## MASS TIMES

**Sunday Eucharist**

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| Saturday | 6.00pm |
| Sunday | 8:00am & 9:30am |

**Weekday Eucharist**

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| **Monday** | 9:15am |
| **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.

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| **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 (19th July 2026)

**16th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Wis 12:13,16-19 In the place of sin, you give repentance.

**2nd Reading:** Rom 8:26-27 The Spirit pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

**Gospel Reading:** Mt 13:24-43 The parable of the wheat and darnel.

**Psalm:** Ps 85 (86) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**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, Zeyi Tang, Keyan Joseph
**Sun 8:00am** Eva Hu, Kathlyn Sun, Lucas Sun, Kem Vu, Sione
**Sun 9:30am** Jessica MacKenzie, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph, Amanda Chidi

| | Sat 6:00pm | Sun 8:00am | Sun 9:30am |
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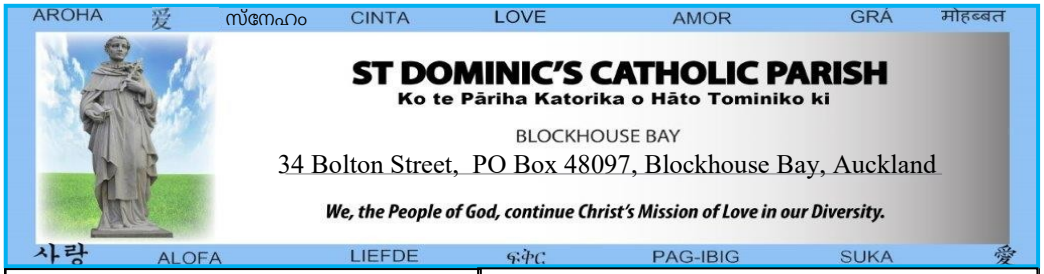
| **Commentator:** | Kevin Creado | Charlotte Monteiro | Sarah Flynn |
| **1st Reading:** | Gemma Dominguez | Anne Wilson | Synthia Dash |
| **2nd Reading:** | Nita Creado | Leeda Ferdis | Nila Malo |
| **Ministers of Holy Communion:** | Betsy Rego<br>Teresa Joseph | Karen Vivera<br>Anne Sia | Kamla Singh<br>Verena Sluiter<br>Reena Goodman<br>Theresa Gomez |
| **Projectionist:** | Josh Tham | Annlynn Lopez | Music Group |
| **Chief Collector:** | Allwyn Pereira | Neil D'Souza | Eddie Sluiter |
| **Coordinator:** | Geeta D'Souza | Paul Reddy | Natasha Pinto |
| **Music:** | John Smit | Rodney Ferdis | Graham S |

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Tapana (Maria) & Tepano - 18th July '26)

## FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(Goretti - 18th July '26)

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**15th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)**

**1st Reading:** Is 55:10-11 The Lord says "As the rain and snow come to water the earth, so the word that goes out from my mouth does not return empty."

**2nd Reading:** Rom 8:18-23 The whole of creation has been groaning in one great act of giving birth.

**Gospel Reading:** Mt 13: 1-23 The parable of the sower.

**Psalm:** Psalm 64 (65) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

12th July 2026

Themes of creation run through our Scriptures today. Isaiah affirms that the Word of God is ever fruitful like the rain and snow watering the earth, Paul maintains that the whole of creation, along with humankind, eagerly awaits the full revelation of God's purpose,and Jesus offers the Parable of the Sower, which explains the various ways in which the Word of God is received. Human gardeners usually ensure seeds are deposited in well prepared soil at well-spaced intervals, in contrast to the extravagant Sower in this parable who broadcasts the seed widely without discriminating.

Parables are intended to make us delve deeper. The most assiduous of gardeners may find their efforts thwarted by weeds, soil conditions and climate change, while the most ardent disciples of Jesus may still listen and not hear, see and not perceive. We, like creation, are often held back from enjoying the full freedom and glory of the children of God by the sinful perversity of human behaviours, systems and structures. Let us always retain the hope that the Word of God will succeed in what it was sent to do by bearing good fruit in our lives.

