



**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday Eucharist**  
 Saturday 6:00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

**Weekday Eucharist**  
**Monday** 7:15am  
**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** 9:15am  
**Tuesday** Reconciliation & Exposition will take place after the 9:15 AM Mass and continue until 11:30 noon.  
**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  
**Saturday** Parish Renewal Rosary 7:30am and Sacrament of Baptism (By Fr. Ranjit) 10.00 am - 12 Noon  
 (Please see the Church noticeboard and Website)  
 Sacristan: Joseph (0220894049)

**NEXT SUNDAY (15th February 2026)**

**1st Sunday of Lent - (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 The Creation of our first parents and their sin.  
**2nd Reading:** Romans 5:12-19 Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, now through Christ's obedience all shall become just.  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus fasted in wilderness for forty days and forty nights.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 51 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

**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, Carlos Rudra Pulini  
**Sun 8:00am** Kem Vu, Sione Tupu  
**Sun 9:30am** Jessica, Nithin, Sean, Joshua, Jason

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	Reggis Rego	Charlotte Monteiro	Nila Malo
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Robin Cooper	Mabel Vivera	Natasha Pinto
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Leema Rose	Irae Pule	Synthia Dash
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Susan Dias	Valyne Koh	Maria Wijaya
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Sylvester D'Souza	Karen Vivera	Samoan Group
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Allwyn Pereira	Paul Reddy	Leonard Pinto
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Joseph Moodli	Mabel Vivera	Anne Sia
<b>Music:</b>	Kendall D'Souza	Kendall D'Souza	Samoan Group

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

(Tapana (Maria) & Tepano - 21st Feb 2026)

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER**

(21st Feb 2026)

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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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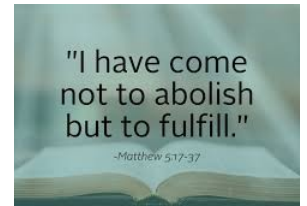
**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Sirach(Eccles.)15:15-20Vast is the wisdom of the Lord, he is almighty and all seeing.  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 2:6-10 No eye has seen, no ear has heard all that God has prepared for those who love him.  
**Gospel Reading:** Mt 5:17-37 Jesus has come, not to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to complete them.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 118 Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!



*15th February 2026*



The deaf man must have been profoundly grateful to those who were willing to take him to meet Jesus. From the isolation of being unable to hear or communicate, this one-on-one encounter with Jesus opened his life in a way that he had probably never dreamed possible. I wonder if he, in turn, then brought new life to others? I am reminded of the words of St Teresa of Avila: Christ has no body now on earth but yours ... Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Jesus may not be physically walking around my district but, in the context of today's Gospel, I can be his ears and voice. Perhaps I need to spend time with Jesus right now, opening my own ears to hear him say Ephphatha to me. Who knows what might happen!

~ God's Word 2026

**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

**Dear Parishioners,** As we prepare for the season of Lent, we kindly ask that you return any **old palm leaves** from last year's Palm Sunday that you may have kept.

**Ash Wednesday – Feb 18, 2026:** We will be having two Masses on Ash Wednesday. **9:15 am**

**Mass:** We will welcome the senior children of St. Dominic's School to join us for this service.

**7:00 pm Mass:** Our regular evening Ash Wednesday Mass will take place, offering a quiet and reflective time as we begin our Lenten journey together. Additionally, there will be an **Ecumenical Service at the Church of the Savior, Blockhouse Bay, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 06:30pm,** followed by **Holy Mass**

**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!

**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. Mother Mary sees your heart and seeks you out to be part of her army to fight evil by bringing Jesus into the hearts and souls of our Parishioners. 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.

