



**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 (16th FEBRUARY 2025)**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Jer 17:5-8 A blessing on those who trust the Lord  
**2nd Reading:** 1Cor 15:12, 16-20 If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain  
**Gospel Reading:** Lk 6:17, 20-26 Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!  
**Psalms:** Ps 1: Happy are they who hope in 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, Sean Joseph  
**Sun 8:00am** Sione Tupu, Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun  
**Sun 9:30am** Jessica MacKenzie, Amanda Chidi, Chuku Chidi, Jason Dash

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chrysllyn Pinto	Josh Soares	Natasha Pinto
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Reggis Rego	Donald Holder	Anne Wilson
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Peter Dalgado	Leeda Ferdis	Nila Malo
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Betsy Rego	Teresa Gomez	Sunita Fernandes
<b>Communion:</b>	Tamara Pinto	Paul Reddy	Valyne Koh
<b>Communion:</b>	Renee D'Souza	Cyril R	Kamla Singh
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Jewel Villos	Youth Group
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Mabel Vivera	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Geeta D'Souza	Josh Soares	Valyne Koh
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	St. Doms Youth Group

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Jose Alexander & family - 15th Feb 2025)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 (Nita Creado - 15th Feb 2025)

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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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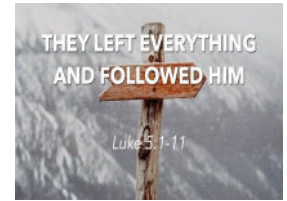
**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Is 6:1-8 Here am I! Send me.  
**2nd Reading:** 1Cor 15:1-11 This is the gospel which you have received.  
**Gospel Reading:** Lk 5:1-11 They left everything and followed him  
**Psalms:** Ps 138: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord



*09th February 2025*



Jesus demonstrated his unfamiliarity with the culture of fishermen on three counts. While the crowd was large, a fishing boat was hardly an appropriate choice for a podium from which to teach. What's more, in asking Peter to move into the deep and let down his nets, he proved that he knew nothing about the way in which fishermen plied their trade. They invariably used two boats in tandem with one net stretched between them. They then manoeuvred their boats to encircle the fish before dragging their catch into the nearest boat. Moreover, no experienced fisherman would dream of paying out his nets for a catch in broad daylight, Fishing was a night-time occupation. Daytime was for preparations. Still, Peter complied with Jesus' suggestion, humouring him rather than anticipating a catch of any worth. The huge, unexpected catch struck him immediately as miraculous, making him conclude that he was in the presence of holiness. The only response he could think of was to declare his unworthiness.

Without agreeing with Peter or uttering even a single word of criticism, Jesus invited Peter and his companions to a very different kind of fishing: enticing people to experience the in-breaking presence of God in the world. That's a deep-water venture if ever there was one! The disciples' experience on the lake that day led them to trust Jesus. Can we trust Jesus enough to embark on a similar venture? ~ 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

**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.

**Alpha:** "Come and join us on the first Alpha in Blockhouse Bay where we will explore together some of life's big questions, develop friendships in the process and also get to know Jesus better. Bring your friends and family along, especially those who have strayed from Church, and those who are struggling with issues. While this Alpha will be held in a Catholic context all are welcome to attend. It will start on Monday 24th February at 7pm with a free introductory dinner where you can experience the Alpha process, and there will be no obligation to continue, so 'Come and see!'"

**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. Explore and return regular to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

**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:**

### 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

**Marian Conference 2025** – 22 February 2025 at the Holy Family Parish Hall in Te Atatu.

Theme: 'Mary, Star of Hope: Our Guide to Jesus Through Consecration.' The day begins with Adoration at 8:00am and Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by inspiring talks, morning tea, and lunch. All are welcome to join this day of faith and renewal. For more details, please contact [bml.auckland@gmail.com](mailto:bml.auckland@gmail.com).

**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](http://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.*