



**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 (1<sup>st</sup> December 2024)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Year C (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Jer 33:14-16 I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David  
**2nd Reading:** I Thess 3:12-4:2 When Christ comes, he may strengthen your hearts in holiness  
**Gospel Reading:** Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Stay awake, praying at all times  
**Psalm:** Psalm 24 (25): To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

**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, Braelei Faith
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b> Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Lucas Sun, Kathlyn Sun
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b> Sean Joseph, Joshua Joseph, Jason Dash, Jessica MacKenzie

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Mathew D'Souza	Josh	Jewel Villos
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Kevin Creado	Tom O'Hanlon	Richard O'Malley
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Peter	Charlotte Monteiro	Irae Pule
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Wilma Barboza	Valyne Koh	Kamla Singh
<b>Communion:</b>	Renee D'Souza	Karen Vivera	Teresa Joseph
<b>Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Paul Reddy	Verena Sluiter
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Jessie	Annlyn Lopez	Brower Jr Pule
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Joseph Moodal	Josh	Irae Pule
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Joseph Moodal	Valyne Koh	Joseph Moodel
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Divine Mercy

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Jose Alexander & family - 30th Nov 2024)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 (Goretti - 30th Nov 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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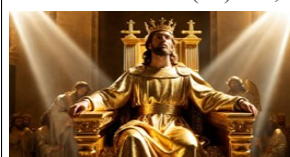
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

**1st Reading:** Dan 7:13-14 His sovereignty is eternal.  
**2nd Reading:** Apoc 1:5-8 Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the Ruler of the kings of the earth.  
**Gospel Reading:** Jn 18:33-37 You say that I am a king.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 92 (93):1-2, 5 The Lord is king: he is robed in majesty.



*24<sup>th</sup> November 2024*



Our first reading today is taken from the Book of Daniel. We can describe Daniel as one of the great visionaries in the Bible. As Daniel tells us in the first reading today, 'I gazed into the visions of the night, and I saw ...' What a powerful statement that is! And what did he see? He saw Christ the King. As he said, 'I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. ... On him was conferred sovereignty, glory, kingship, and men and women from all peoples, nations and languages served him. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty, which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.'

If Daniel is the great visionary in the Bible, then Pontius Pilate, whom we meet in today's Gospel, is the Bible's great cynic - he has no vision at all, and he believes in nothing. The king of the Jews is standing before him and he cannot recognise him. And when Jesus says that his kingdom is a kingdom of truth, Pilate utters the ultimate cynical statement: 'Truth! What is that?' Pilate no longer believes in the transcendental values of truth, goodness, beauty and altruism. He is motivated purely by self-interest, taking no responsibility for his actions (indeed, washing his hands clean of them). Occasionally we meet cynics who only have bad things to say about the world and the Church and faith. What we most need are visionaries, people who don't deny that much is wrong, but still manage to see the good. Let us ask Christ our King to open our eyes that, amid the challenges, self-interest and scepticism that abound, we may see the signs of his presence among us in the goodness, the kindness and the self-sacrifice of so many people. ~ 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

**Request for Volunteers - Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** May I request some volunteers to take Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound **and join our parish pastoral care group.** Before you embark in this honourable ministry, training will be provided to ensure you feel confident and prepared. Your volunteering would be highly appreciated and we trust you will be guided by a guardian angel. Interested to join or have any queries, please contact the parish office or Fr. Ephrem directly. Bless you for your willingness to serve and bring Christ's love to others! Fr. Ephrem.

**Parish Youth Group:** 9.30am Mass of second Sunday is led by the youth of our parish. Parents and guardians are requested to encourage their children to join the parish youth group. There is a youth programme on the 4th Friday evening and Choir leads on 2nd Sunday of the month. Be encouraged to be part of the St Dominic's youth group. Fr. Ephrem

**Self-Rostering for Church Ministries/Altar Servers/Volunteers:** We have shared Google Sheets for Self Rostering and received a very positive response so far. However, for few parishioners who prefer not to use the online sheets, a printout is available at the church foyer for filling it manually. There are few spots (days & roles) available for the month of December 2024. Please be encouraged in filling (online or manual) the spots/roles at the earliest or contact parish office for any assistance.

