



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 (3 December 2023)

First Sunday Advent Year B (Scripture Readings)

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7 Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.
Psalms 80 Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.
Mark 13:33-37 Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes

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	Christopher Dalgado, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph, Swinth Rodrigues
	Sun 8:00am	Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
	Sun 9:30am	Alex XinLong Qu, Alice YiLin Qu, Breanna Pinto, Sione Tupu

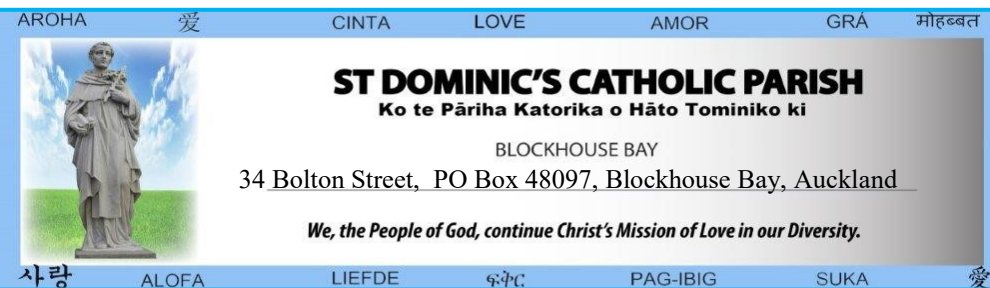
	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Reggis Rego	Donald Holder	Paul Pa'u
1st Reading:	Betsy Rego	Tom O'Hanlon	Goretti Fernandes
2nd Reading:	Kendall D'Souza	Josh Soares	Joy Reginald-Opara
Ministers of Communion:	Bradley Pinto	Paul Reddy	Kamla Singh
	Jessie Dalgado	Theresa Gomez	Lourdes Trainor
	Renee D'Souza	Karen Vivera	Verena Sluiter
Projectionist:	Nestor Reynolds	Rob Villos	Brower Jr Pule
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Josh Soares	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Connie Fernandes	Jewel Villos	Irae Pule
Music:	Trinity Choir	N/A	Divine Mercy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Vincent George and family (02 Dec 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretti Sheppard (02 Dec 2023)



ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki

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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 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalms 22 (23)

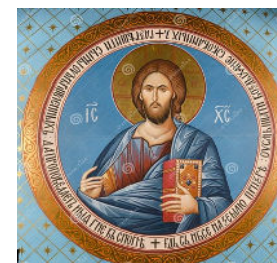
1Cor 15:20-26,28

Mt 25:31-46

*The Lord will look after his flock and keep all of his sheep in view
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Christ is the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep
The King will answer, "As often as you did this to the least of one of these, you did it to me."*

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

26 Nov 2023



CHRIST IN MAJESTY
Icon from Odessa Region

We have come to the end of another liturgical year. Before we jump too far into the freshness of Advent, let us pause and take stock of this past year of Christian living.

Where did we encounter Christ? Where did we act as Christ for another? In what ways did we succeed—and fall short—in answering the Christian call?

Today's Gospel reminds us of our core Christian practices: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Each of these actions makes the love of Christ known in the world.

As we reflect on the past year, may God draw our awareness to the people and places that have benefited from our Christian practices and the areas in which we can grow in the year ahead.

On the Sunday we celebrate the Kingship of Jesus, our psalm contains beautiful imagery describing God's leadership: it's not about control, but care. "Near restful waters he leads me!"

~ Living Liturgy 2023

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." - Ps 22 (23)

Parish News

Ministers of the Word (those who proclaim the Word of God) will be commissioned on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd December at the 6:00pm and 9:30am Mass respectively.

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. THANKS.

Advent Wreath Ecumenical Service: will be held on Wednesday 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.

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. All approvals have now been received and work will commence from early January 2024.

We need your suggestion for finalising the colour of bench upholstery. We would like you to make a choice of ONE colour from the short-listed colours. The sample of the carpet is also with the upholstery samples in the foyer, which will help you with deciding your colour of preference. Please put a tick against your preferred colour on the slips of paper provided in the foyer and put it in the wooden box. Thank you very much for your co-operation with this important decision.

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.

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.

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:

Foundation Special If you attended our recent Art Expo and Food Festival Extravaganza, we made approximately \$4,000.00. Thank you for your support of the Foundation. The Foundation supports the following aspects of our school.

1. Support for schooling at a Catholic college.
2. Supports families at St Dominic's Catholic Primary School with school fees, uniform costs and stationery costs.
3. Supports the St Dominic's Catholic Primary School Pastoral Care Group when helping families in need.
4. Assists in upgrade of school grounds and school buildings.

If you are in a position to help out, we would love for you to donate to this very worthwhile Foundation. The account number is 12-3034-0276615-00. Please know that you can request a receipt from the school for tax return purposes.

Christmas Show Our Whole School Christmas Show will be held on the 8th of December from 11:00am – 12:00pm. It will be held in the courtyard and we'd love to see you there!

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.

—Daniel

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

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.

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. Contact Gerry on email gerrys@cda.org.nz or 021 022 47442

Advent Retreat: Saturday 2 December 8am-2pm, St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera. Discover the mysteries of Advent with the insightful guidance of Dr Robert Loretz.

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.