



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 (15th December 2024)

3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Zeph 3:14-18 Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!

2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7 The Lord is near .

Gospel Reading: Lk 3:10-18 I baptise you with water, but someone is coming who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Psalm: Ps 12:2-6 Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

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



Sat 6:00pm Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph, Braelei Faith
Sun 8:00am Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Lucas Sun, Sione Tupu
Sun 9:30am Jason Dash, Amanda Chidi, Chuku Chidi, Jessica MacKenzie

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Betsy	Annlyn Lopez	Melinda
1st Reading:	Peter Dalgado	Charlotte Monteiro	Joanne Jose
2nd Reading:	Bendito	Anne Wilson	Goretti Fernandes
Ministers of Communion:	Jessie Dalgado	Pius Joseph	Valyne Koh
Communion:	Renee D'Souza	Paul Reddy	Natasha Pinto
Communion:	Helen Bailie	Karen Vivera	Reena Goodman
Projectionist:	Goretti Sheppard	Josh	Vincent George
Chief Collector:	Romir Batista	Karen Vivera	Leonard Pinto
Co-Ordinator:	Connie	Joseph Moodel	Valyne Koh
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Graham

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Simone & Leslie D'Mello - 14th Dec 2024)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(Nita Creado - 14th 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

2nd Sunday of Advent—(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: Ps 125 (126) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.



08th December 2024



The awesome, austere and somewhat formidable figure of John the Baptist appears in our readings today, exhorting us to make straight the path for the Lord. In reflecting upon our own lives, we may often find that the paths which we have travelled (and are still travelling) are very far from straight, but complex, circuitous and indirect. This is an almost inescapable reality in our contemporary world. In listening to the Baptist's words, it is opportune to ask ourselves, 'How could I make the path of my own life a little straighter? What are the unnecessary complexities which I could easily let go of?' Simplicity is in itself a beautiful and desirable thing. Paradoxically, it is both very difficult to achieve, and yet ready at hand as soon as we desire it. A good first step in drawing near to it is to meditate upon the supreme simplicity of God. ~ 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

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

Christmas Novena Mass will be held from 16th until 24th December at early morning (5:30 AM) except on Sundays followed by cup of tea. Sponsors are welcome to contact Fr. Ephrem.

Mass Timings (Christmas & New Year) 24th December (Tuesday): 6.00 PM Vigil Mass, 10:30 pm Carols followed by 11.00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

25th December Christmas Mass: 9:30 AM (Family Mass)

New Year: 01/01/2025 (Wednesday) 9:15 am (only one mass on New Year Day)

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 or 021 101 5430.

Fund Raising: The St Dominics' Knitting for Charity group are having a fundraising event on Sunday 15th December 2024, after the 9:30am Mass. Items for sale include hand knitted blankets, baby garments and Christmas decorations. There will also be a raffle of a hand knitted Nativity set. The price is \$3.00 per ticket or two tickets for \$5.00 (cash sales only). Please support this worthy cause, as all proceeds go towards purchase of wool and material required for their projects.

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 spaces (days & ministries) available for the month of December 2024. Please be encouraged in filling (online or manual) at the earliest or contact parish office (e-mail/call/text) for 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.

Christmas & New Year Holidays: Parish Office remain active until 20th December 2024 and will resume on 20th January 2025. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year!

PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts: Please e-mail 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.

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



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:

Dance Around the World

What a wonderful event! Our children showcased 12 stunning dances from around the world, beautifully woven into the story of the birth of our Risen Christ. Dressed in traditional costumes from various countries, the children sang, danced, and brought joy to all who attended. It was a truly memorable celebration for our school community.

End-of-Year Dates to Remember:

- **Friday, 13th December:** Final Mass for Leavers, 9:15 AM
- **Monday, 16th December:** Praise Giving Awards for the 3 teams
- **Tuesday, 19th December:** Last Day of School – Final Assembly, 11:30 AM

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish and to Father Ephrem for his unwavering support and the love he shares with our school community. It has been a busy year filled with many positives and wonderful celebrations.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the parish in 2025. Please note that school reopens on **Monday, 3rd February**.

Wishing you all a blessed and holy Christmas! ~ 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.*