



## 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 (26 November 2023)

### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Scripture Readings)

**Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17** The Lord will look after his flock and keep all of his sheep in view  
**Psalm 22 (23)** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
**1Cor 15:20-26,28** Christ is the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep  
**Mt 25:31-46** The King will answer, "As often as you did this to the least of one of these, you did it to me."

**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** Jason Dash, Jeremy Xing, Joshua Joseph, Oliver McCrills, Braeli Faith

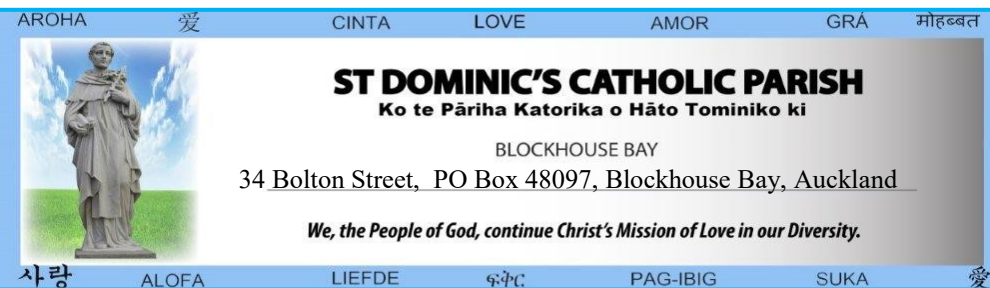
	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Carol D'Souza	Reena Edwin	Irae Pule
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Natasha Fernandes	Anne Wilson	Richard O'Malley
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Ethan Dharmai	Karen Vivera	Sr Helen Bergin
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Cyril R	Anne Sia
	Rex Coutinho	Valyne Koh	Pius Joseph
	Tamara Pinto	Josh Soares	Teresa Joseph
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Sylvester D'Souza	Rob Villos	Samoan Community
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Mabel Vivera	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Clinton Correa	Jewel Villos	Paul Reddy
<b>Music:</b>	Youth	N/A	Samoan Community

### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Mark Fernandes (25 November 2023)

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretti Shepard (25 November 2023)



## ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki

BLOCKHOUSE BAY

34 Bolton Street, PO Box 48097, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland

*We, the People of God, continue Christ's Mission of Love in our Diversity.*

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

## 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

19 Nov 2023



The Gospel today brings to us something important: faithfulness in small matters is how we practice our readiness to be faithful in greater matters.

As athletes prepare through consistent training, we grow in virtue through the discipline of consistent practice, whenever the opportunity arises. Small moral choices may not seem to matter, but they do. They are an opportunity to develop our resilience.

While the servants in today's Gospel deal with their master's money only for a limited time, we are responsible for our gifts for the entirety of our lives. There is some reassurance here, practicing trustworthiness in small ways prepares us for the great joy that God promises.

The servant who received only one talent "plays it safe" and buries it in the ground. And then wants to give it back! Maybe he didn't want to receive it in the first place. It is hardly likely that he, or we, are going to make a worthy investment of our gifts, if we haven't really been willing to receive them in the first place! Perhaps the greater risk is opening ourselves up to what God wants to give us.

~ Living Liturgy 2023

**"Happy are those who fear the Lord."- Ps 127 (128)**

## Parish News

**Ministers of the Word** (those who proclaim the Word of God) will be commissioned later in November at the 6:00pm and 9:30am Mass (date to be confirmed)

**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.

**Feast of St Cecilia:** Mass will be held in our church on Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm.

**Children's Liturgy Ministers:** The parish is looking for volunteers to run and assist with the Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am weekend Masses. All persons who are happy to volunteer for this Ministry are welcome to contact Clinton Mob: 021769135 or contact the parish office.

**Collectors at the 6:00pm Mass:** The parish is looking for volunteers to be "Collection In-charge" for the 6:00pm weekend Masses. All those happy to volunteer may please contact Graham or Clinton.

**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:** please register yourselves and your families directly on our website: <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: Pope Francis: We ask the Lord for Peace. Archbishop Martin receives the Pallium. The Catholic dating scene from the perspective of men.

**Christ the King feast:** A solemn procession in celebration of Christ the King, will be held at 5:30pm on Sat. 25th November followed by the 6:00pm Mass. All parishioners are requested to come early and join us as we process.

**Advent Wreath Ecumenical Service:** will be held on Wed. 29th November at 7:30pm at our church. We will be joined in this ecumenical service by Christians from the other 5 denominations in the Blockhouse Bay area. It would be nice to see a good representation from our parish at this service. This will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate for all to share.

**KNITTING FOR CHARITY:** Next session is on Sunday 19 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**

**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:**

**Food Festival** A big thank you to those parishioners who managed to come along to our Food Festival. It was a great evening and really showcased the diverse community we have here in the Bay. All money raised on the night goes towards our school's Foundation.

**School Strategic Plan** Currently the school is writing the plan for the next two years. This will set the direction of where we want our school to go. As part of our plan, we will be looking at the following three aspects.

1) **Special Character** - we will be writing a schoolwide faith learning pathway to support new families to our school so that they feel informed about the many different aspects of belonging to a Catholic community.

2) **Learning** - we will be reviewing and updating our literacy plans here at school, with a special focus on structured literacy and our middle school.

3) **Treaty of Waitangi** - creating a learning plan that unpacks the local area and allows the children to understand the importance of Blockhouse Bay, not only with the local tangata whenua, but also the historical aspects of this area.

**Mihi Whakatau** Last week we welcomed another five children to our school. We formally welcome all new families into our school with a Mihi Whakatau, a special celebration which shows that not only the children are valued, but also their families.

**End of School Year** School closes at 12:00pm on Friday the 15th of December and reopens at 8:30am on the 1st of February.

## 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) | Thu 7 Dec

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 1st December 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

**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](http://www.marchforlife.nz)

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** - Community Day, Saturday 2nd December, at St John's Catholic church hall, 180 Centreway Road, Orewa, from 10am to 2pm. BYO lunch, bring a friend, no need to book, koha welcome. There will be two talks from meditators who recently spent time in France. The event will include two periods of meditative prayer. All welcome.

**The Gospel of Mark** with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 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/> More info [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**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:** 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, Bozena Bakarich

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