



**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday 6:00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am

**Weekday Eucharist**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:15am  
 Wednesday - Novena at 6:45pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm  
 First Friday (Mass of Healing & Anointing of the sick) 9:15am  
 First Friday Adoration followed by Mass 6:30pm  
 Parish Renewal Rosary (Every Saturday) 6:30am

Reconciliation and Exposition Every Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm  
 Baptism classes: 1st and 2nd Saturdays of the month 2:00pm to 3:00pm

(Please see the Church noticeboard and Website)

**NEXT SUNDAY (25th August 2024)**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Josh 24:1-2, 15-18 We will serve the Lord for he is our God.  
**2nd Reading:** Eph 5: 21-32 This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.  
**Gospel Reading:** Jn 6: 60-69 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**Rosters:** The rosters for various ministries servers are on the notice board and website as well. Thank you for your generosity with these ministries. If you are not available, please try to arrange your own replacement. Thank you.



**ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters**

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b> Carlos Pulini, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph, Swinth Rodrigues
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b> Javier Soares and Jessica MacKenzie
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b> Jason Dash, Jeremy Xing, Joshua Joseph, Oliver McCrills

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Peter Dalgado	Irae Pule	Melinda Hamlyn
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Carol D'Souza	Josh Soares	Josie Wilson
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Yvette Correa	Mabel Vivera	Nila Malo
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Betsy Rego	Cyril R	Kamla Singh
<b>Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Valyne Koh	Natasha Pinto
<b>Communion:</b>	Wilma Barboza	Theresa Gomes	Verena Sluiter
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Sylvester D'Souza	Annlyn Lopez	Samoan Community
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Josh Tham	Neil Monteiro	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Valyne Koh	Paul Reddy
<b>Music:</b>	Youth	N/A	Samoan Group

<b><u>CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER</u></b> Kevin Creado and family (25th August 2024)	<b><u>FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER</u></b> Jennifer & Nereus D'MELLO (25th August 2024)
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**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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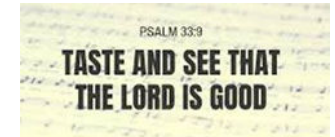
**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Prov 9:1-6 Come and eat my bread and drink the wine I have prepared.  
**2nd Reading:** Eph 5: 15-20 Sing the praises of the Lord so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father.  
**Gospel Reading:** Jn 6:51-58 My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**20TH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME**

**18th August 2024**



This third part of the great Bread of Life discourse continues to scandalise Jesus' hearers. It opens with the last four lines of last week's Gospel. And his reply to the Jewish leadership's question of eating his flesh continues in the most confronting manner, 'eat flesh and drink blood. Jews believed that blood held the life that was given by God alone, and so the Jewish Law forbade the consumption of the blood of animals, so say nothing of a human's! So, what can it mean then, to 'eat flesh and drink blood'? We have already understood that 'to eat' in the Gospel of John means to believe. So, we know that eating flesh is to believe in Jesus as the One sent by God. He is God's unique revelation to humanity and also reveals God to us, and belief is about coming to know God intimately. If we take the Jewish idea of blood as having life that only God can give, then to 'drink blood' is to have Jesus' life in us, to become as Jesus already is, a true child of God, 'drawing life from me' as Jesus says.

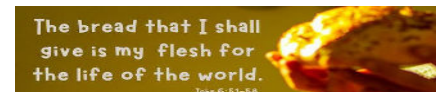
Believing in Jesus (eating his flesh) is about coming to know God through Jesus and to draw life from him (drink his blood) is to become like Jesus is, a true child of God. Perhaps, ponder this for a moment today. ~ God's Word 2024

**The Pontifical Society of St Peter the Apostle**, one of the Pope's missionary arms, currently supports 81,393 seminarians training in third world countries. The Church in NZ has been blessed by priests from the Philippines, Indonesia, India and Uganda serving our people.

Can you offer a donation or financial support for this work?

Donate to MissioNZ 06-0411-0021447-00

**Pontifical Mission Societies 2024 Appeal**  
Supporting the formation of Indigenous Priests



## Parish News

**St. Dominic's Sacramental Program:** have sessions every Sunday from 10:45am to 12 Noon, in the School hall for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The sacraments will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd September with Bishop Steve Lowe.

**Fire Warden** training will be held on **Sat 24 Aug** from 9:00am to 12:00pm, in the parish centre.

**The Diocesan Faith Formation Team** are offering refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the ministries of 1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation. This is open to all educators and volunteers involved in these ministries. For regional sessions, please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/> to attend for your parish.

