



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 (10 December 2023)

2nd Sunday Advent Year B (Scripture Readings)

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.
Psalms 85:9-14 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation
2 Peter 3:8-14 We must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.
Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

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 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
Hospitality:	Gidget Mendonca	Anne Wilson	Ethan Dharmai
1st Reading:	Matthew D'Souza	Irae Pule	Seanna Sajan
2nd Reading:	Bendito Fernandes	Reena Edwin	Camryn Fernandes
Ministers of Communion:	Helen Bailie	Cyril R	Anne Sia
	Renee D'Souza	Valyne Koh	Brower Jr Pule
	Sunita Fernandes	Josh Soares	Ursula Burgess
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Karen Vivera	Sylvester D'Souza
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodal	Paul Reddy	Leonard Pinto
Co-Ordinator:	Leema Kishore	Mabel Vivera	Jewel Villos
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Youth

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
 Kevin Creado and family (09 Dec 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
 Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello (09 Dec 2023)

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TODAY'S 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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

3 December 2023



Today we read from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes. Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

~ Loyola Press

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Parish News

As we move into a new liturgical year may we be blessed with glimpses of the hope that is "God with us". Go gently into advent.

Celebration of Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) We are very happy to announce that two RCIA candidates, Angela Lu and Lily Gao, will be baptised and confirmed on Saturday 16 December 2023 during the 8.00 am mass. Three children will also be baptised together with their parents. We invite you to pray for our RCIA candidates, seeking God's blessings as they prepare for baptism and confirmation on their journey of faith

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS NIGHT (Sunday 24 December 2023)

6:00pm: Family, seniors and children

9:30pm: Christmas Carols followed by Mass at **10:00pm.**

CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday 25 December 2023)

9.30am Family Mass, Led by Children's Liturgy and Samoan Community.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Mass at 9:15am

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.

FLOWER ARRANGERS TEAM: Require volunteers to assist with Weekly Flower Arrangements in the church. Please contact Clinton or the Parish Office

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.

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

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 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

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: Pope Francis: NZ representatives at Vatican synod reflect on experience. Changes to sanctuary at Dunedin cathedral. Young people debate topic of married priests. Transitional deacon ordained in Wellington..

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Holiday & Renovation Period Masses (Tue. 2nd January 2024 – Sat 2nd March 2024): All Masses will be celebrated in the School Hall. Weekend Masses at usual timings; Weekday Masses in January at 9.15am, in February at 7pm; Shrove Tuesday 13th February: Burning of Ashes followed by Mass at 7pm; Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024 Mass at 6:00pm and the Ecumenical service at 7:30pm (TBC)

PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR WEBSITE & NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH FOYER

St Dominic's School News

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

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!

Muriwai Trip Last week our Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Muriwai for their beach education trip. Here they learnt some very important life skills in time for summer. We had loads of parent support and the weather was great!

Seeking Your Voice In Term 1 of next year, the school will be asking Parishioners to be interviewed, so that we can add your stories to a unit of learning we are doing here at school, titled Our School, Our Place. Children will be interviewing Parishioners and local identities so that we can capture the history of our school. These interviews will form part of our school's documented history, and we look forward to you sharing all of your beautiful memories for future students to learn about.

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**

—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

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 10th December at 4pm in Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral followed by a light meal. All disabled people and their whānau and support workers most welcome! Ph. Vivienne 021 044 8362

Advent Retreat Day Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin, Saturday 9 December 10am – 3pm, \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations by December 7th MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au MOB 0210710277

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.