



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 (15th March 2026)

4th Sunday of Lent - (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, Samuel anointed David king of Israel.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Psalm: Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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:	Audrey Cooper	Donald Holder	Sarah Flynn
1st Reading:	Reggis Rego	Karen Vivera	Natasha Pinto
2nd Reading:	Chrysllyn Pinto	Leeda Ferdis	Joy Reginald-Opara
Ministers of Communion:	Susan Dias Teresa Joseph Bradley Pinto	Paul Reddy Charlotte Monteiro Bradley Pinto	Kamla Singh Wilma Barboza Verena Sluiter Linda Vui
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Annlyn Lopez	Music Group
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodli	Neil D'Souza	Leonard Pinto
Hospitality:	Connie Fernandes	Mabel Vivera	Natasha Pinto
Music:	John Smit	John Smit	Graham S

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
 (Jose Alexander & Family - 14th Mar 2026)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
 (March 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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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
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."

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



08th March 2026



Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman, and through her, he speaks to us. He describes the kind of worship that is pleasing to God, worship 'in spirit and in truth. To worship God in spirit and truth implies that our devotion and prayer is not simply to be a matter of mechanical formal observances. Indeed, such formal observances are, in the sight of God, of infinitely less consequence than the disposition of heart. This is not to say that formal religious observances are futile or devoid of value indeed, they are essential to Christians, since they are an expression of our union with Christ's mystical body, the Church. Nevertheless, our every thought and deed, however mundane, if done with the intention of expressing the glory of God, can also become a true and genuine act of worship--a living sacrifice of praise, a passionate song of love, and even a heart-felt plea for forgiveness.

~ 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**

Planned Giving Envelops for 2026-27 are available in the Church foyer for collection or by contacting Parish Office. **Thank You** for your generosity.

Easter Egg Drive: This Easter the Pastoral Care Group of our Parish are organizing the Easter egg drive to share Easter joy with the children and families served by the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust and the Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge. Please drop off your donations of Easter eggs and other treats in the designated boxes in the church foyer before Palm Sunday the 28th of March. This is in addition to our usual collection of non-perishable food and household hygiene products which are always appreciated. Thank you for sharing Easter joy with the less fortunate.

Washroom Renovations - Renovation work on the Parish Centre washrooms will begin this **Sunday afternoon, 8 March**. During this time, visitors are kindly requested to use the **St. Dominic's School staff washrooms**. Thank you for your patience as we upgrade our facilities!

Knitting for Charity: We are a small group that meet in the Parish Centre from 2:00pm to 3:00pm 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.

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!

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.

Kairos New Zealand are hosting our **Annual 'GetSet' retreat at Houghtons Bush Camp**, Muriwai, from **Friday 17 April 2026 6pm onwards to Sunday 19 April 2026 2.45pm**. This is the 12th 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 "Be Transformed" based on Romans 12:2. 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: www.tinyurl.com/getset2026. For more information, please contact **Karyn Coutinho 021806855** or email getset.auckland@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the East Indian Association NZ for their generous sponsorship of the Deanery Meeting held at St Dominic's Church, Blockhouse Bay.

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.*