



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 (17 December 2023)

3rd Sunday Advent Year B (Scripture Readings)

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11 The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.
Luke 1:46-50,53-54 My soul rejoices in my God
1 Thess 5:16-24 Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.
John 1:6-8,19-28 John gives testimony that he is preparing for the coming of another.

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

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Natasha Fernandes	Jewel Villos	Natasha Pinto
1st Reading:	Kevin Creado	Anne Wilson	Josh Soares
2nd Reading:	Nita Creado	Leeda Ferdis	Anthony Carroll
Ministers of Communion:	Bradley Pinto	Anne Sia	Pius Joseph
	Jessie Dalgado	Paul Reddy	Teresa Joseph
	Tamara Pinto	Theresa Gomes	Valyne Koh
Projectionist:	Clinton Correa	Rob Villos	Vincent George
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Irae Pule	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Geeta D'Souza	Irae Pule	Valyne Koh
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Graham S

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
 Mendonca family (16 December 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
 Irae Pule & Lisa Kachappilly (16 Dec 2023)

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TODAY'S 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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

10 December 2023



On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

John is described as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, and is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will bring. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

~ Loyola Press

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation." - Ps 85

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION (Rite II): - will be held in the Church on Wednesday 20th Dec 2023 at 7:00pm. Fr Ephrem, and visiting priests will be present for the sacrament.

Celebration of Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) We are very happy to announced 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

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

CHRISTMAS EVE POST-MASS CELEBRATION: There will be Christmas cakes and drinks after the 10pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Please donate a Christmas cake for all parishioners to share and please inform Anne Sia or anyone from the Hospitality group (for catering purposes)

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.

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.

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..

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.

Holiday & Renovation Period Masses (Tue. 2nd January 2024 – Sat 2nd March 2024): All Masses will be celebrated in the School Hall. All Weekend Masses will be at usual timings; Weekday Masses in **January at 9.15am**, and 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)

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

St Dominic's School News

Christmas Show Please note, there has been a change to the date of our Whole School Christmas Show. This is now going to be held on Monday the 11th of December from 11:00am – 12:00pm. It will be held in the courtyard and we would love to see you there!

Final School Mass This will take place on the 14th of December at 9:15am.

End of Term School closes for the year at 12:00pm on the 15th of December.

St Dominic's Catholic Primary School Foundation One of the key aspects of the Foundation was to support children as they left St Dominic's and went off to a Catholic college. We are very excited to again be able to support two students (one boy and one girl) with their uniform and stationery costs as they start their first year of college next year.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

—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.