



**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 (22nd March 2026)**

**5th Sunday of Lent - (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 37: 12-14 I shall put my spirit in you and you will live.

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:8-11 Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ, does not belong to Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** John 11:1-45 "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

**Psalm:** Psalm 129(130) With the Lord there is mercy/ Out of the depths I cry to 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	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b> Braelei Faith, Carlos Rudra Pulini
	<b>Sun 8:00am</b> Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun, Kem Vu
	<b>Sun 9:30am</b> Jessica, Joshua, Nithin, Sean, Chukku

	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
<b>Commentator:</b>	Kevin Creado	Anne Wilson	Nila Malo
<b>1st Reading:</b>	Nita Creado	Clare Tupuola	Synthia Dash
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	Betsy Rego	Irae Pule	Valansea Fonoimoana
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Audrey Cooper Reenie D'Souza Teresa Joseph	Cyril Raposo Tino Malo	Reena Goodman Florence Sevao Taliulu Maria Wijaya Teresa Joseph
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Goretti Sheppard	Karen Vivera	Samoan Group
<b>Chief Collector:</b>	Joseph Moodli	Lloyd Vivera	Percy Barboza
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Geeta D'Souza	Paul Reddy	Wilma Barboza
<b>Music:</b>	John Smit		Samoan Group

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Tapana (Maria) & Tepano - 21st Mar 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**  
**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.

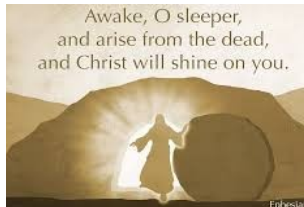
**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

**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.



*15th March 2026*



In the Gospel of John, the image of light is often used as a metaphor to depict Jesus, who presents us with the illuminating Truth whereby we are set free from the darkness of the world, and the blindness of sin. Jesus, as the divine light, brings vision to the man born blind, in miraculous fashion. To each of us, he offers the grace of vision- not that we may see this world with greater clarity or sharpness, but rather that we may catch a glimpse into the eternal realities which lie beyond this world- that we may perceive the hidden presence of God in all things, and in the infinitude which lies beyond all things.

~ 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**

**Rite II Parish Lenten Reconciliation**— is on **Tuesday 17th of March at 7pm.**

**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!

**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](http://www.tinyurl.com/getset2026). For more information, please contact **Karyn Coutinho 021806855 or email [getset.auckland@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

**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.

**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

**Farewell to the Dominican Sisters:** The New Zealand Dominican Sisters have announced that their property at 42 Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay, will soon be placed on the market. The Sisters expressed their appreciation for the long-standing connection with the Blockhouse Bay Parish and the school.

**Lenten Commitment:** Students have been faithfully keeping up with their Lenten promises, focusing on acts of kindness, prayer, and generosity as the community prepares for Easter.

**Sacramental Programme Update:** St Dominic's School has officially taken over the administration of the Sacramental Programme for students in Year 4 and above who are within the school.

**Academic Success:** Recent Assessment data shows the school's students are achieving significantly above national reference norms in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, and Listening Comprehension.

**Community Support:** The school's Art and Food Festival held at the end of last year successfully raised \$4,884.68. These funds support the School Foundation, which provides scholarships and assistance to families in need within the community.

**Encouraging Reading at Home:** The school is encouraging families to continue reading aloud with children, even as they grow older, as a way to bond, build empathy, and explore more complex stories together.

**Faith Funny:** A painter was hired to paint the exterior of a church. His practice was to thin the paint so that he could make a larger profit. As he was painting the church a torrential rain began to fall and it washed all of the paint off. Then, as quickly as the rain began, it ended, and the sun came out. As the painter gazed skyward, he heard a voice from above saying: "Repaint ! Go, and thin no more."  
~ 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.

**Marist College's—additional Open Day** to be held on **Thursday 26th March at 9.15am**

**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.*