MASS TIMES

Sunday Eucharist

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

Weekday Eucharist

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.

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 (09th Aug 2026)

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: 1 Kg 19:9, 11-13 Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God

2nd Reading: Rom 9:1-5 I would willingly be condemned if it would help my people

Gospel Reading: Mt 14:22-23 Command me to come to you over the water.

Psalm: Psalm 84 (85) Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation

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.

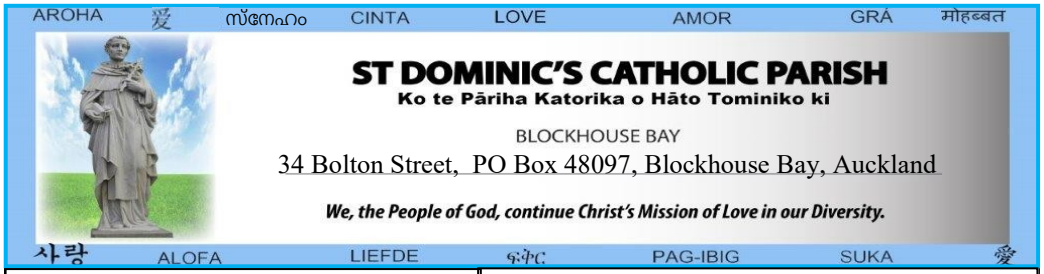
ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters

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, Chukku Chidi

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Commentator:	Matthew D'Souza	Donald Holder	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
1st Reading:	Purity Misquitta	Karen Vivera	Richard O'Malley
2nd Reading:	Bendito Fernandes	Irae Pule	Kimberly Pinto
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Susan Dias Bradley Pinto	Paul Reddy Theresa Gomez	Wilma Barboza Anne Sia Teresa Joseph Maria Wijaya
Projectionist:	Choir Group	Annlyn Lopez	Choir Group
Chief Collector:	Ferdilin Misquitta	Lloyd Vivera	Percy Barboza
Coordinator:	Connie Fernandes	Mabel Vivera	Gogo Vui
Music:	Schola Cantorum of Therese	Noel Tauro	Filipino Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
(Jose Alexander & Family - 8th Aug '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
(Irae Pule - 8th Aug '26)



ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Is 55: 1-3 Hasten and eat

2nd Reading: Rom 8:35, 37-39 Nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mt 14:13-21 They all ate and were satisfied

Psalm: Ps 144 The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

02nd August 2026

The overabundance of God's unconditional love and God's desire to satisfy our deepest hunger are the threads running through today's readings. The passage from Second Isaiah reassures the people that God has seen their suffering and is lavishly reversing the terrible circumstances of Israel's exile. The invitation to God's generous, freely given banquet reminds Israel that nothing can satisfy their yearning more than renewing their relationship with God.

Following the death of John the Baptist, Jesus looks for some time alone. However, the crowds seek him out, hungry for healing, both physical and spiritual. Jesus recognises their yearning and is filled with compassion, and sets about providing for them the type of abundant divine hospitality that we heard about in Isaiah. Yet Jesus' disciples are initially reluctant to bear responsibility for the crowd's hunger, preferring to send them away. Jesus wants his disciples to experience his same compassion for the people and, by turning towards the Father and blessing the loaves and fish, shows them that the abundance of God's love will be poured out through them.

Indeed, such is God's love for us that, as St Paul reminds us in the letter to the Romans nothing, absolutely no circumstance, nothing in existence, can separate us from God's love. This is our hope. Look at our God, who desires to satisfy my need! But am I even aware that what I hunger after is God?

~ 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

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION – 2026

St. Dominic's Catholic Parish, Blockhouse Bay

SUNDAY 2 August

Be part of our Parish Feast Day celebration today — together, let's create a day filled with fun, fellowship, and vibrant community spirit!

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.**

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.

John Pridmore Mission – August 2026 Join internationally renowned Catholic evangelist John Pridmore this August for a series of inspiring three-night missions across the Diocese of Auckland. Once caught in London's criminal underworld, John's life was transformed by a profound encounter with Christ. Through his powerful testimony, prayer, and message of hope, he invites people of all ages to experience God's mercy, love, and the life-changing power of faith.

Mission locations: St Joseph's Church, Takapuna – 17–19 August, 7:00 pm nightly; Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby – 24–26 August, 7:00 pm nightly; St Anne's Church, Manurewa – 31 Aug – 2 Sep, 7:00 pm nightly. Admission is free, Come along and invite your family and friends.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 7th August 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Due to School Mass on 7th August, there will be no anointing during the 1st Friday Mass.

Prayer Retreat for Women Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 9th October 6pm to Sunday 11th October 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. For Registration, pl. visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

"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

Upcoming School Mass (Sept 13, 9:30 AM)

Join us for School Mass on Sunday, Sept 13 at 9:30 AM! Expect a full church—attend the 8:00 AM Mass if you prefer your usual seat.

Wear Red for Cure Kids (This Friday)

Students may wear red this Friday to support Cure Kids, a cause close to our hearts with our own Ben serving as ambassador. Thank you for your support!

St. Dominic's Day (Friday, Aug 7)

We celebrate our feast day next Friday, Aug 7! Join us for Whole School Mass followed by Tabloid Sports. Wear black and white—free sausage sizzle included!

Sacramental Milestones

Congratulations to our students who received First Holy Communion and Confirmation over the break! Thank you to Bishop Steve Lowe, Fr. Ranjit, Deacon Clive, and our generous parents for making it a beautiful, memorable celebration. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

Church Funny

At the Pearly Gates... St. Peter gives a priest the keys to a small studio, but hands a politician the keys to the grand penthouse suite.

"That's not fair!" complains the priest.

St. Peter replies, "Look, Father—priests are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first politician we've ever seen!"

~ 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.

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: Tom O'Hanlon, 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.*