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 (16th Aug 2026)

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Is 56:1,6-7 I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain

2nd Reading: Rom 11:13-15,29-32 God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

Gospel Reading: Mt 15:21-28 Jesus and the Canaanite woman of faith.

Psalm: Psalm 66 O God, let all the nations praise 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

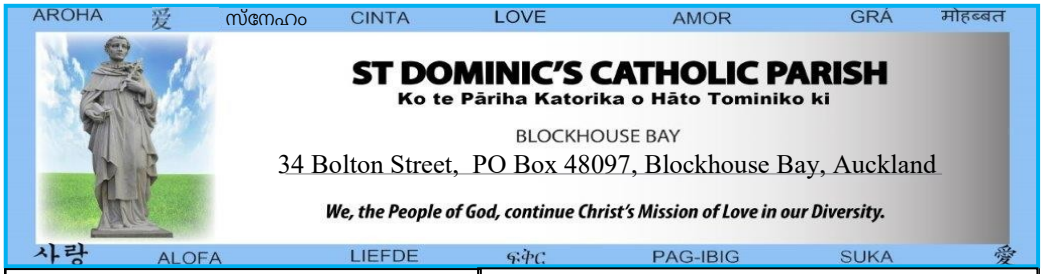
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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
Commentator:	Kevin Creado	Annlyn Lopez	Synthia Dash
1st Reading:	Nita Creado	Donald Holder	Kimberly Pinto
2nd Reading:	Gemma Dominguez	Leeda Ferdis	Goretti Fernandes
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Teresa Joseph Susan Dias	Tino Malo Theresa Gomez	Reena Goodman Vaoesea Vui Fonoimoana Wilma Barboza Verena Sluiter
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Karen Vivera	Choir Group
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodli	Neil D'Souza	Eddie Sluiter
Coordinator:	Purity Misquitta	Paul Reddy	Natasha Pinto
Music:	John Smit	Rodney Ferdis	Samoan Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
(Tapana (Maria) & Tepano - 15th Aug '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
(Goretti - 15th Aug '26)



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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

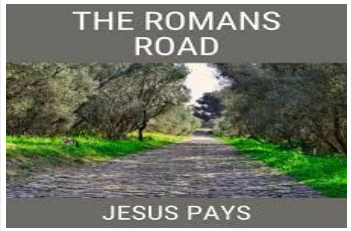
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

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



09th August 2026

Our first reading beautifully describes the human encounter with God. God comes to Elijah not in the turmoil (of his heart?) but rather as the voice of sheer stillness. Notice that Elijah was told to'go out' from his protective cave to stand in wait for the Lord'on the mountain.

Our Gospel reading picks up on the power of God to command nature. Elijah had to put aside his fears to hear the voice of the Lord, so too does Peter. The Lord has power over all of creation, then why not over me? Do I hold back from giving myself wholly over to 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

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – As directed by the Diocese, we will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on **Sunday, 16 August**. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us as we honour Our Lady and give thanks for her faithful witness to God's love and grace. Please note that there will be no special Mass on Saturday, 15 August. Regular **Saturday Vigil Mass** will be celebrated as scheduled.

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.

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

Legion of Mary 'Our Lady of Grace' Praesidium The Legion of Mary holds its meeting every **Tuesday evening, in the Parish Centre at 7pm**. Mother Mary sees your heart and seeks you out to be part of her army to fight evil by bringing Jesus into the hearts and souls of our Parishioners. Join us and discern if this is a suitable ministry for you to be part of. Your sacrifice of time and effort in this service, brings forth blessings from our Lord Jesus and Mother Mary.

NEW Beginners Theology of the Body Course – Saturday 29th August 8am -5pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. Register: theologyofthebody.nz

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. Location: Hillsborough. Visit: stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Catholic Caring Foundation - Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Steve and the Caring Foundation team for the Caring Mass. Wednesday August the 12th at 11.30am at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. Everyone is most welcome!

"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.*