**Columban Art Calendar 2025:** St. Columban's Mission Society's beautiful Art Calendar is available for sale at \$15/- only. All are encouraged to buy the Calendar to contribute to the Society.

**Morning Tea:** There will be a morning tea after 9.30 am mass on Sunday 1st December 2024, as it is the first Sunday of the month. Please join us and contribution of food to share will be greatly appreciated. The Hospitality Team will take a break and we will resume our First Sunday of the month Morning Tea in February 2025. The Team would like to thank you for your continuous support and contribution. Wishing you and your families a very Joyful & Blessed Christmas and compliments of the seasons."

**Legion of Mary 'Our Lady of Grace' Praesidium** If you love Mama Mary, join the Legion. We meet every **Tuesday evening, in the Parish Centre at 7pm.** This worldwide apostolic group has over 10 million members in 170 Countries. Mama Mary is seeking more members to be part of her army in this parish, bringing Jesus into the hearts and souls of our Parishioners. If you have the zeal to fight evil in the present world and win the victory with Mother Mary, then this is for you. Mother Mary sees your heart, seeks you out. We welcome you to take the step and attend our meetings. Find out more about this apostolic organization. See if this is a suitable ministry for you to be part of. Your sacrifice of time and effort in this service, will bring forth blessings from our Lord Jesus and Mother Mary. Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. "The Parish is delighted to welcome 4 new candidates, **Gema Guo, Jeff Li, Shivneel hand, and Shamus Jenner,** into the Catechumens at 6.00pm Vigil Mass on 16th November 2024. They will be received into the Catechumens to learn and grow in God's grace and in the faith of Jesus Christ." All the parishioners are invited to pray for them.

**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/>

**"REQUESTS FOR MASS"** Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**CUT OFF Times for items in the newsletter is 3:00pm THURSDAY. THANK YOU**

**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:**

**Week 6 here at School** The term is moving really quickly, and we only have another 3 week's of school left. School closes on Tuesday the 17th of December. The Board of Trustees look forward to the annual catch-up with the Parish Council, which takes place on the 3rd of December.

**Bake Sale** It was great to be able to hold the last PTA fundraising event for the year, last week. On this day, families brought in their baking from home, and children could purchase yummy items for their morning tea. We raised approximately \$370.00, which will go towards our new soccer goals.

**Christmas Around the World** This takes place on the 6th of December at 9:30am. All are welcome, and we just ask for a koha of \$5.00 per person which go towards the cost of costumes for the event. It will be held in the courtyard (weather permitting).

**Car Park Closure** Just a reminder that the car park is closed and locked every school day between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. Any vehicles parked before this closure will need to wait until the driveway reopens to exit. We've received nothing but positive feedback following this decision, which helps ensure the safety of both our children and parents during pick-up time. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Church Funny** One evening a father was listening to his son saying his prayers. The little boy started by saying "Dear Harold". At this his dad interrupted saying "Wait a minute, why are you calling God 'Harold?'". The child looked up and said "Well Dad, that's what they call him in church. You know the prayer we say - "Our Father who art in Heaven, Harold be thy name!" ~ Daniel Pepper

## Other News

**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is accepting **enrolments** for first semester 2025 from **23<sup>rd</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.** Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new micro credential on Managing Church Organisations.

**Theology of the Body - Registration OPEN for 2025** Human Love in the Divine Plan: Beginners Course - ideal for those new to Theology of the Body. It focuses on the meaning and purpose of the human person, love and the infinite fulfilment found in Christ. Dates: Sat 15 and Sun 15 February 2025. Mission Bay, Auckland. All adults 20+ are welcome. To register or for more information please visit: [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz)

**For Trees, Gardens and Decks – Dave is the man:** Parishioner/handyman will fell or trim trees, repair decks, build fences or repair or maintain garden walls, painting (interior or exterior). He has references from another catholic school and parish. Tel. David Watt on 0275599084.

**Year of Jubilee** Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of Jubilee Events. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. Explore and return regular to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

**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, William Maguire (Bill).

**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.*