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 (4th October 2026)

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Is 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9 Do these things and the God of peace will be with you

Gospel Reading: Mt 21:33-43 The parable of the owner who leased his vineyard to tenants

Psalm: Psalm 79 (80) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

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 Joshua, Jessica, Amanda, Lionel, Jason

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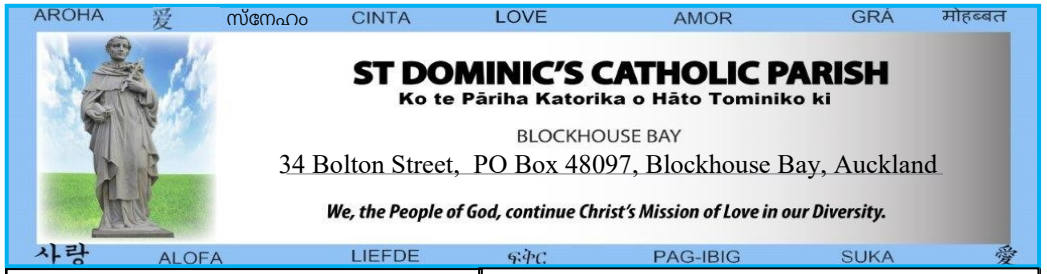
Commentator:	Reggis Rego	Annlyn Lopez	Karen Vivera
1st Reading:	Leema Rose	Tom O'Hanlon	Jewel Queen Cyril
2nd Reading:	Gidget Mendoca	Anne Wilson	Joanne Jose
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Reenie D'Souza Teresa Joseph	Tino Malo Charlotte Monteiro	Kamla Singh Wilma Barboza Anne Sia Natasha Pinto
Projectionist:	Choir Group	Annlyn Lopez	Choir Group
Chief Collector:	Ferdilin Misquitta	Paul Reddy	Eddie Sluiter
Coordinator:	Connie Fernandes	Anne Sia	Natasha Pinto
Music:	Trinity Choir	N?A	St. Doms Youth Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
(Kevin Creado & Family - 03rd Oct '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
(Irae Pule - 03rd Oct '26)



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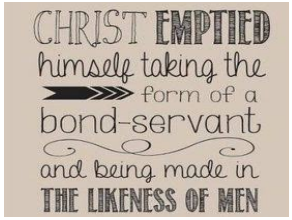
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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.



27th September 2026

Having the ability to reflect on our decisions and change our minds is not a bad thing, especially if it helps us align with the will of God. Are we humble enough to acknowledge a mistake and make a change? Jesus addressed his message to the chief priests and the elders of the people, some of whom were proud and could not understand the essence of the law. It was for this reason that Jesus told them that sinners would enter into the kingdom of God before them. Why? Because sinners were the ones who were able to self-reflect, regret what they had done, and change their behaviour, making room for God in their hearts. Therefore, it is not a sign of weakness to acknowledge our mistakes. Rather, in the eyes of God, it is a sign of humility. Lord, help us humble ourselves today and make the necessary changes to align ourselves with your values.

~ 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

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

"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."

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

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 2nd October 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.

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, OCIA, Children's Liturgy. This is for you! Complete Year One 'Wings' over three Sundays**. 4 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov** 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

Mission Sunday 100th Celebration The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th Mission Sunday on October 18. The day is set aside to pray for the Church's mission and to support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution. That support can be financial and through prayer. Find out more at: https://missio.nz/

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/**

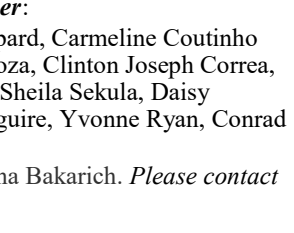
Planned Giving & Donations: We invite you to join our Planned Giving programme. Your generosity sustains the mission and life of our parish. If you would like to join our Planned Giving programme, please email **stdomspgc@gmail.com** or contact the Office. For online contributions, please use the following 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

School Holiday Notice: School is now closed for two weeks. We wish all our families a safe break and look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4!

Whole School Mass Thank you to Fr. Ranjit, Dacon Clive, and all the families who joined our Whole School Mass on Sep 13th. The children sang beautifully and led with great reverence.

Record Can Drive! Our community showed amazing generosity by collecting a record 440 cans for families in need this Christmas-averaging nearly 2 cans per child! Thank you for your support.

School Disco: With record turnout, pop star costumes, glow sticks, and great games, our end-of-term disco was a huge success. Thanks to our PTA and staff for a fun, safe night!

Term 4 Reminders: Sun Hats: Mandatory for outdoor play in Term 4. Please send a named hat daily. **Beat Station Music:** Students will learn various instruments this term, leading to a performance on December 4th. Events: Details on Athletics Day, Reports, and Prizegiving are coming soon as we prepare to farewell our Year 6s.

Faith Funny: A burglar broke into a home and was looking around. He heard a soft voice say, "Jesus is watching you". Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search. Again the voice said "Jesus is watching you". He turned his flashlight around and saw a parrot in a cage. He asked the parrot if he was the one talking and the parrot said, "yes." He asked the parrot what his name was and the parrot said, "Moses." The burglar asked, "what kind of people would name a parrot Moses?"
The parrot said, "the same kind of people who would name their German Shepherd Jesus".

~ 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) donald@donaldholder.co.nz or the St. Doms Parish Office.

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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: 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.*