**Father's Day:** There will be a morning tea after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 1st September, as it is the first Sunday of the month, which is also FATHER'S DAY. All are welcome, while Fathers will be given special attention. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you!

**Communities for Missionary Discipleship:** The Catholic Diocese of Auckland promotes for a strong and inclusive communities for missionary discipleship. Come to the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September | at the Malaeola Samoan Catholic Community Centre | 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere | A time of celebration with Food, Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there.

**Celebrate Christian Unity:** The Churches of Auckland Celebrate Christian Unity. Join us at this annual Prayer Service 5:00 PM Sunday 25th August 2024 at St Elias Melkite Catholic Church, 5 Mt. Lebanon Crescent, The Gardens Manurewa. Light Refreshments provided.

**Monte Cecilia Housing Trust:** is seeking property owners willing to lease their homes to help low-income families. Your support can make a profound difference in the lives of families in need. By partnering with them, you will also receive guaranteed rent for 52 weeks a year, assurance of tenant-liable damage repairs, hassle-free maintenance without facilitation charges, and no commission fees. For more information, please contact Monte Cecilia Housing Trust on 0800 624 848.

**Men's Conference:** The Lamb of God Community would like to invite all men to a Men's Conference from 23 – 25 August at Willow Park Christian Camp. The theme this year is "ARISE", founded on the scripture 1 Cor. 16:13-14 "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." For more details, contact Patrick Amaral at [patrick\\_amaral@hotmail.com](mailto:patrick_amaral@hotmail.com) / 0210381984. Register on <https://bit.ly/3LaqD2b>. For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) or 021439407 Look forwards to seeing you all there!

**PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts:** for the 2023-24 Tax Year are available in the foyer. Thank you.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Please register yourselves and your families directly on our website: <https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/>

“REQUESTS FOR MASS” Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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

**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:**

**St Dominic's Day 2024:** A great day was had by all. A very special liturgy was held in the hall and the school Disciples really showed their leadership and their speaking skills. They shared St Dominic's life story. We presented our Sisters with a special gift each, to say thanks for their dedication and deep faith they role model to us all everyday.

All classes carried out a range of ART across the school, all based around St Dominic's Symbols. A BIG thanks to our special mums that cooked the free sausages. We also gave every child the annual badge we hand out on St Dominic's day based on the school's theme. A massive day and something that the children will hopefully remember!

**100 day party :** We celebrated the 100 days of learning here at school. It has 100 days that the children have been counting and learning all about numbers up until this point. The children were super excited about this and they all came dressed up in party clothes and ready for a great day.

They had yummy cake and cup cakes thanks to a special mum , a disco and they also played with the parachute inside the hall. So much fun and so much learning!

Weekly raffles at school: Term 3 Weekly Raffles! We had such great support for the Quiz night raffles, that we have a few left over so we have decided to sell them here at the office. This way everyone can have a go at winning! Tickets can be purchased at the office and are \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for 3 (cash only please). ~ Daniel Pepper

## Other News

**PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE:** Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture on 30 and 31st August | Holy Family Parish Hall, Te Atatu Peninsula. Keynote speaker is Fr. Shenan Boquet (USA), an engaging pro-life missionary who trains seminarians, clergy, and lay persons. For more info contact Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz) or visit [fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024](https://fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024)

**Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby** invites you to join them to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Steve Lowe will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 02 September 2024 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street after Mass.

**CA Qualified Accountant – Fixed Term 1-year Parental Leave Cover Opportunity.** The role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager with operational leadership for the financial management of various entities under the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies for full position description. Applications close on 12/08/24.

**Young Adults Ball** Saturday 14th September 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'. Here's your chance to put on your best formal attire and fall down the rabbit hole and into a world of whimsy, where the fantastical realm of Alice in Wonderland awaits! Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out). **Tickets:** [https://Young\\_Adults\\_Ball.eventbrite.com](https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com)

*Please remember the following in the Eucharist and your personal prayer:*

**Recently Deceased/Anniversaries:** Maggie Rebello, Elsa Olla, Janet Jensen, Elsy Vivera, Vern Walker, Chris Sekula, Pearl Dharmai, Ineke Merckens, Peter Gasson, Bernadette Waith, Yvonne Ryan, Fr Mario Dorado, Conrad & Margaret Rasch, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Patras Tigga.

**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.*