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 (6th September 2026)

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Ezek 33:7-9 If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death

2nd Reading: Rom 13:8-10 Love of neighbour is the answer to every one of the commandments

Gospel Reading: Mt 18:15-20 When two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Psalm: Psalm 94 (95) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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

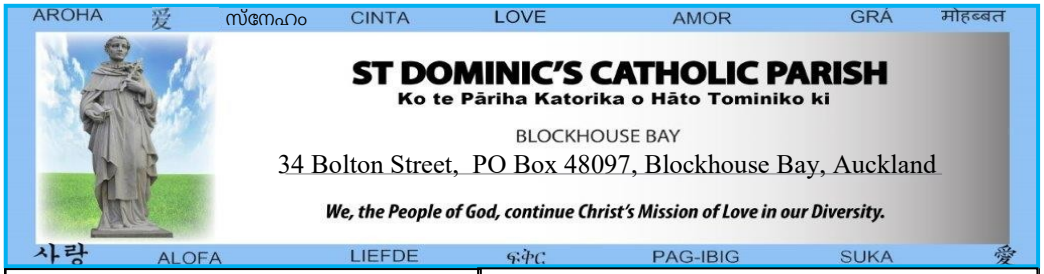
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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, Jason Dash, Joshua Joseph, Amanda Chidi

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Commentator:	Kendall D'Souza	Annlyn Lopez	Joanne Jose
1st Reading:	Gidget Mendoca	Tom O'Hanlon	Breanna Pinto
2nd Reading:	Ronald D'Souza	Irae Pule	Geraldin Michael
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Bradley Pinto Susan Dias	Charlotte Monteiro Theresa Gomez	Kamla Singh Wilma Barboza Verena Sluiter Paul Reddy
Projectionist:	Nestor Reynolds	Irae Pule	Choir Group
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Paul Reddy	Leonard Pinto
Coordinator:	Joseph Moodli	Mabel Vivera	Natasha Pinto
Music:	Trinity choir	N/A	St.Doms Youth Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
(Kevin Creado & Family - 5th Sep '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
(Irae Pule - 5th Sep '26)



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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

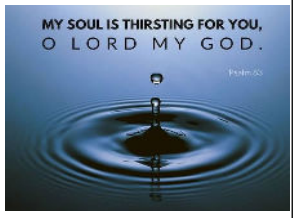
1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9 The word of the Lord has meant derision for me

2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2 Worship God by offering your bodies as a holy sacrifice

Gospel Reading: Mt 16:21-27 If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross and follow me.

Psalm: Psalm 63 My soul is thirsting for you, o Lord my God.

30th August 2026



In the midst of a terrible experience of imprisonment and torture, Jeremiah speaks of the powerful attraction God exerted over him to the extent that he could not refuse to prophesy in God's name even though the message God had entrusted to him caused him so much suffering. Jeremiah struggles as this tremendous paradox challenges his faith. Yet, the true prophet cannot resist obedience to God's word even at the risk of great personal sacrifice.

Jesus exhibits the same qualities as the prophet in this first prediction of his passion and death. Matthew uses the phrase, 'From that time on, to indicate a significant turning point in the Gospel and in Jesus' journey, as he turns decisively towards Jerusalem to face certain death. Despite being aware of the personal cost he must endure, he resolutely prepares himself and the disciples for this journey.

In his letter to the Roman community, Paul exhorts them to be courageous in doing God's will especially when it means going against the expectations of society. His invitation speaks powerfully to Christians in our own time. We are called to renew our minds with the way of the Gospel and thus be a transformative presence in our world. ~ 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

TRAINING FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS - A **compulsory Liturgical Ministers Training** Programme will be held **at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, 19 September** in our church, led by our Parish Priest, Fr Ranjit Ekka. **This training is required for all ministers to continue serving** and will provide updates on the latest diocesan guidelines.
New parishioners interested in serving as **Sacristans, Ministers of the Word, or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to register and attend**.
The training is for all ministers, including Pastoral Care Ministers, Weekday Readers, and Sacristans. Please make every effort to attend.
Feast of Mother Teresa - The Feast of Mother Teresa will be celebrated at **10:30 a.m. on Saturday, 5 September 2026**, at **Holy Cross Church, Henderson** followed by refreshments. All are welcome.
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
PARISH PRAYER GROUPS: There a are a number of Prayer Groups in the parish, mainly during the week. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining any of them.
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.
Hope for the World Conference Events: Pray, learn, be spiritually renewed, and become better equipped to defend life, strengthen families and bring hope to the world around us:
Demystifying Death with Dignity: 15 Sep, St Thomas More Church, Mt Maunganui, 6-7pm talk
Day of Prayer for Life & Family: 19 Sept, St Michael's Church, Remuera, 10-4 (with Mass)
Begotten Not Made seminar: 24 Sep, St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough, 1-5/ 6:30-9
Hope for the World Conference: Opening Mass, 25 Sep, St John Vianney, Hillsborough, 7pm
Sat 26 and Sun 27 Sept | Ellerslie Events Centre.
More info: https://fli.org.nz/ or contact Simon Archer on 021 400 729 | 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.
Thank you sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

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.
Administration Assistant Wanted! Marriage & Family Life Ministry is looking for a highly capable Administration Assistant to contribute to a ministry that supports marriage and family life. We are looking for someone who combines excellent administrative skills with a genuine pastoral sensitivity and a commitment to serving others. This is a Part-time role of 16 hours, at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre. For full details and to apply please visit please visit: ww.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/. Closing date Friday 4 September.
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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.*