



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 MARCH 2025)

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 27:4-7 Do not praise someone before they have spoken.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58 Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.
Gospel Reading: Lk 6:39-45 A person speaks from what is in his/her heart.
Psalm: Ps 91 Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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.



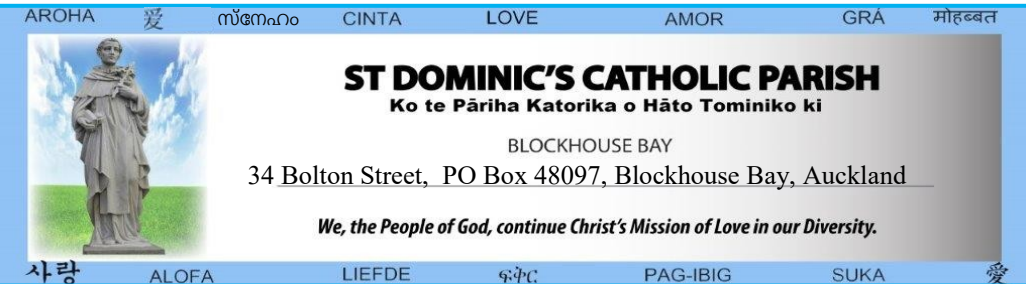
ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES	Sat 6:00pm Braelei Faith, Sean Joseph
	Sun 8:00am Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun, Sione Tupu
	Sun 9:30am Jessica MacKenzie, Nithin Savio, Joshua Joseph, Jason Dash

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Hospitality:	Kendall D'Souza	Annlynn Lopez	Irae Pule
1st Reading:	Natasha Fernandes	Tom O'Hanlon	Natasha Pinto
2nd Reading:	Nita Creado	Melinda Hamlyn	Jewel Villos
Ministers of Communion:	Jessie Dalgado	Josh Soares	Kamla Singh
Communion:	Tamara Pinto	Teresa Gomez	Wilma Barboza
Communion:	Betsy Rego	Cyril R	Theresa Joseph
Projectionist:	Nestor	Karen Vivera	DM Music group
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Rob Villos	Rob Villos
Co-Ordinator:	Goretti Sheppard	Josh Soares	Irae Pule
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Graham

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
 (Southcombe family - 1st March 2025)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
 (Southcombe family - 1st March 2025)



ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki

BLOCKHOUSE BAY

34 Bolton Street, PO Box 48097, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland

We, the People of God, continue Christ's Mission of Love in our Diversity.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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.

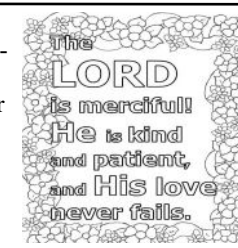


23rd February 2025

The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness:

Jesus' directive to love our enemies is ignored more often than observed. We gossip about family feuds and boast that we'll never be able to forgive so-and-so for the harm they did to us half a lifetime ago. Jesus knew that kind of thing from growing up in a tiny village. Yet, he still insisted that following him required forgiving our enemies. Just a few years ago, a mother who lost three of her own children and a young nephew when they were hit by a car driven by a drunken driver in suburban Sydney said publicly: 'I think in my heart to forgive him ... I'm not going to hate him because that's not who we are. We hear the same kind of thing in the Bible story of Joseph, who found it within his heart to encourage the brothers who had sold him into slavery to let go of the past and to break free of the guilt that had captured them. When we can imitate Joseph and that mother, we have made a giant step towards restoring life to ourselves and to those we have forgiven. ~ 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.

Please note that the First Sunday Morning Tea gathering will not be held this month, as we will be convening for the Farewell Lunch.

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 St. Dominic's Church, Bolton St., 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!'"

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 7th March 7:00pm at **St Mary's Parish**, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

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/>

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:

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/>

Purple Orchid's Sacred Europe with Switzerland Tour – One of our most popular and best-selling tours visiting 5 countries which includes: Rome - Assisi - Pisa - Padova - Venice - Engelberg - Lucerne - Paris - Lourdes - Salamanca - Fatima – Lisbon. Tour Date: **19th September - 3rd October 2025 - NZ school holidays.** For further details please contact Salvito D'Souza, Mobile:0211 899679 OR Email : dsalvito@hotmail.com

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.*