



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 11:00 a.m.

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 (08th March 2026)

3rd Sunday of Lent - (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses.

2nd Reading: Romans 5;1-2,5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 "The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life."

Psalms: Psalm 95 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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, Kem Vu
	Sun 9:30am Jessica, Joshua, Jason, Sione Tupu

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Commentator:	Gidget Mendonca	Annlyn Lopez	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
1st Reading:	Susan Dias	Anne Wilson	Kimberly Pinto
2nd Reading:	Kendall D'Souza	Donald Holder	Richard O'Malley
Ministers of Communion:	Betsy Rego Robin Cooper Reenie D'Souza	Cyril Raposo Tino Malo Reenie D'Souza	Maria Wijaya Natasha Pinto Theresa Gomez Reena Goodman
Projectionist:	Nestor Reynolds	Karen Viverra	NA
Chief Collector:	Allwyn Pereira	Lloyd Viverra	Eddie Sluiter
Hospitality:	Joseph Moodli	Paul Reddy	Anne Sia
Music:	Trinity choir	Trinity choir	NA

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
 (Kevin Creado & Family - 7th March 2026)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
 (March 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.

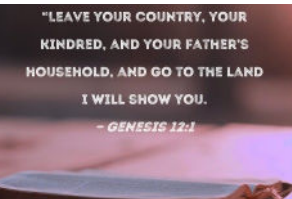
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
2nd Sunday of Lent - (Scripture Readings)

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.
Psalms: Psalm 33 Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.



1st March 2026



Today's Gospel is one of the most dramatic moments in all scripture- the transfiguration of Jesus Christ, in which our Lord appears to his chosen disciples in glory, enrobed in dazzling light, with a splendour exceeding anything of this earth, and anything of this universe. The transfiguration of our Lord is best understood as a temporary and partial dropping of the veil of appearances, so that the disciples were able to catch a glimpse of the true divine splendour of Jesus, a small rift in the misty darkness of the window which separates phenomena from noumena, which divides the illusion of this world from the truth of eternity. What they saw, indeed, was but the merest glance, the slightest revelation; anything more would have overwhelmed them--but it was enough to fill them with awe and wonder. And it is this same Jesus Christ who appears to us in every Mass, clothed, not in raiment of dazzling white, but in the visible form of humble bread and wine. Let us therefore say at each celebration of the Eucharist, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here!' ~ 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 – St. Dominic's Parish will be hosting **Safeguarding Workshop on Sunday, 1 March 2025, after the 9:30am Mass and Morning Tea at the Parish Centre**. 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

You're Invited: Alpha Programme Evening - Curious about faith? Have questions about life? Looking for a space to connect and share? Come along to our Alpha Programme Evening on: Monday 9 March -7:00 pm, St Dominics Church Hall. Bring a friend, bring your questions, or simply bring yourself. Send an email to cliveandreenanz@gmail.com or text 02108882441 for details.

Knitting for Charity: We are a small group that meet in the Parish Centre from 2: 00pm to 3:00 p.m on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Our group knits small basic woollen items for the families at Monte Cecilia Trust. We welcome new members. Learners and beginners are also very welcome.

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.

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 ENVELOPES 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

Week 4 here at school. The term is passing us by already!

Lent: Students marked Ash Wednesday with prayer and reflection, beginning 40 days of growth and kindness. Thanks to Father Ranjit and the parish for letting us celebrate with them. It truly was a lovely mass to start our 40 days of reflection!

Staff Faith: Teachers attended the Dedication Mass with Bishop Steve, centering our mission on the Eucharist at Christ the King. Catholic education is about igniting the flame of Christ in children!

Culture: We are growing our use of Te Reo Māori and Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories to foster a deep sense of belonging.

Sport: Senior swimming concludes with our House Points competition on March 5th. Our swimming sports at Cameron Pools in Mt Roskill..

Faith funny

An old Irishman, McDougal, had a loyal and faithful dog who died. McDougal went to his parish priest and asked, "Father, could you say some prayers in Mass for my dog?"

The old pastor said, "McDougal, you know very well that we don't pray for animals at Mass. Why don't you go to another church and ask them? I'm sure they'll do it."

"Well, ok, Father, I think I'll do just that. Oh, by the way, do you think they'll be offended if I offered them \$5,000 to pray for my dog?"

Father exclaimed, "Why, McDougal, you never said your dog was Catholic!"

~ 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.*