



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 (22nd December 2024)

4th Sunday of Advent - Year C (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4 Out of you will be born one who is to rule over Israel.

2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10 I am coming to do your will.

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:39-44 As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb.

Psalm: Ps 79 (80) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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, Carlos Rudra Pulini, Sophia Mckellar
Sun 8:00am Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Lucas Sun, Kathlyn Sun
Sun 9:30am Sean Joseph, Jeremy Xing, Sophia Xing, Angeline Xing, Joshua J.

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Chrysllyn	Melinda H	Josie Wilson
1st Reading:	Reggis	Charlotte Monteiro	Melinda
2nd Reading:	Betsy	Anne Wilson	Natasha Pinto
Ministers of Communion:	Renee D'Souza	Pius Joseph	Verena Sluiter
Communion:	Jessie Dalgado	Paul Reddy	Kamla Singh
Communion:	Helen Bailie	Josh	Reena Goodman
Projectionist:	Goretti Sheppard	Karen Vivera	Samoan Community
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodel	Josh	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Joseph Moodal	Mabel Vivera	Wilma Barboza
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Samoan Community

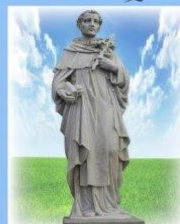
CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Anna Su & Jerry Xing - 21st Dec 2024)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello - 21st Dec 2024)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

3rd Sunday of Advent—(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.



15th December 2024



The Third Sunday of Advent is often known as Gaudete ('Rejoice!') Sunday, after the lines which appear in our second reading today, 'Rejoice in the Lord always: I shall say it again, rejoice!' This exhortation to joy, while deeply encouraging and inspiring, can often seem to be difficult or impossible to put into practice. Perhaps there are things in our lives or our world which we cannot rejoice over, and which weigh our hearts down. But joy is, in fact, the natural human condition. God, as a loving Creator, wants us to be happy, both in this world and the next. Let us ask ourselves, 'What are the things in my life and heart which may be holding me back from happiness - pride, fear, unforgiveness, envy, ambition, resentment?' Let us open our hearts to Jesus, to come in with his winnowing fan and sweep them all away.

~ 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



THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT SYMBOLIZES JOY. AS WE CONTINUE TO APPROACH CHRISTMAS DAY, OUR JOY GROWS MORE AND MORE. THE THIRD CANDLE TAKES US BACK TO THE JOYFUL ANTICIPATION OF THE SHEPHERDS WHO JOURNEYED TO SEE JESUS IN BETHLEHEM, EVEN BEFORE THE WISE MEN.

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.



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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

Legion of Mary 'Our Lady of Grace' Praesidium The Legion of Mary holds its meeting every **Tuesday evening, in the Parish Centre at 7pm.** This worldwide apostolic group has over 10 million members in 170 Countries. Mother Mary sees your heart and seeks you out to be part of her army to fight evil by bringing Jesus into the hearts and souls of our Parishioners. Join us and discern if this is a suitable ministry for you to be part of. Your sacrifice of time and effort in this service, brings forth blessings from our Lord Jesus and Mother Mary. Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

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.*