



**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)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Year C (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9 Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.  
**2nd Reading:** Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.  
**Gospel Reading:** Lk 3:1-6 A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 125 (126) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Rosters:** The rosters for various ministries servers are in the website. 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, Carlos Rudra Pulini, Braelei Faith
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b> Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Lucas Sun, Kathlyn Sun
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b> Jeremy Xing, Sophia Xing, Angeline Xing, Jessica MacKenzie

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Gidget	Annlyn Lopez	Joanne Jose
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Betsy	Melinda H	Goretti Fernandes
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Reggis	Josh	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Wilma Barboza	Valyne Koh	Verena Sluiter
<b>Communion:</b>	Renee D'Souza	Paul Reddy	Wilma Barboza
<b>Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Karen Vivera	Teresa Joseph
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Nestor	Annlyn Lopez	Sylvester D'Souza
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Joseph Moodal	Josh	Eddie Sluiter
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Joseph Moodal	Valyne Koh	Joseph Moodel
<b>Music:</b>	Trinity	N/A	Youth

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Tapania (Maria) & Tepano - 7th Dec 2024)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 (Nita Creado - 7th Dec 2024)

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**ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
 Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki

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*We, the People of God, continue Christ's Mission of Love in our Diversity.*

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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent—(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



*01st December  
 2024*



As we commence the season of Advent, we hear Jesus speak to us in prophetic and even somewhat frightening words. He talks of signs in the sun, moon, and stars, of the heavens being shaken and the ocean in tumult, and of human beings dying of fright. In the chaotic and turbulent times in which we live, we may readily wonder if we are witnessing such signs at present. The answer to this is: yes, indeed we are. But then, if we look at history, we realise that almost every age and era has had its fair share of trials, disasters, and catastrophes. And, in a sense, they are all signs of the coming of the Son of Man. For truly, Christ comes to us not just once, but many times - or rather, he is continually coming to us. The word 'advent' literally means 'coming', and we are called upon to prepare our hearts and lives for this coming at every moment, but especially during this season. Let us guard ourselves against excessive distraction, busyness, and stress, so that when the infant Jesus arrives, he may find a serene and peaceful dwelling place ready for him in our hearts!  
 ~ 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

**Reintroduction of Blood of Christ:** From 1st Sunday of Advent, communion will be given in both forms, Body and Blood of Christ in all Masses, i.e. 6.00 pm, 8.00 am, and 9.30 am at Vigil and Sunday Masses and Solemnity Masses. Also, there will be holy water available at the foyer.

**Christmas Confession:** Father Ephrem will be available after the Holy Masses for 1 hour from 17th to 24th December (regular time on weekends).

**St Dominics Parish Pastoral Care Christmas Food & Toy Drive** It's that time of the year again to help those less fortunate than us, at this wonderful time of the year. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus, we are reaching out for your donations and help for these families, by asking for food and/or toy donations please. Please donate new toys/gifts only, with the wrapping paper or gift bag please, and so that we can decide for which gender and age group, please do not wrap it please. **Can all donations be in by 8 December 2024 please.** Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Contact: [stdominicspastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:stdominicspastoralcare@gmail.com) or 021 101 5430.

**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."

"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

**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.

**Bible Diary 2025** Bible Diary available to buy at \$20 and payment can be made online. Name JP Jomu Ac. No. 01-0475-0185774-01, Reference: Bible121

**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: 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. <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.*