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 (23rd Aug 2026)

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23 I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder

2nd Reading: Rom11:33-36 How rich are the depths of God, how deep his wisdom and knowledge

Gospel Reading: Mt 16: 13-20 Jesus asked Peter: 'but you, who do you say that I am?'

Psalm: Psalm 138 Lord, your love is eternal. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

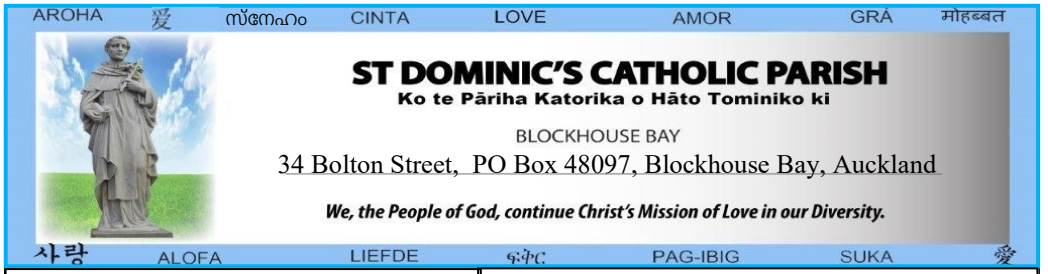
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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, Joshua, Chuku Chidi

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Commentator:	Reggis Rego	Charlotte Monteiro	Natasha Pinto
1st Reading:	Kendall Dsouza	Mabel Vivera	Valansea Fonoimoana
2nd Reading:	Ronald D'Souza	Anne Wilson	Nila Malo
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Reenie D'Souza Betsy Rego	Cyril Raposo Karen Vivera	Vaoesea Vui Fonoimoana Maria Wijaya Florence Sevao Taliulu Reena Goodman
Projectionist:	Dominic Savio	Irae Pule	Choir Group
Chief Collector:	Ferdilin Misquitta	Paul Reddy	Leonard Pinto
Coordinator:	Geeta D'Souza	Mabel Vivera	Gogo Vui
Music:	John Smit	David Pereira	Samoan Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
(Vincent George & Family - 22nd Aug '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
(Nita Creado - 22nd Aug '26)



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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2 They brought in the ark of God to the place which David had prepared for it.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-57 Let us thank God for giving us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Lk 11:27-28 Blessed is the womb that bore you.

Psalm: Psalm 131 Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.

16th August 2026

Covenant relationship with God is at the core of our readings today. All three readings display a stretching understanding of who is included in covenantal relationship with God and who is not. Isaiah prophesied that the Lord would gather to himself anyone who maintains justice, who does what is right, and who observes the Lord's ordinances, whether they are part of Israel or not. In writing to the Romans, Paul recognises that his own mission to the Gentiles is for God's purpose and part of God's plan. Through Jesus, God has expanded the covenant to all peoples. Yet Paul, with tender concern for his fellow Israelites, very beautifully declares that the calling of God is irrevocable.

Today's Gospel is one of the most unsettling episodes in Matthew. Initially, Jesus responds to the woman from his bias as a child of Israel but on seeing the woman's great need and witnessing her faith, he is moved to act as God would act-with compassion. Matthew shows Jesus growing in his understanding of his mission and of God's will. The boundaries of inclusion are being stretched, sometimes unexpectedly. Am I prepared to be stretched and open to God's purpose and plan for my life?

~ 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

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Wonderful Volunteers!

Our recent **Feast Day celebration** was a wonderful success, bringing our Parish family together in faith, joy, laughter, and fellowship. On behalf of St. Dominic's Parish, heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for your time, generosity, and efforts in making the day so special. A special thank you to Fr. Ranjit and Deacon Clive for their spiritual leadership and beautiful liturgy. This celebration would not have been possible without everyone coming together. May God bless each and every one of you abundantly!

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.

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.

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

Hope for the World International Conference on Life, Faith and Family - Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September In Christ we can restore a culture where every life is protected from conception to natural death, and where marriage and the family are again seen as truly good for healthy, flourishing individuals and society. Join us in Auckland to hear inspiring local and international speakers. **R**egister: https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/ Cont: 021400729, simon@fli.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

St. Dominic's Day: We celebrated with a beautiful Mass, joyful singing, and a fun morning of tabloid sports! It was wonderful to see our school values in action.
Our School Values: Our core values—**Aroha, Unity, Perseverance, & Respect**—come straight from the 4 Dominican pillars (*Prayer, Study, Community, Preaching*) and guide our children daily.
Year 6 Camp: Our Year 6s are at Long Bay camp this week! This water-based adventure is a huge milestone in building their confidence and independence.
Year 5 EOTC & Leadership: With Year 6 away, our Year 5s are "running the school"! They are taking part in a 4-day EOTC week with local trips, teamwork, and a leadership retreat.
Pastoral Care & Workshops: Our Pastoral Care team works behind the scenes to uplift our community. Keep an eye out for upcoming parent evening workshops at the end of this term.
School Trading Day (Aug 27): We're hosting a structured Trading Day on **Thursday, 27th August** for Pokémon cards, football cards, and Oohies. *(Note: Siblings cannot be traded!)*
Faith Funny:
Teacher: "Why must we be quiet in church?"
5 year old: "Because people are sleeping!" ~ 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.
NEW Beginners Theology of the Body Course – Saturday 29th August 8am -5pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. Register: theologyofthebody.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!
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.*