



**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 2:00pm to 3:00pm

(Please see the Church noticeboard and Website)

**NEXT SUNDAY (23rd FEBRUARY 2025)**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** 1 Sam 26;2,7-9,12-13,22-23 The Lord has put you within my power, but I will not raise my hand against you

**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 15:45-49 Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image

**Gospel Reading:** Lk 6:27-38 Be merciful as your Father is merciful

**Psalm:** Ps 102 The Lord is kind and merciful

**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	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b> Braelei Faith, Sean Joseph, Carlos Rudra Pulini
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b> Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b> Jessica MacKenzie, Amanda Chidi, Jeremy Xing, Nithin Savio

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Rekha Baptista	Jewel Villos	Richard O'Malley
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Kevin Creado	Anne Wilson	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Gidget Mendonca	Irae Pule	Goretti Fernandes
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Valyne Koh	Wilma Barboza
<b>Communion:</b>	Jessie Dalgado	Josh Soares	Reena Goodman
<b>Communion:</b>	Bradley Pinto	Charlotte Monteiro	Paul Reddy
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Sylvester D'Souza	Rob Villos	Samoan Group
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Romir Baptista	Neil Monteiro	Leonard Pinto
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Connie Fernandes	Mabel Viverra	Wilma Barboza
<b>Music:</b>	Kendall	N/A	Samoan Group

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Vincent George & family - 22nd Feb 2025)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 (Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello - 22nd 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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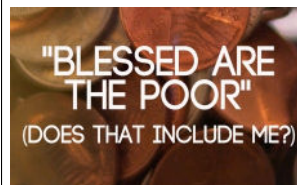
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**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!  
**Psalm:** Ps 138: Ps 1: Happy are they who hope in the Lord



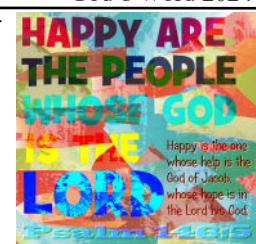
*16th February 2025*



There is something about the place in which today's Gospel reading is set. Jesus had just prayed all night long in the hills before appointing the twelve who were to be his apostles. He then brought them down to level ground where a crowd of his disciples and a larger crowd of people full of self-interest awaited him. By creating a scene where all those gathered were rubbing shoulders with one another Luke was pointing out that this was Jesus really saying to the assembly: 'Pay close attention, for we are all in this together.' By listing blessings and woes in four pairs, Jesus was very likely reminding his audience that they had probably found themselves in the tension of experiencing the blessings and woes one on top of the other, hoping for the blessing of comfort in the midst hardship and struggle of all kinds followed almost immediately by the realisation that they had at times contributed to others' hardship or failed to comfort them when they were doing it tough.

Haven't we all seen ourselves, from time to time, as a mixture of saint and sinner?  
 If we step back for a moment from the text, we might be able to see that the greatest beatitude for us is Jesus himself. He continues to be God's blessing to the weak (all of us) in a world that reserves its admiration for the wealthy, the powerful and the famous. That's a world he invites us to change.  
 ~ 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

**Farewell Fr. Ephrem:** Please join us in thanking Fr. Ephrem for his Ministry and Service to our Parish on **Sunday 09 March 2025 after 09:30am mass** with a shared meal. Please let Natasha/ Anne know how you can help by emailing the Parish.

**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.

**Dear Parishioners,** As we prepare for the season of Lent, we kindly ask that you return any **old palm leaves** from last year's Palm Sunday that you may have kept.

**WINGS NGA PARIRAU** - Current and past participants of WINGS NGA PARIRAU - formally known as **Walk By Faith**, a Catholic faith formation program supported by Auckland Diocese, will be presented certificates of completion on 23rd February at 9.30 am mass. Guest - Dianna Fouhy from Diocese will be present. The Guidance/Leadership Team will be also acknowledged for their assistance. Please pray for continuity of this program in our Parish.

**Columban Art Calendar 2025:** St. Columban's Mission Society's beautiful Art Calendar is 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.

**Catholic Women's League:** The first meeting for this year will be on Friday 21st February in the Parish centre at 10 am after the 9 15 Mass. The meeting will commence with morning tea. All welcome to join us. Contact Marie 627-9193 or 027 3813361.

**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:**

Welcome back to another year here at school.

Our theme this year is TEAM Together Everyone Achieve More and we will be discussing what this means with the children and how they can learn and grow together as a school community.

It is great to start the year with such great weather and this has certainly been the case over the last few weeks. We are currently swimming where we take out Yr 1-3 children to New Windsor school pool and the Yr 4-6 children are bused to Cameron pools in Mt Roskill.

We are looking forward to ASH Wednesday and the start of Lent and a chance as a school community to stop and reflect on what makes us a Catholic school and where can we as a school grow our faith and the faith of our children.

A BIG thank you to Father Ephrem for always supporting the school and for always being such a positive role model for the children.

We look forward to again attending Mass on a Thursday morning and hope you all stay well and blessed over these next 2 weeks. ~ Daniel Pepper



## Other News

**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!

**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/>

**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.*