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 (27th September 2026)

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Ezek 18:25-28 The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: "Hear now, House of Israel…."

2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11 His state was divine but he emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave.

Gospel Reading: Mt 21:28-32 Jesus said that outcasts will enter the kingdom of God before the righteous who lack repentance.

Psalm: Psalm 24 (25) Remember your mercies, Lord.

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

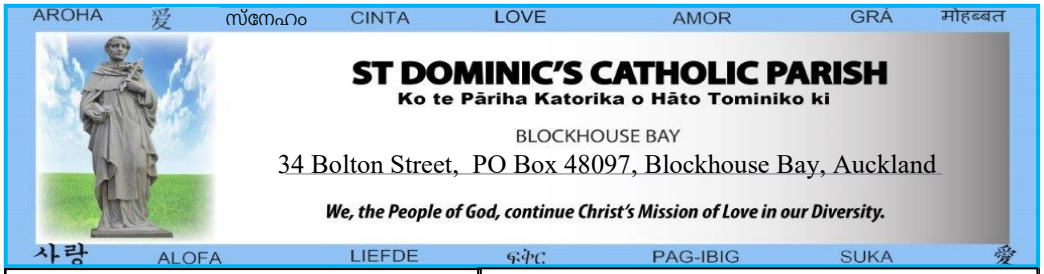
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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 Nithin, Sean, Jessica, Joshua, Chuku

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Commentator:	Chryslyn Pinto	Charlotte Monteiro	Natasha Pinto
1st Reading:	Matthew D'Souza	Mabel Vivera	Valansea Fonoimoana
2nd Reading:	Vyshnavi G	Donald Holder	Richard O'Malley
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Bradley Pinto Betsy Rego	Cyril Raposo Paul Reddy	Vaoesea Vui Fonoimoana Verena Sluiter Florence Sevao Taliulu Reena Goodman
Projectionist:	Dominic Savio	Karen Vivera	Linda Vui
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Lloyd Vivera	Leonard Pinto
Coordinator:	Joseph Moodli	Mabel Vivera	Gogo Vui
Music:	John Smit	David Pereira	Samoan Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
(Anna Su & Jerry Xing - 26th Sep '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
(Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello - 26th Sep '26)



ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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We, the People of God, continue Christ's Mission of Love in our Diversity.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

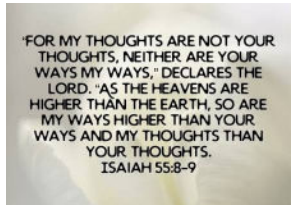
1st Reading: Is 55:6-9 My thoughts are not your thoughts; my ways are not your ways.

2nd Reading: Phil1:20-24 Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of Christ

Gospel Reading: Mt 20:1-16 "Why are you jealous when I am generous?" The parable of the vineyard owner

Psalm: Psalm 144 (145) The Lord is near to all who call him.

20th September 2026



Today, our Gospel invites us to reflect on the generosity of God. The landowner represents the loving heart of God towards each one of us. There are two things in particular that might catch our attention in this passage. Firstly, God wants everyone to work in his vineyard. Secondly, in the end, each will receive the same reward. Perhaps, like some of the workers in the parable, we may feel that the landowner is being unjust: How is it that the last receive the same pay as the first? We need to appreciate that the way of God is the way of generosity. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's ways are not our ways, and God's thoughts are not our thoughts. Lord, we pray that you might help us have a heart that is free, and looks at others not with judgement or criticism but with generosity and openness.

~ 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?
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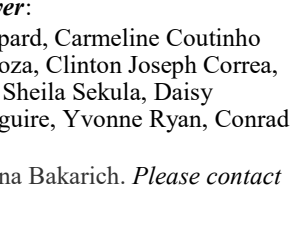
Parish News

Special Collections in the Auckland Diocese – friendly reminder
Sunday 20 September. This money is used to support long-term maintenance of our Mother Church –The Cathedral of St Patrick's and St Joseph – A Precious Heritage entrusted to us. (Direct credit to 02-0108-0722777-000: St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation Account)
2027 Pilgrimage from Fatima to Rome – including Salamanca, Lourdes, Paris, Venice and Assisi. 11 April to 3 May 2027. Chaplain: Monsignor David Tonks. For details contact Laura Yap laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz or 021 390 055
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:
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
"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027. If you are a Catholic school teacher, preparing for ministry, seeking academic formation, or wanting to grow in understanding of the Catholic faith, CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology in a supportive environment. Go to www.ctc.ac.nz for more information."
Church of the Saviour – September School Holiday Programme 28 Sep-2 Oct 9-12.30 pm at Church of the Saviour, 2 Heaphy St, Blockhouse Bay. School Yrs 1-6 (ages 5-10): games, music, craft and heaps of fun! No charge (Donations gratefully accepted) Register: www.cots.org.nz
Youth Leaders Hui - Saturday 3 October 10am – 2:30pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre
Join us for our Youth Leaders Hui – a day for youth leaders to connect, share and shape the future of youth ministry in our Diocese. We want to hear your hopes, insights and ideas as we look ahead together! We're all in the same waka! Come ready to share, learn and be inspired alongside others who share your passion for seeing young people encounter Jesus. Free barista coffee on arrival! Lunch will be provided. Register: https://events.humanitix.com/youth-leaders-hui-2026
Catherine McAuley Symposium - Join leading thinkers from the UK, USA and Aotearoa at the Catherine McAuley Symposium in Wellington, 13–15 December. Explore what it means to be a faith-based organisation in a changing global environment, with high-quality speakers exploring leadership, identity, mission and the challenges facing religious organisations today.
"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
Winter Field Day Our Year 5 and 6 students showed incredible sportsmanship and resilience at the recent Winter Field Day. A huge thank you to all the whānau who came out to cheer them on!
School Mass This Sunday Join us for School Mass this Sunday at 9:30 AM. Students must arrive at the school hall in full uniform by 8:45 AM before families head into church.
Father's Day Breakfast Thank you to Mike, Aaron, Barrie-John, and SOCKS Coffee for serving 75 breakfasts to our school dads! It was a wonderful morning celebrating our father figures.
Board of Trustees Update Full Catholic Schools Office funding for our Top Field canopy allows us to redirect $15,000 toward new shade behind Rooms 1–4. We also warmly welcome Mrs. Rebecca Marshall to Room 4, and look forward to trialing two straight Year 6 classes in 2027.
Faith Funny
St Peter asked a man at the pearly gates, "Did you ever do anything brave?"
"I saw a huge biker harassing a woman, so I slapped him, kicked his motorcycle over, and ripped out his nose ring!"
"Impressive," said St. Peter. "When was this?"
"About two minutes ago." ~ 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.
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 at Hillsborough, Reg: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz
Wings.Nga Parirau: Know your Faith; Share your Faith.
Are you involved with Ministry of Word or Eucharist, Sacramental preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy. This is for you! Complete Year One 'Wings' over three Sundays. 4 October, 18 October, 1 November from 10am-3pm, at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby, Auckland. Meet Jesus in his Word, in others and in yourself. Come and see! Contact Dianna Fouhy: diannaf@cda.org.nz
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.*