



**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 (29th March 2026)**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION—(Scripture Readings)**

**Blessing of Palms: First Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11  
**1st Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7 The Suffering Servant: "I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed."  
**2nd Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 26:14-27:66 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Psalm:** Psalm 21 (22) My God, my God why have you abandoned me?

**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, Jason Yang  
**Sun 8:00am** Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun, Kem Vu, Sione Tupu  
**Sun 9:30am** Jessica, Nithin, Sean, Amanda Chidi, Chuku Chidi

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<b>Commentator:</b>	<b>HOLY WEEK ROSTER</b>		
<b>1st Reading:</b>			
<b>2nd Reading:</b>			
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>			
<b>Projectionist:</b>			
<b>Chief Collector:</b>			
<b>Coordinator:</b>			
<b>Music:</b>			

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**  
 (Anna Su & Jerry Xing- 28th 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**  
**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



*22nd March 2026*



Jesus' act of reviving Lazarus from the dead appears to have been something he undertook only with a degree of reluctance. Not only did he delay his going to see him, but spoke of his revival as a matter of 'waking one who sleeps' Moreover, Lazarus would have died at some time thereafter undergoing all the sufferings of physical death a second time. The miracle perhaps benefited those who witnessed it more than poor Lazarus himself! It behoves us to accept physical death as an integral part of mortal life, something neither to be dreaded nor to be mourned excessively. Since Christ, who is himself the Resurrection and the life, assures us of eternal happiness in the world to come, let us view physical death, not as an inexplicable tragedy, but rather as a transition from the limitations of this passing life to something unimaginably greater.  
 ~ 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.

**Paschal Meal** - Join us for a Paschal Meal on 29 March 2026, at 5.00pm in the School Hall as we reflect on the Passover and its connection to the Eucharist. Tickets: \$15 per person, Contact Reena Goodman on 02108882441 or email: reena.goodman1@gmail.com to book. All are welcome.

**Sacramental Programme - Year 2026** will commence on **Sunday, 26th April 2026**. Registration form available on parish website. Please complete the form and submit to office/ use drop box or e-mail to: [sacramental.stdoms@gmail.com](mailto:sacramental.stdoms@gmail.com).

**You're Invited: Alpha programme** - Curious about faith? Have questions about life? Looking for a space to connect and share? Come along to our Alpha Programme: **Every Monday evening at 7:00 pm, St Dominics Church Hall**. Bring a friend, bring your questions, or simply bring yourself. Send an email to [cliveandreenanz@gmail.com](mailto:cliveandreenanz@gmail.com) or text 02108882441 for details.

**Annual General Meeting:** will take place in the Church on **Sunday 14 June 2026 at 11am**. All are welcome.

**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.

**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 3:00pm 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.

**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/>

**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 [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:** Carmeline Coutinho Rodrigues 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, , 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.*