



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 refer Holy Week Roster in the Church Noticeboard and Website)

NEXT SUNDAY (20th APRIL 2025)

Easter Sunday (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4 When Christ appears, then you shall appear with in glory
Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-9 Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty
Psalm: Ps 117 (118) This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

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



HOLY WEEK ROSTER



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Southcombe family - 19th April 2025)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(Goretti & Team - 19th 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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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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?



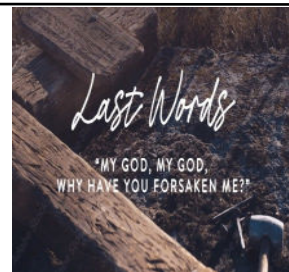
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Jesus' passion is made up of a supper, the garden, Jesus' arrest, the Jewish and Roman trials, the way of the cross, crucifixion and mockery, and the death and burial of Jesus. But each Evangelist tells this story in a different fashion. Luke insists upon Jesus' innocence, and his tender care and compassion for others. He asks that the disciples break their bodies and spill their blood in memory of him. Jesus tries to strengthen his frail disciples, insisting upon the need for prayer. As Peter utters his denials, Jesus gazes at him, and the disciple breaks down in tears. Jesus is declared innocent three times, even as he is condemned to death. The women of Jerusalem lament the loss of one of their sons. The crucified asks his Father to forgive those who have tortured him, for they do not know what they are doing. On the cross he forgives the repentant sinner, assuring him that this day he would be with him in paradise. At his death, a Roman Centurian insists that this man was innocent. Jesus' broken body is anointed by his faithful women followers. All take their rest, as we anticipate the resurrection.

~ 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 PROGRAM

Palm Sunday: Saturday 12th April 6pm, Sunday 13th April 8 am and 9:30am.
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. (Parish will serve hot cross bun with tea and coffee. Parishioners are requested to bring a plate of food to share in the celebration after mass).
Easter Sunday Mass: Sunday 20th April 9:30am. **(There will be no 8am Mass)**
The roster for **HOLY WEEK** is available on the parish website and notice board.

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors: **Fr. Ranjit's birthday** is on 22 April 2025. Please join us in celebrating his first birthday here at St. Dominic's with a Morning Tea on the **first Sunday in May - 04.05.25**. If you would like to assist with set-up/serving/clean-up please let Natasha/Anne know by emailing the parish. Your contribution with a plate of either savoury or sweet finger food would be appreciated. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, please do so using the box that has been placed at the back of the church (weekend masses only).

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!

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

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, contact Karyn Coutinho 021806855 or getset.auckland@gmail.com

KNITTING FOR CHARITY: will be held at 2pm on the 13th & 27th of April 2025, which is the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, in the Parish Centre. We will be knitting woolen 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.

Cathedral Parish Secretary: The Cathedral Parish of St Patricks & St Josephs is currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Secretary. They are seeking a talented person able to ensure the effective and efficient day to day running of the Cathedral office and to support the Dean of the Cathedral. To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

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 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.*