



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 (2nd February 2025)

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Mal 3:1-4 The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.
2nd Reading: Heb 2:14-18 He had to be made like us in all things.
Gospel Reading: Lk 2:22-40 My eyes have seen your saving power.
Psalm: Ps 23 (24) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

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	Sat 6:00pm Braelei Faith, Carlos Rudra Pulini
	Sun 8:00am Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun
	Sun 9:30am Nithin Savio, Jessica MacKenzie, Sean Joseph, Joshua Joseph

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Hospitality:	Kendall D'Souza	Annlynn Lopez	Irae Pule
1st Reading:	Natasha Fernandes	Tom O'Hanlon	Donald Holder
2nd Reading:	Betsy Rego	Melinda Hamlyn	Jewel Villos
Ministers of Communion:	Jessie Dalgado	Josh Soares	Kamla Singh
Communion:	Tamara Pinto	Teresa Gomez	Wilma Barboza
Communion:	Renee D'Souza	Cyril R	Theresa Joseph
Projectionist:	Nestor	Karen Vivera	DM Music group
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Josh Soares	Rob Villos
Co-Ordinator:	Goretti Sheppard	Anne Sia	Irae Pule
Music:	Trinity		Divine Mercy (TBC)

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
 (Simone & Leslie D'Mello - 1st Feb 2025)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
 (Irae Pule & Lisa Kachappilly - 1st Feb 2025)

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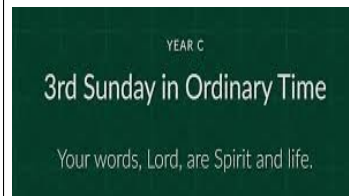
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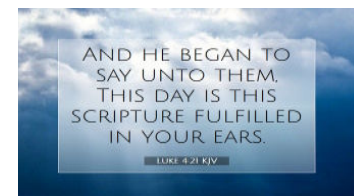
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10 All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law
2nd Reading: 1Cor12:12-30 Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.
Gospel Reading: Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.
Psalm: Ps 18 (19): Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.



26th January 2025



Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus returns to Nazareth, 'where he had been brought up'. We can imagine the familiarity of sights and sounds, people and voices. We learn that, as an observant Jew, it was Jesus' custom to go to synagogue on the sabbath. The scriptures he read that day were part of the ritual rhythms of his Jewish community. Notice the small moment-by-moment details as Jesus stands, unrolls the scroll, finds the text, returns the scroll, and sits down, with all eyes 'fixed on him'. Why do you think Luke goes to such lengths to 'slow down' the action and take us through such tiny details? How does it contribute to the heightened tension of the narrative and to its meaning? Can you imagine dramatising this scene? Which word or phrase especially resonates with you, as one who receives the word 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

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.

Training & Commissioning of Church Ministers: Parishioners who would like to be commissioned as ministers for various liturgical ministries are invited to attend training on **9th February** post 9:30 a.m. mass. This session is open to both current ministers who wish to continue in their roles and those interested in joining newly. The training will provide a certificate of completion and will include mandatory police vetting, which is required to be part of any ministry or volunteer role. Your participation ensures that you are prepared to serve effectively and meet all necessary requirements for ministry involvement.

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.

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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.

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.

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 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.

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 holy Christmas and Happy New Year ~ Daniel Pepper

Other News

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/>

Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge families, would like to sincerely thank the St Dominics parish for the donated goods of toys, clothing and food. We truly appreciate your prayers and support towards our families in need. Wishing you all a very Merry & Blessed Christmas & New Year!

The Diocese is seeking a talented and creative Multimedia Journalist (part time – 20 hrs per week) to create engaging digital multimedia content (stories, photos, videos) that shares the news of the Diocese, Bishop, Parish, Schools and Agencies. These stories will also contribute to supporting the national CathNews platform which delivers news, analysis, and commentary of interest to the Catholic Church community. For full details, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz – Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies.

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. Contact Dave on 0275599084.

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.*