



**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 (15<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**

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

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 50: 5-9 I gave my body to those who struck me  
**2nd Reading:** James 2: 14-18 Faith without good works is dead  
**Gospel Reading:** Mk 8: 27-35 If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him take up his cross and follow me.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 114(115) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**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.



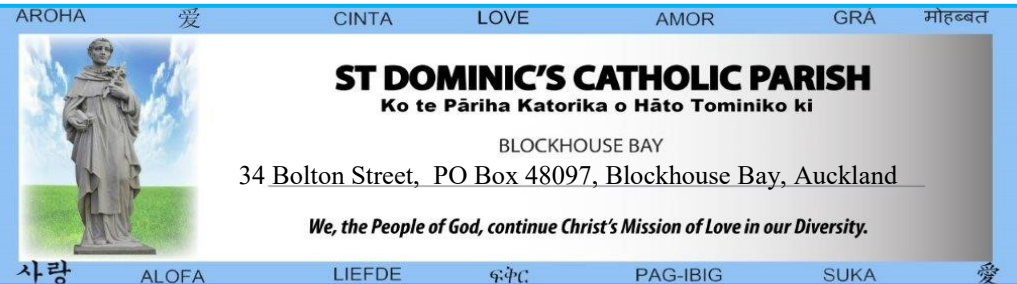
**ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph, Swinth Rodrigues		
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	Javier Soares and Jessica MacKenzie		
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	Jason Dash, Chuka Chidi, Joshua Joseph, Oliver McCrills		

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chrysllyn Pinto	Irae Pule	Goretti Fernandes
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Nita Creado	Annlyn Lopez	Josie Wilson
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Matthew D'Souza	Leeda Ferdis	Richard O'Malley
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Anne Sia	Lourdes Trainor
<b>Communion:</b>	Renee D'Souza	Charlotte Monteiro	Theresa Gomes
<b>Communion:</b>	Wilma Barboza	Valyne Koh	Teresa Joseph
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Josh Soares	Vincent George
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Josh Tham	Paul Reddy	Rob Villos
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Leema Kishore	Josh Soares	Valyne Koh
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Graham S

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 Anna Su & Jerry Xing (14th Sep 2024)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 Nita CREADO (14th Sep 2024)



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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 35: 4-7 The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy.  
**2nd Reading:** James 2: 1-5 God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith.  
**Gospel Reading:** Mk 7: 31-37 He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 146: Praise the Lord, my soul!



*8th September 2024*



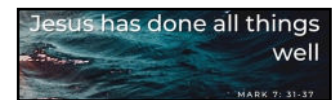
There are many stories about Jesus healing someone in need. Today a deaf man with a speech impediment is brought to Jesus. How blessed that man was to have friends who wanted the best for him! I am reminded of a cousin who was born unable to hear or speak but, because his parents understood the value of early childhood intervention, he was given the best possible start in life. He developed various forms of communication that in time enabled him to support himself through work, qualify as a sporting umpire and travel the world.

Sometimes we just need others to enable us to be the best we can be. Jesus gave the deaf man his full attention - he took him aside in private and by word and action opened him to a new way of living. Further he didn't want the deaf man to tell others about him because he wanted all the attention to be on the man's wellbeing rather than on himself. Jesus does all things well and gives the man hope for the future. Have there been moments in my life where I have led others to freedom because I have enabled them to see and feel the power of God? Or perhaps someone has led me? This could be a valuable reflection for 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



## 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.

**KNITTING FOR CHARITY:** will be held on 8th & 22nd Sunday's September 2024 at 2pm, in the Parish Centre, knitting woollies for Monte Cecilia. All are welcome to join.

**G.I.F.T.** a very warm welcome to all intellectually disabled people, their whānau and support worker for our first session at the Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby on Saturday 7th September from 1pm to 4pm. Come and see our fabulous new home! Please come to the back of the building, park near the tennis courts and come to the cafeteria/ back door.

**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)

**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.

**Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers.** The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2025 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/> Applications close **October 31st, 2024**. Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project. **Email:** [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

**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.

**Positions available St Joseph's Takapuna** Following restructuring of the parish staff, two positions have become available: **Executive assistant**, a) 25 hours per week role; and (b) **Property manager**, 10-15 hours per week. For position descriptions and to apply for a position, contact Fr Mark Napa [fmark@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:fmark@stjoseph.org.nz) Applications close 27 September 2024.

**PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts:** Please e-mail [stdomspgc@gmail.com](mailto:stdomspgc@gmail.com) for the 2023-24 Tax Year.

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

**DONATIONS / PLANNED GIVING:** To join our Planned Giving scheme please 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



Do not let your heart  
be troubled.  
Have faith in God.

## St Dominic's School News

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

**School Disco:** What a great night, and the school managed to raise some more funds for our pathway extension. The children love this event and had a great evening. Loads of great music and dancing games!

**Mihi Whakatau:** We held another Mihi Whakatau here at school when we welcomed 10 children and their families, and a staff member. Such a special event and something that the families really feel a sense of warmth from. Our Kapa Haka group is 70 children strong, and this all promotes and encourages children's understanding of tangata whenua and Māori protocol.

**Happy Father's Day to all!**

We pray that all our wonderful Dads have a wonderful day!

**Church funny:** There are only two kinds of people in the world - there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning!"

~ Daniel Pepper

## Other News

**Live in Retreat:** Divine Retreat Centre - New Zealand (DRCNZ) is organizing a Live in Retreat at Sonshine Ranch, 223 Creighton's Road, Clevedon from Friday 4th Oct 5pm to Sunday 6th October. 12pm. E-mail [drcnz@hotmail.com](mailto:drcnz@hotmail.com) for registration or call **Brian 0210309144** for more details. Refreshments will be provided. No registration required. All are welcome with friends and family.

**Free Leadership Seminar for the youth:** The El Shaddai Bible Study Group is organising a free leadership seminar for youth 18 years and above. Our aim is to provide our youth with both self-evaluation and guidance on navigating the corporate world. The seminar will be led by **Robin Cooper** (Operations Programmes & Interface Director | Auckland Airport) on 12th October between 1pm and 4 pm at the Parish centre. Further information is available on the Parish Notice board. For interest please call Audrey Cooper **on 021 141 5778**.

**New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) networking event** with Dr Mary English: GP practice owner and mum of six shares her remarkable journey navigating faith, family and medicine. A unique opportunity for healthcare students and professionals to connect and be inspired. **Friday 20 September 2024, 5:00pm** registration and canapés. 6:00pm keynote address by Dr Mary English. 6:45pm Q&A session at **Mayne Wetherell, Bayleys House**, Level 5, 30 Gaunt Street, Auckland CBD, Paid parking available nearby (e.g., Wynard Carpark and Wilson Parking Fanshawe)

**FamilyLife Pastors Gathering:** FamilyLife NZ desires that every home be a Godly home. That would provide a brilliant platform for spiritual and social flourishing in our city. Together, we'd love to invite you to a workshop to think strategically about the issue of relationship breakdown that plagues our city. How can the Church help build thriving, healthy marriages? Come along to be part of the solution. **Wednesday 2nd October, 10:30am-12pm, Gracecity Church, Greenlane.** (morning tea provided).

*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.*