



**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 (9th MARCH 2025)**

**1st Sunday of Lent (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 The Lord brought us here and gave us this land  
**2nd Reading:** Romans 10:8-13 God's word is on your lips and in your heart  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 4:1-13 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 91: Be with me, 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, Sophia McKellar, Carlos Rudra Pulini  
**Sun 8:00am** Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun, Javier Soares  
**Sun 9:30am** Jessica MacKenzie, Nithin Savio, Angeline Xing, Sophia Xing

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Betsy Rego	Josh Soares	Goretti Fernandez
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Carol D'Souza	Irae Pule	Jewel Queen Cyril
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Kevin Joseph	Anne Wilson	Breanna Pinto
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Sunita Fernandes	Anne Sia	Teresa Gomez
<b>Communion:</b>	Helen Bailie	Rob Villos	Brower Pule Jr.
<b>Communion:</b>	Bradley Pinto	Charlotte Monteiro	Valyne Koh
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Nestor	Jewel Villos	Youth Group
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Neil Monteiro	Eddie Sluiter
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Joseph Moodel	Mabel Vivera	Wilma Barboza
<b>Music:</b>	Trinity choir	N/A	St. Doms Youth Group

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Kevin Creado & family- 8th March 2025)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 ( 8th March 2025)

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**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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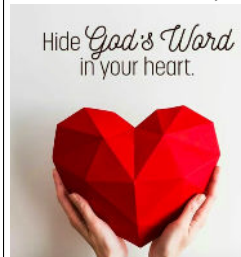
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**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.



*2nd March 2025*

*the mouth speaks what the HEART is full of.*

The call of today's Gospel is beautifully captured in the Gospel acclamation verse from Philipians. Using the imagery of light, we are invited to 'shine in the world' in the way that stars light up the dark night sky. Our mission is not to be judges of others, assessing their behaviour. Instead, we are called to develop a clarity of vision through the guidance of trusted teachers.

The wisdom which Jesus shares with us in this parable illumines the pattern of our own psychological structure. That is, in being judgemental towards another we are often projecting something of the shadow side of ourselves onto that person. Jesus wisely advises us that before we cast judgement on another's failings, we firstly examine the intentions of our own heart. Then with God's grace we are empowered to draw from the store of goodness dwelling within us.

**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 MissionNZ 06-0411-0021447-00



**SUNDAY REFLECTIONS**  
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## Parish News

**Important Notice: New E-mail Addresses:** Please be informed that, in accordance with Diocesan guidelines, our e-mail addresses will be changing for the new Parish Priest and the Parish Office, effective March 2025.

**Parish Priest:** [parishpriest@stdominicshhb.org.nz](mailto:parishpriest@stdominicshhb.org.nz)

**Parish Office:** [office@stdominicshhb.org.nz](mailto:office@stdominicshhb.org.nz)

We kindly request that you use these new e-mail addresses for all future communications.

**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.

**Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025:** We will be having two Masses on Ash Wednesday. **9:15 am Mass:** We will welcome the senior children of St. Dominic's School to join us for this service.

**6:00 pm Mass:** Our regular evening Ash Wednesday Mass will take place, offering a quiet and reflective time as we begin our Lenten journey together. Additionally, there will be an **Ecumenical Service at the Baptist Church, Blockhouse Bay**, on at **7:30 p.m.** We encourage parishioners to attend and represent St. Dominic's in this meaningful cross-denominational service. Your presence will be greatly appreciated as we unite in faith and prayer with our neighbours.

**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.

**"Knitting for Charity:** will be held at 2pm on the 9th & 23rd of March 2025, which is the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, in the Parish Centre. We will be knitting woollen garments for the Monte Cecilia Trust. All are welcome to join."

**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'."

**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](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.

**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:**

**Local curriculum:** Recently, our Aquinas team enjoyed a walk to the Blockhouse Bay Reserve. This was a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to learn about our local area. They explored why local Māori established pā sites there and were fascinated by the thought of dragging waka from Green Bay to the Te Atatū River – a huge undertaking that really captured their imaginations.

**Swimming:** Our swimming programme for the younger students has now finished. It was incredible to see how much progress the children made in such a short time. The entire process – from bus rides to changing 118 children – ran like a well-oiled machine, thanks to the teamwork of our teachers, parents, and students.

**Great weather:** We've been blessed with beautiful weather, allowing the children to make the most of our fields and playgrounds. It's wonderful seeing them enjoy the outdoors and use up some of that endless energy!

**Marae and umu/hangi:** Looking ahead, we're gearing up for our whole school marae trip and the upcoming umu and hāngi. Keep an eye on your child's classroom app for updates and details.

**Church funny** By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

~ Daniel Pepper

## Other News

**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.

**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.

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

**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: **19<sup>th</sup> September - 3rd October 2025 - NZ school holidays.** For further details please contact Salvito D'Souza, Mobile:0211 899679 OR Email : [dsalvito@hotmail.com](mailto:dsalvito@hotmail.com)

*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.*