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 (18th October 2026)

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6 I have called you by your name. There is no other God besides me.

2nd Reading: 1Thess 1:1-5 We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

Gospel Reading: Mt 22:15-21 Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that belong to God

Psalm: Psalm 95 (96): Give the Lord glory and honour

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

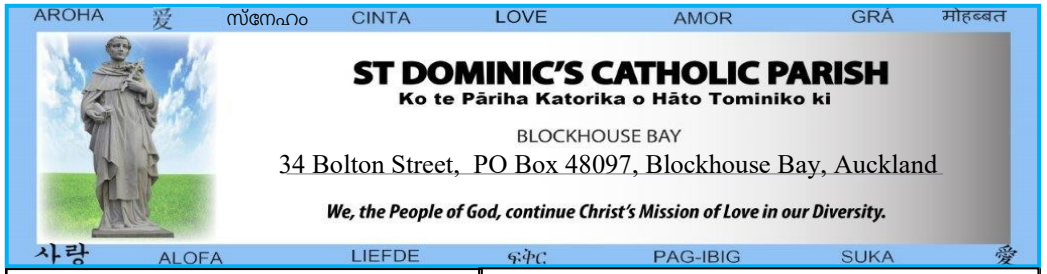
	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Commentator:	Betsy Rego	Karen Vivera	Nila Malo
1st Reading:	Carolyn Carvalho	Anne Wilson	Goretti Fernandez
2nd Reading:	Bendito Fernandes	Annlyn Lopez	Richard O'Malley
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Teresa Joseph Reenie D'Souza	Tino Malo Theresa Gomez	Reena Goodman Wilma Barboza Maria Wijaya Kamla Singh
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Irae Pule	Choir Group
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodli	Lloyd Vivera	Eddie Sluiter
Coordinator:	Connie Fernandes	Paul Reddy	Wilma Barboza
Music:	John Smit	Rodney Ferdis	Graham S

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Jose Alexander & Family - 17th Oct '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(Nita Creado - 17th Oct '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

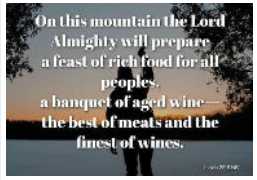
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

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.



11th October 2026

About 600 years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah wanted to give a message of hope to the Jewish people in exile, and he searched for an image that would help them understand what a restored Jerusalem, a restored Mount Zion, will be like when the Israelites return to their homeland. And the image he thought of, that he knew would speak to the people, was the image of a banquet: 'On Mount Zion the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, of fine strained wines. He will remove the mourning veil covering all people. He will wipe away the tears from every cheek. The people will rejoice in the Lord, their saviour, in whom they hoped!

Later, the Christian tradition took up this vision of Isaiah to speak of the heavenly banquet to which we are all called. All images have their limitations, but the banquet image certainly conveys in some small way the joy and communion with God and with each other that we will experience in heaven.

The banquet to which God is inviting us is not reserved only for the next life. In the midst of its many challenges, our lives have their joyous moments when we are called to pause and celebrate with God and with our friends and loved ones. Today's liturgy urges us not to be so caught up in the challenges of life that we fail to respond when God, the gracious and generous host, invites us pause, to sit down and enjoy the banquet prepared for us. ~ 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

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 Masses **on Monday the 2nd of Nov at 9:15 am &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."

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!

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/

Marriage & Family Life - Alpha for Couples: Whether you're married, engaged, or dating, Alpha for Couples is a welcoming and practical course designed to help strengthen your faith and relationship. Through engaging videos and guided conversations, you'll explore topics such as communication, resolving conflict, understanding each other's needs, building deeper connection, and creating a healthier future together. Register today and invest in your relationship. We'd love to have you join us! Oct 8,15, 22, 29. Nov 5, 12, 19, 22, 26. Dec 3.

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.

"REQUESTS FOR MASS" Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

CUT OFF Time for submitting items for 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.

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

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, working Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri 10am -2pm (with some evening and weekend work) at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre.

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.*