



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 (23rd MARCH 2025)

3rd Sunday of Lent (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 The Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush
2nd Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12 All that happened to the people of Moses in the desert, was written for our benefit
Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 1-9 A tree that bears no fruit will be cut down and burned
Psalm: Psalm 103: 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
Sat 6:00pm Braelei Faith, Sean Joseph, Carlos Rudra Pulini
Sun 8:00am Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun, Javier Soares
Sun 9:30am Nithin Savio, Sophie Mckellar, Jessica MacKenzie, Sione Tupu

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Rekha Baptista	Donald Holder	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
1st Reading:	Tamara Pinto	Anne Wilson	Richard O'Malley
2nd Reading:	Leema Rose	Melinda Hamlyn	Joy Reginald-Opara
Ministers of Communion:	Reenie D'Souza	Josh Soares	Valyne Koh
Communion:	Sunita Fernandes	Tino Malo	Wilma Barboza
Communion:	Bradley Pinto	Charlotte Monteiro	Paul Reddy
Projectionist:	Sylvester	Irae Pule	Samoan Group
Chief Collector:	Romir Baptista	Neil Monteiro	Leonard Pinto
Co-Ordinator:	Joseph Moodel	Jewel Villos	Anne Sia
Music:	Youth (Kendall)	N/A	Samoan Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER (Tapan (Maria)&Tepano-22nd March 2025)	FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER (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.

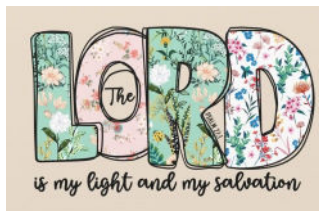
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
2nd Sunday of Lent (Scripture Readings)

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



16th March 2025



The dominant theme in the Scripture readings of today is that of looking beyond the surface and the immediate. Abram receives an invitation from God to look upwards and try to count the stars to comprehend something of God's infinity. In the transfiguration of Jesus, we learn that the Divine is not about looking beyond but looking more deeply at what is in the here and now. Like Abram's stars, the transformation of Jesus is captured in light. Teilhard de Chardin uses the word 'diaphanous' to portray what he describes as the thin veil between what we immediately see and what is beyond the concrete and the visible but still present in it. Peter expresses the natural human tendency of holding onto something, when he speaks of 'building three tents'. However, Jesus helps him to realise the impossibility of his impulse. Such transforming encounters are stored in the heart, not in man-made tents. Here they are deepened and kept alive through the cycle of remembering, sharing, prayer and reflection. ~ 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 MissionNZ 06-0411-0021447-00



Parish News

Welcome, Father Ranjit Ekka! We are excited to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr. Ranjit Ekka. With his leadership and your ongoing support, we look forward to strengthening the bonds within our Parish. Under his guidance, we trust that our faith will be further nurtured and inspired. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Fr. Ranjit at a shared Morning Tea on Sunday, 23rd March, after the 09:30 am Mass in the Parish Centre. We encourage you to speak with Natasha or Anne to find out how you can assist with this event.

Fr. Ephrem's Message: "As I thank and bless God for you, personally I wish to thank you to all of you St Dominic parishioners for your love, care and support for the last 3 years. I am very grateful for all you have done for the parish with me. May God bless you all in the next journey with Fr Ranjit Ekke. Give him all the love and support he needs to journey with you in the mission of Jesus Christ."

~ Fr Ephrem

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

Parish Office: 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.

"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, Blockhouse Bay, 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.

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



St Dominic's School News



Across the Path - from the School Principal, Daniel Pepper:

Welcome to Week 6 at St Dominic's Catholic Primary School!

Our Lenten journey is well underway, with each classroom embracing different ways to bring this special season to life for our children. Lent is a time for reflection and growth in our relationship with Christ, seen through the eyes of our young learners. This might involve giving something up, doing an act of kindness each day, or helping out a little more at home. It's a meaningful journey that brings us closer to God.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: A huge thank you to all our parents and caregivers for attending the recent Parent-Teacher Conferences - an incredible 94% turnout! Your engagement and commitment to your child's learning are truly valued and appreciated.

Enjoying Our School Grounds: We love seeing our school grounds being enjoyed by families and the community outside school hours! To keep them safe and welcoming for everyone, we ask that all visitors show respect for our environment and take responsibility for looking after it. Unfortunately, we've had some damage in recent weeks, including broken signs and graffiti in our prayer space. The bike track is open to all, and we ask for your help in keeping it a safe and positive space. If you see anyone behaving inappropriately or notice anything suspicious, please report it to the school. Together, we can ensure that St Dominic's remains a place we are all proud of!

Farewell to Father Ephrem: This week, we say a heartfelt farewell to Father Ephrem as he moves on to his new ministry at Holy Cross Parish. We celebrated his time with us through warm speeches, shared memories, and of course, cake! Father Ephrem has been a wonderful faith leader—always present for our school community, supporting our staff, guiding our children, and enriching our spiritual journey.

Stay Connected: As always, I'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas about our school. Feel free to drop by for a chat anytime!

Church funny: Why did the priest always carry a pencil?

Because he liked to draw people closer to God!

~ 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/

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.*



Do not let your heart
be troubled.
Have faith in God.