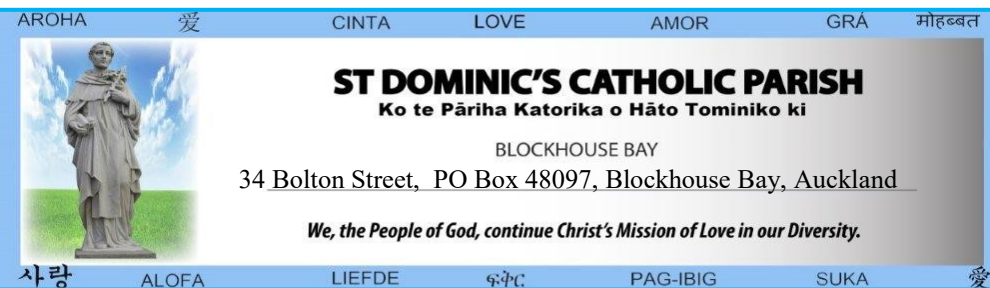
	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Nita Creado	Leeda Ferdis	Sarah Flynn
1st Reading:	Kevin Creado	Donald Holder	Natasha Pinto
2nd Reading:	Peter Dalgado	Jewel Villos	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
Ministers of Communion:	Betsy Rego	Anne Sia	Josh Soares
	Sunita Fernandes	Paul Reddy	Theresa Gomes
	Wilma Barboza	Karen Viviera	Verena Sluiter
Projectionist:	Jessie Dalgado	Rob Villos	Vincent George
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Mabel Viviera	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Geeta D'Souza	Irae Pule	Valyne Koh
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Graham S

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Anna Su & Jerry Xing (18 November 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello (18 November 2023)



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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wis 6:12-16 *Wisdom is found by those who look for her.*
Psalm 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.*

32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

12 Nov 2023



The parable we hear in today's Gospel, about the five wise and five foolish young women, is the only parable in all the Gospels that portrays watching and waiting in feminine imagery. It was the custom in first-century Palestine for young women of marriageable age, to wait at the bride's parental home, for the arrival of the bridegroom, prior to the wedding.

When the bridegroom is delayed, 5 of the young women are found not to have brought enough oil, and have to go off and buy some more. They then get locked out of the wedding feast, a troubling outcome! The message is clear... "Stay awake!"

When we put this Gospel reading alongside the other readings and Psalm for today, it becomes an expression of our longing to be with Jesus. Those whose hearts desire Him will find the practical ways needed to prepare their hearts. The specifics of that preparation will look different for each one of us, but love and longing are at their core.

Today's Psalm is one of the most passionate psalms we sing as a church. The readiness of the parched earth to receive and absorb rain, is the posture we are asked to possess toward Jesus Christ, both at his Final Coming, and at his everyday comings into our hearts and lives. We stay awake, lest we miss these opportunities!

~ Living Liturgy 2023

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."- Ps 62 (63)

Parish News

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: (those who proclaim the Word of God) will be commissioned on Saturday 18th November at the 6pm Mass and 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 the 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. Final approval from the Diocese to go ahead with the works has now been received.

Catholic Women's League No meeting in November. We are going to the Bricklane Restaurant in New Lynn for lunch on Friday 17th November @ 11.45, non members welcome to join us. Contact Marie 627 9193 or 027 3813361

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

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) | Thu 7 Dec.

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

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: Next session is this Sunday 12 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 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:

Week 5 here at school The weeks are slipping past very fast and we only have another 5 weeks of school. Can't believe this as it seems like we have just started for the term Finally the weather is on our side! Remember we finish school on the 15th December

Christmas show This is happening on the 8th December. All are welcome. We start at 11am and it will tell the story of the birth of our Christ! Children will be singing and telling the story through mime.

All Saints Mass We had a great mass last week with the parish. We think Father Ephrem for his encouraging comments at the end mass saying the children's behavior and reverence were excellent. I have to say the children were so good and we all felt very proud of them!

Enrolments Please make sure you are letting people know about the school roll. We are full however we very limited spaces for 2026 so make sure you get the word out there as we have many families that come to enrol but have no luck.

Church funny A little child in church watched as the offertory plate was passed around. When it neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear. 'You don't have to pay for me Daddy. I'm under five.'

Notices from the Diocese

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). Please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Wednesday, 15 November 2023.

National March for Life. in Wellington on Saturday, 2 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life that also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. www.marchforlife.nz

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. Accessed via ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/> **500 Muffin Talk Broadcasts!** Check out the special anniversary broadcast on YouTube: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/11/01/500-broadcasts-of-muffin-talk/> For more information www.studyjoy.nz

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 have about 2 - 6 hours a week free to guide couples through a Catholic marriage preparation course.

End-of-year Youth Celebration Mass: 02 December 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the mass, present the Tu Kahikatea Awards, and give a special blessing to all our youth and young adult ministry leaders. Young leaders, make sure you don't miss it!

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.