



MASS TIMES

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

Weekday Eucharist
Monday 7:00am
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 (01st March 2026)

2nd Sunday of Lent - (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 The call of Abram, the father of God's people.
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 God saves all people and calls them to be holy
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 The Transfiguration – This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Psalm: Psalm 33 Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

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 Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun
Sun 9:30am Jessica, Sean, Joshua, Jason

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Commentator:	Betsy Rego	Mabel Vivera	Jewel Queen Cyril
1st Reading:	Matthew D'Souza	Tom O'Hanlon	Joanne Jose
2nd Reading:	Gidget Mendonca	Charlotte Monteiro	Geraldin Michael
Ministers of Communion:	Reenie D'Souza	Theresa Gomez	Kamla Singh
Projectionist:	Nestor Reynolds	Annlynn Lopez	St.Doms Youth Group
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Neil D'Souza	Percy Barboza
Hospitality:	Valyne /Past. Care	Anne Sia	Wilma Barboza
Music:	Trinity choir	Trinity choir	St.Doms Youth Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Anna Su & Jerry Xing - 28th Feb 2026)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(February 2026)

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ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH
 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.

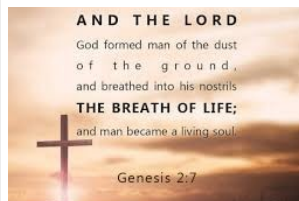
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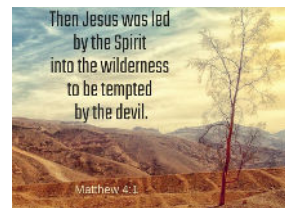
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
1st Sunday of Lent - (Scripture Readings)

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



22nd February 2026



Lent is about prayer and fasting. When we think of 'fasting we probably think first of eating less food as a form of penance. Today Isaiah is challenging us to rethink what fasting really means. He states that God does not want to see a show of sacrifice but, rather, how that sacrifice changes our hearts. He calls for the people to notice suffering, to speak up for the marginalised, to share what they have and to fast from burdening others. Pope Francis has created a practical list of things to fast from. Included are fasting from worries and instead trusting in God, fasting from complaints and instead contemplating simplicity, fasting from pressures by turning to prayer, fasting from anger so as to be filled with patience and fasting from words and instead being silent so as to really listen. What will I be fasting from this Lent?

~ 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

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 / office@stdominicsbhb.org.nz

HOUSIE: Every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. St. Dominic's Housie group need volunteers to help with various aspects of the activity. If you can help, please contact Anne Sia on 021 920 983. THANK YOU.

Wings.Nga Parirau this Lent – an invitation to know your faith and grow your relationship with Jesus. Are you interested but cannot make face-to-face meetings? Try Zoom! First Year Programme of 'Wings', Modules One and Two -on Zoom, 7-7.40pm, all Thursdays in Lent'. We will be reflecting on the Catholic Faith and our personal Faith journey. Sunday Gospels of Lent provide a framework for our Scripture reflection, on Zoom, all Saturdays in Lent 7-7.40pm Church Teaching through the writings of Pope Leo XIV, reflect together, all Wednesdays in Lent, on Zoom, 7-7.40pm Come and pray silently with others, be present with Jesus each morning, on Zoom, 6.15 – 6.45am. Is Meditation new for you? 'Come and See!' Contact Dianna Fouhy: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Lent Reflection at St John's Church, Mairangi Bay Tuesday, 24 March, Lenten Reflection with Dianna Fouhy Tuesday, 28 April, Bible Society with CEO Neels Janse van Rensburg
Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown St Michael's Parish is hosting a series of four weekly talks by Bishop Peter Brown during the lead up to Lent, guiding us to reunite ourselves to Christ through His gift of Reconciliation.

When: 4x Tuesday evenings beginning 3rd March 2026 Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm Where: St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera

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.

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 : 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 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 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.*