



**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 MARCH 2025)**

**2nd Sunday of Lent (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12; 17-18 God appeared to Abram  
**2nd Reading:** Phil 3:17-4:1 Stand firm in the Lord  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 9:28-36 The Transfiguration: This is my beloved Son: listen to him  
**Psalm:** Psalm 27: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation

**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
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b> Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun, Javier Soares
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b> Joshua Joseph, Amanda Chidi, Chuku Chidi, Jason Dash

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chrysllyn Pinto	Karen Vivera	Sarah Flynn
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Reggis Rego	Donald Holder	Kimberley Pinto
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Kendall D'Souza	Leeda Ferdis	Nila Malo
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Betsy Rego	Teresa Gomez	Goretti Fernandez
<b>Communion:</b>	Reenie D'Souza	Paul Reddy	Maria Wijaya
<b>Communion:</b>	Jessie Dalgado	Cyril Raposo	Anne Sia
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Annlynn Lopez	Vincent George
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Josh Tham	Josh Soares	Percy Barboza
<b>Co-Ordinator:</b>	Bradley Pinto	Josh Soares	Valyne Koh
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit	N/A	Graham & team

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Mendonca family - 15th March 2025)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**  
 (15th 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

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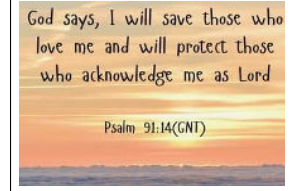
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**1st Sunday of Lent (Scripture Readings)**

**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



09th March  
 2025



The Gospel for the first Sunday in Lent recounts Jesus alone in a stark desert landscape. He personifies the journey of his own people, the Israelites, who were tested in the desert yet, unlike Jesus, they often failed. The three temptations that Jesus received, while different in context, all relate to compromising his mission. There is an inherent subtlety at play as each lure has a certain attraction. Satan, the tempter, proposes seemingly good alternative choices to Jesus.

The desert encounter testifies to the humanity of Jesus. It is an inevitable part of being human to struggle with the spirits of both light and darkness. The human heart is not neutral territory but instead a space that is frequently contested with our choices between good and evil. St Ignatius of Loyola clearly identified this in his spiritual practice of discernment of spirits. He noted that the devil comes to us especially in our good deeds, cloaked as an angel of light. We enter these six weeks of Lent within the backdrop of this desert scene. It is in this context that we experience a heightened sensitivity in discerning the subtle ways in which spirits of light and darkness compete for the holy ground of our hearts. We ask that we may have the clarity and strength of Jesus to remain faithful to choosing all that is anchored in and springs forth from the source of the true light.

~ 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

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

A Year of Jubilee: Living, Forming, Offering & Revitalising Hope

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## 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.

**Farewell Gift:** A Farewell Gift/Contribution Box is available in the Church Foyer. Your generous support is greatly appreciated and will be a wonderful gesture of gratitude.

**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@stdominicsbhb.org.nz](mailto:parishpriest@stdominicsbhb.org.nz)

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

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

**Congratulations to the new members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** We are pleased to announce the new members of our PPC. Natasha Pinto has graciously accepted the unanimous proposal to serve as Chairperson. In addition, the following volunteers have been selected to represent their respective groups. Youth Leaders - Nithin, Ashton, Shaun & Karen (Youth Mentor), Natasha Fernandes (Children's Liturgy), Mabel Vivera (Liturgy Committee) and Connie Fernandes (Finance Committee). We look forward to working together to serve our community and deepen our faith.

**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.

**"Jesus My Light Ministries** invites you to a Lenten Inner Healing retreat **4th April 6.30-9pm, 5th April 9.30am - 5pm and 12th April 9.30am - 5pm (all days inclusive)** at St. Dominic Church, 34, Bolton Street, Blockhousebay, Auckland. A journey with Christ to release the effects of past hurts/wounds that go back to childhood which can affect us and be stumbling blocks in our journey towards God. Jesus our Healer can uncover and heal these wounds. Come and experience His healing love and be affirmed in your true identity as a beloved child of God. Contact Betsy/Reggis and team 0211653856/0274040129."

**"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."

**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. 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 ENVELOPS FOR 2025-26** are available in the Church foyer for collection or by contacting Parish Office. **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

**PLANNED GIVING Tax Receipts for the Yr. 2024-25** will be available in May 2025.

**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:**

**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

**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'."

**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 [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/](http://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.*