



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 (5th APRIL 2025)

5th Sunday of Lent (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21 The Lord crushed the enemies of Israel. The Lord provided water in the desert for the chosen people to drink.
2nd Reading: Phil 3: 8-14 Because of Christ I look upon everything as useless in order to gain Him.
Gospel Reading: John 8: 1-11 Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.
Psalm: Ps 126: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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



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

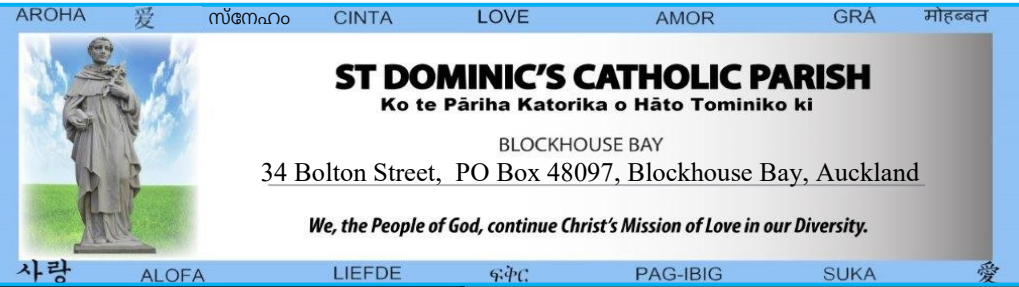
	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Chrysllyn Pinto	Jewel Villos	Kimberley Pinto
1st Reading:	Matthew D'Souza	Tom O'Hanlon	Chelsea Silveira
2nd Reading:	Kevin Joseph	Annlynn Lopez	Joanne Jose
Ministers of Communion:	Tamara Pinto	Charlotte Monteiro	Kamla Singh
Communion:	Betsy Rego	Paul Reddy	Wilma Barboza
Communion:	Reenie D'Souza	Melinda Hamlyn	Teresa Gomez
Projectionist:	Nestor	Rob Villos	Youth
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Josh Soares	Leonard Pinto
Co-Ordinator:	Joseph Moodel	Mabel Vivera	Irae Pule
Music:	Trinity choir	N/A	St.Doms Youth Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Jose Alexander & family - 5th April 2025)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(April 2025)



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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
4th Sunday of Lent (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 God delivered Israel from Egypt and the people celebrated Passover.
2nd Reading: 2Cor 5: 17-21 We must all be reconciled to God
Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 The parable of the merciful father and the prodigal son
Psalm: Psalm 34 (33): Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

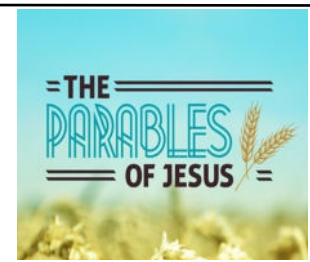


30th March 2025



According to Matthew, 'Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables' (Matthew 13:34). We listen today to one of the most memorable of them. Responding to the accusation of the Pharisees and scribes that he welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus told a story that could be variously entitled 'The Parable of the Prodigal Son' or 'The Parable of the Forgiving Father'. It is both challenging and reassuring to us challenging if we have reason to see ourselves in the older brother and reassuring if, mindful of our sinfulness, we identify with his erstwhile wayward but repentant sibling. Their father receives his younger son with great love and compassion, rejoicing that he 'was lost and is found'. With reference to this parable St John Paul II wrote: '[God's love] is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and "restored to value" (Dives in Misericordia #6). Is there anyone whom, like the older brother, I have yet to forgive a good Lenten question? ~ 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

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.

Parish Youth Group: The first Sunday of every month at 9:30 AM Mass is led by the youth of our parish. Additionally, there is a youth program on the 4th Friday evening of each month, and the youth choir leads the Mass on the 1st Sunday. Inviting all young people to be a part of the vibrant St. Dom's Youth Group and experience community, faith, and growth together!

"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."

Second Scrutiny – This Sunday, 30 March, during the 9:30 AM Mass, our RCIA candidates will take part in the Second Scrutiny. This rite continues the journey of purification and enlightenment, encouraging catechumens to rely on Christ's grace to free themselves from whatever keeps them from God. It focuses on rejecting false values and turning toward the light of Christ. We ask all parishioners to continue to hold these four candidates in your prayers as they take another significant step in their journey toward their baptism.

Kairos New Zealand are hosting our Annual 'GetSet' retreat at Houghtons Bush Camp, Muriwai, from Friday 2 May 2025 6pm onwards to Sunday 4 May 2025 2.45pm. This is the 11th year of GetSet and it promises to be a special one. We invite all young adults aged 18-35 years to attend. The Theme this year is "Born For such at time as This" based on Ephesians 2:10. The retreat is filled with insightful talks, Praise and Worship, Workshop, Games and above all an opportunity to grow in your faith, widen your friend circle and have fun in doing all of this. Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/getset2025>. For more information, please contact Karyn Coutinho 021806855 or email getset.auckland@gmail.com

Easter Eggs Drive, Please support our Easter Eggs Appeal and put a smile on child's face this EAST-ER. We are collecting Easter Eggs for Monte Cecilia and Mother of Divine Mercy next 3 Saturdays & Sundays, 29 March-13 April. Thank you for your continuous support and much aroha. There will be no Morning Tea after the first Sunday Mass in April.

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.

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 everyone to the school insert into the parish newsletter. We thank you for letting us have this space and keeping everyone up to speed with what is happening in your school across the path.

Farewell to Sister Joan and Sister Helen This week, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Sister Joan and Sister Helen as they transition to retirement villages. Their dedication, faith, and service have been a blessing to our school community, and we will miss them dearly. We pray that God's grace and love continue to guide and uphold them in this new chapter of their lives. May His blessings be upon them always.

Marae trip to te Kamaka marae. Last week, our entire school had the incredible opportunity to visit Te Kamaka Marae on the North Shore. It was a truly brilliant event, with our students traveling by bus and receiving an excellent pōwhiri (welcome) upon arrival. The children's behavior was outstanding, and they engaged deeply in the experience. Throughout the day, we explored the connections between Catholic faith and Māori traditions, as well as the rich history of the local area—which, excitingly, ties back to our own space in Blockhouse Bay. This learning aligns beautifully with the work we are doing in understanding local whenua (land) and deepening our school's knowledge of our community's history. The atmosphere was filled with whānau spirit, with amazing parents, enthusiastic children, and beautiful waiata (songs) creating a strong sense of connection. It was a day full of learning, reflection, and pride—a trip that will be remembered for years to come. Ngā mihi to everyone who made this experience so special!

Hangi and Umu: On the 13th of March our school had a Hangi and Umu. Our classes learned loads about the Maori and Pacific Islander traditions on how to make a Hangi and Umu. We started the day off by seeing the men make the food for the Hangi and Umu. In the umu the added all the vegetables such as Kumara, Potatoes, Palusami, and Taro. In the hangi they added all the Chicken, Pork, and lamb and many more meats. They added hot coal rocks on top of all the food and let it cook for 3-4 hours.

We thank all the parents and helpers for the day and it truly was a feast to remember.

Church funny One evening a father was listening to his son saying his prayers. The little boy started by saying "Dear Harold". At this his dad interrupted saying "Wait a minute, why are you calling God 'Harold'?" The child looked up and said "Well Dad, that's what they call him in church. You know the prayer we say - "Our Father who art in Heaven, Harold be thy name!"

Drop over any time for a chat and a cup to tea.

~ 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.*