**Safeguarding Workshop – Sunday 1 March 2025**—St. Dominic's Parish will be hosting a Safeguarding Workshop on Sunday, 1 March 2025, beginning at approximately 11:00am (after the 9:30am Mass). Location to be advised depending on numbers. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. Attendance is compulsory for volunteers who work directly with children or vulnerable adults, unless you have already completed a Safeguarding Workshop. If you have, please ensure the parish office has a copy of your course certificate. For any questions, please contact Natasha Pinto: [concerns@stdominicsbhb.org.nz](mailto:concerns@stdominicsbhb.org.nz) / [office@stdominicsbhb.org.nz](mailto:office@stdominicsbhb.org.nz)

**Praise in the Park :** All are welcome to join many Auckland Catholic and Christian believers at our outdoor event, which will include music, Gospel proclamation, personal stories, and Eucharistic Adoration. This outdoor event will bring hope and joy to all who come by. Please bring yourselves and families to help bring the light of Jesus to those who may not have hope. There will be prayer ministry and information stalls. **Date:** 15 February 2026 **Where:** Selwyn Domain, along Mission Bay. **4:00 pm – 5:30 pm** - Praise and Worship, including a mix of contemporary and well-known Christian music, interwoven with personal stories and the gospel message.

**5:30 pm – 6:00 pm** - A time of Adoration, accompanied by traditional Catholic hymns, offering space for reflection and encounter with Christ. For more details and parking information visit [praisethepark.nz](http://praisethepark.nz) or contact Engelbert on [engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com](mailto:engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com)

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

**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 : ST DOMINIC'S BLOCKHOUSE BAY

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

**Welcome Back & New Faces** - It has been a wonderfully calm start to 2026. Our staff worked hard over the holidays to create vibrant learning spaces for our students. We are excited to welcome 19 new students to Rooms 1, 2, and 3, along with two new staff members: Mrs. Martin (Room 11) and Mrs. Campkin (Support Staff).

**Faith & Sacraments** - We look forward to supporting our large group of students in the upcoming Sacramental Programme. While School Masses are on a short break until the swimming season and bus schedules conclude, we can't wait to gather with the Parish for class masses again soon.

**Whānau Picnic: Feb 13th** - Our annual Whānau Picnic is back on Thursday, 13th February, 5 pm – 7 pm! Join us for a great night of community, complete with a bouncy castle and the return of the water slide. Bring your dinner and meet some new friends!

**Hall Hire Policy** - A reminder that the School/Parish Hall is reserved strictly for Parish and School events only. Due to high insurance costs, it is not available for private hire (such as birthdays or anniversaries). Thank you for your understanding.

**Security Update: Back Gate Access** - Due to safety concerns regarding public thoroughfare, the back gate will now only be open on school days from **8:00–9:00 am** and **2:00–3:30 pm**. It will remain locked after hours and on weekends to ensure the security of our staff and parents on site. We appreciate your cooperation. It will be a coded padlock and if you require the code please let us know. All we ask is that you lock it as you use it.

**Thank You & Open Door:** We are deeply grateful for the Parish's ongoing support. My door is always open to parishioners; if you have ideas, suggestions, or just want to share a coffee, please feel free to drop by.  
~ Daniel Pepper

## Other News

**Interested in becoming a Catholic?** We run sessions every Sunday to prepare adult candidates to join the church through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please contact Donald Holder (RCIA Coordinator) 021 241 0448 or the St. Dominic's Parish Office.

The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Assumption invite you to the 2026 Aquinas Conference in Auckland held at Holy Family Parish, Te Atatu on 21st February.

**CALLING ALL TERTIARY STUDENTS!** There is a LARGE, VIBRANT and RAPIDLY growing Catholic STUDENT COMMUNITY present across University of Auckland and AUT campuses. JOIN US in 2026! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at [dans@cda.org.nz](mailto:dans@cda.org.nz) and/or check out the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy".

### 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](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) M: 021 02247442

*Please remember the following in the Eucharist and your personal prayer:*

**Recently Deceased/Anniversaries:** Sr. Joan, Kathleen Joan Rodgers, Tony L'Estrange, Eric Barboza, Clinton Joseph Correa, Helena Podwin, Ant Carroll, William Maguire (Bill), Frederick Rodgers, Sheila Sekula, Daisy Menezes, Maggie Rebello, Elsa Olla, Janet Jensen, Vern Walker, Chris Sekula, James Joseph Maguire, Yvonne Ryan, Conrad & Margaret Rasch, Margaret Baptista.

**For the Sick:** John and Dolores Webb, Peter Mun, Joan Mulligan, Bozena Bakarich. *Please contact the parish office if you need to place a name on this list.*