



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 2:00pm to 3:00pm

(Please see the Church noticeboard and Website)

NEXT SUNDAY (13th APRIL 2025)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Scripture Readings)

Blessing of Palms: First Gospel: Luke 19: 28-40
 Isaiah 50:4-7 The servant of the Lord did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew that the Lord was with him
 Phil 3:6-11 Christ humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
 Luke 22:14 –23:56 The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
 Psalm 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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 Nithin Savio
	Sun 8:00am Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun,
	Sun 9:30am Nithin Savio, Jessica MacKenzie, Joshua Joseph, Sean Joseph

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Hospitality:	Matthew D'Souza	Irac Pule	Cath O'Malley
1st Reading:	Natasha Fernandes	Donald Holder	Clive Goodman
2nd Reading:	Chrysllyn Pinto	Charlotte Monteiro	Nila Malo
Gospel Reader 1	Nita Creado	Anne Wilson	Breanna Pinto
Gospel Reader 2	Kevin Joseph	Annlyn Lopez	Brower Pule Jr
Gospel Reader 3	Gidget Mendonca	Josh Soares	Jewel Queen Cyril
Ministers of HC:	Helen, Bradley, Renee	Valyne, Theresa G, Cyril	Paul, Theresa J, Wilma
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Karen Viviera	Sylvester D'Souza
Chief Collector:	Allwyn Pereira	Neil D'Souza	Leonard Pinto
Co-Ordinator:	Goretti Sheppard	Anne Sia	Valyne & Mabel
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Kendall D'Souza

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
 (Vincent George & family - 12th April 2025)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
 (April 2025)

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 Ko te Pāriha Katorika o Hāto Tominiko ki

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

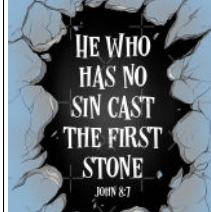
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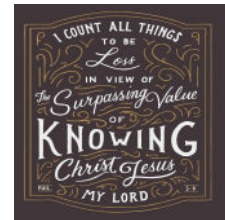
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
5th Sunday of Lent (Scripture Readings)

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.



06th April 2025



A woman, clothing in disarray, is dragged before Jesus to test his loyalty to the Law. She must be stoned to death. There is a total lack of interest in the woman, who must be caught in the act for the death penalty to apply. Confused and frightened, she is a plaything for the scribes and the Pharisees to use against Jesus. Where is her male partner in the story? Jesus reverses that situation.

Saint Augustine described this Gospel scene as an encounter between misera (a deprived and unhappy woman) and misericordia (the personification of mercy). Asking those of them without any sexual failures to cast the first stone, he turns away and doodles on the ground. He is not interested in their deadly legal questions.

As they all slink away, Jesus speaks to the woman. No one condemns her, least of all Jesus. She is no longer a 'thing' to be used and abused, but a person capable of a relationship with God and with other people liberated by the love of God made visible in Jesus. He asks her to rejoin society: 'go your way', and to be attentive to God: 'don't sin anymore'. This is a Jesus that we must all come to love and imitate.

~ 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

HOLY WEEK TIMINGS: Palm Sunday: Saturday 12th April 6pm, SUN 13th April 8 am and 9:30am. (Parishioners are requested to bring along some greenery/palms that will be blessed).

Holy Thursday: 17th April 7:30pm, followed by adoration and prayer at the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 18th April 9:00am.

Good Friday Service: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm.

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th April: 7.30pm. (Parishioners are requested to bring their own candle with holder as well as a plate of food to share in the celebrations after Mass)

Easter Sunday Mass: Sunday 20th April 9:30am. **(There will be no 8am Mass)**

The roster for **HOLY WEEK** will be available on the parish website.

"**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."

Third Scrutiny - This Sunday, 6 April, at the 9:30 AM Mass, our RCIA candidates will celebrate the Third Scrutiny, reflecting on the Gospel of Lazarus and God's power to bring new life. Please pray for these four candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer – This Wednesday, 9 April, during the 7:00 PM Mass, our RCIA candidates will receive the Lord's Prayer. In this rite, the candidates are entrusted with the Lord's Prayer, which reflects the heart of our faith and unites us in communion with God and one another. It serves as a powerful reminder of their call to live as Christ taught us, with trust in God's providence and love. Please pray for them.

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/>

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.

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/

Engaged / Planning a wedding?

Catholic Diocese of Auckland – Approved Marriage Preparation Course

Book your Marriage Preparation Course early 1 year for NZ and 18months for overseas weddings

Register & Book here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

For more information contact: Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz M: 021 02247442

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), Frederick Rodgers (Fred).

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.*