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 (11th October 2026)

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Is 25:6-10 On this mountain the Lord God will prepare a banquet of rich food
2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14,19-20 There is nothing that I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.
Gospel Reading: Mt 22:1-14 The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding
Psalm: Psalm 22 (23): I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

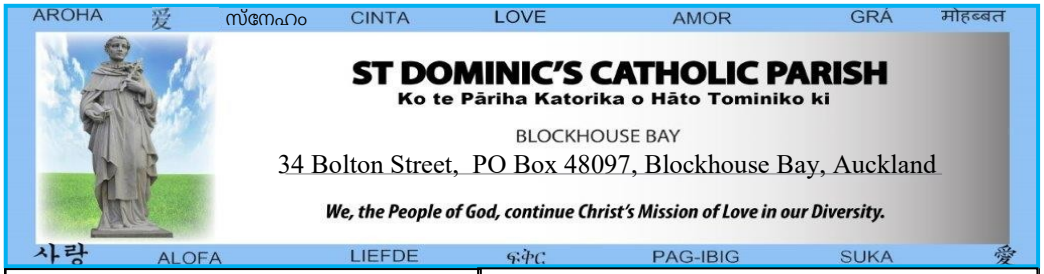
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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 Sean Joseph, Nithin Savio, Jessica MacKenzie, Chuku Chidi

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Commentator:	Matthew D'Souza	Donald Holder	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
1st Reading:	Kevin Creado	Annlyn Lopez	Richard O'Malley
2nd Reading:	Charlotte Monteiro	Tom O'Hanlon	Goretti Fernandez
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Susan Diaz Reenie D'Souza	Paul Reddy Anne Sia	Wilma Barboza Reena Goodman Florence Sevao Taliulu Maria Wijaya
Projectionist:	Choir Group	Karen Vivera	Choir Group
Chief Collector:	Neil D'Souza	Paul Reddy	Percy Barboza
Coordinator:	Joseph Moodli	Mabel Vivera	Gogo Vui
Music:	Schola Cantorum	Noel Tauro	Filipino Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
(Randika Nonis & Family - 10th Oct '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
(Goretti - 10th Oct '26)



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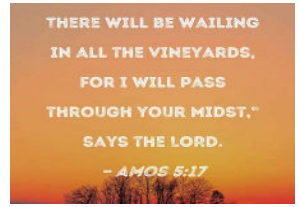
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

04th October 2026



The People of God are portrayed as a vineyard in both the Old and New Testaments. In every case, God is the one who plants the vineyard, after choosing the best and most fertile land and preparing it carefully. God then looks for a good harvest, only to be disappointed time and again.

The Gospel parable tells the history of Israel as God's vineyard. The owner of the vineyard leased it out to tenants. Later, the owner sent servants to collect the portion of the harvest that was due to him. These servants represent the prophets whom God regularly sent to Israel, only to see them rejected, abused and sometimes killed. Finally, the owner sends his son to them but he, too, is killed. (Jesus' opponents know that he is referring to himself.) The owner is left with no alternative but to lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the share of the produce to him when harvest time comes.

What is that good fruit that God wants from his vineyard? Saint Paul tells us: 'everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise. Keep doing these things that you have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you!

~ 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

Morning & Evening Tea: Light refreshments will be available after the first Saturday 6:00 pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 9:30 am Mass of the Month. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to **bring a plate of food to share.** Thank you for your generosity and fellowship.

October Month Rosary lead by Legion of Mary - St Dominic's Parish dedicates the recitation of the Holy Rosary throughout the month of October for the intention of: "Unity in families and the revival of faith in our youth". **Wednesday: Rosary before the Novena, Saturday: Rosary before the Vigil Mass Sunday: Rosary before the 8:00 a.m. Mass.** We warmly encourage all parishioners to join us in praying the Holy Rosary for these special intentions.

In Loving Memory - We remember with love those who have gone before us. If you have a family member or loved one who has passed away from November 2025 - October 2026, we warmly invite you to submit their name so that we may remember and pray for them together in our Church at the All Soul day Mass **on Monday the 2nd of Nov at 7pm**. Please send the full name and Photo of your dearly departed loved one to the Parish Office. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their Soul rest in Peace.

"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."

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/

"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. 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.*