~ 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

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# Parish News

**Dear Parishioners,** We invite members of St. Dominic's Parish to consider serving on our Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, or Liturgy Committee. Thank you. Fr. Ranjit Ekka.

**Upcoming Events:**

1) 12 July 2026 – Seafarers Sunday
2) 26 July 2026 – Grandparents Day
3) Parish Feast: 2 Aug 2026
4) Triduum for Parish Feast (29–31 July 2026 | Wed–Fri)
   - 6:30 PM Novena
   - 7:00 PM Mass
5) 15 Aug 2026 (Sat) – Assumption of Mother Mary: Mass at 9:15 AM

The NZCBC warmly invites clergy, parish liturgy teams, school staff, deacons, and all involved in the preparation of the sacred liturgy to a ***Ars Celebrandi* - special workshop** with international liturgist **Fr Paul Turner**. Inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi, this workshop will explore the ars celebrandi, the art of celebrating the liturgy with reverence, understanding, and fidelity to the mind and heart of the Church. Fr Paul Turner will lead practical and enriching session aimed at deepening our understanding of the Eucharist and strengthening the celebration of Mass in our parishes and schools. Date: Saturday 25th July, Venue: Christ the King Church, Mt Roskill Time: Start at 10am to 2.30pm Morning Tea provided. **Register at: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/**

**"Tetelestai Inner Healing Ministries** invites you with family and friends to an Inner Healing retreat from **23rd July to 27th July 2026** at St. Dominic Church, 34, Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. A journey with Christ to release past hurts, nurture your emotional well-being, and receive a deep sense of peace. Come and begin your path to experience your renewed peace in Christ. No Registration, Love Offering will be collected. BYO: Bible, Notebook, Lunch. For further details, see the notice board or contact Betsy 0211653856 or Reggis 0274040129. email:jesuslightinnerhealingministry@gmail.com "

**"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**

**Welcome to St Dominic's Parish Community:** We extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners joining our community. We would love to stay connected with you - please take a moment to register at our website. **https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/**

**Planned Giving & Donations:** We invite you to join our Planned Giving programme. Your generosity sustains the mission and life of our parish. If you would like to join our Planned Giving programme, please email **stdomspgc@gmail.com** or contact the 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**

We also encourage parishioners who currently use envelope giving to consider switching to online contributions. This helps reduce the high cost of sourcing the Planned Giving envelopes and the administrative effect involved, allowing more of our parish resources to support our mission.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2026–2027 is available to collect from Parish Office.
Receipts for the 2025–26 period are now available in the church foyer.
Kindly collect the PG envelopes and Receipts issued **only in your name**.

# St Dominic's School News

**Across the Path - from the School Principal**

**Term Wrap-Up:** Thank you for supporting our school community this term as our students continue to grow, learn, and share the unique gifts given to them by God.
Have a wonderful break!

~ Daniel Pepper

## PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION – 2026

**Fr. Ranjit Ekka, Parish Priest, Deacon Clive Goodman and The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Dominic's Catholic Parish, Blockhouse Bay**
**Warmly invites YOU to**
**Come and be a part of our Parish Feast Day celebration—together, let's create a day filled with fun, fellowship, and vibrant community spirit!**

SUNDAY 2 August

***Time: After the 09:30am Mass***
**Location: St. Dominic's Catholic Primary School Hall**
**A family friendly event for all ages with games and a chance to win some prizes!**
**Followed by lunch**

*Your helping hands will make a big difference! Contact Natasha via the office email – office@stdominicsbhb.org.nz if you can assist*

# 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.

**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.

**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 woolen items for the families at Monte Cecilia Trust. Learners and beginners are also very welcome.

**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:** Leslie Creado, Philip Howard Sheppard, Carmeline Coutinho Rodriques, 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.*