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 (25th October 2026)

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Ex 22:20-26 You must not be harsh with the stranger or the widow or orphan.

2nd Reading: 1Thess 1:5-10 It was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the Gospel

Gospel Reading: Mt 22:34-40 You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself

Psalm: Psalm 17 (18) I love you, Lord, my strength.

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.

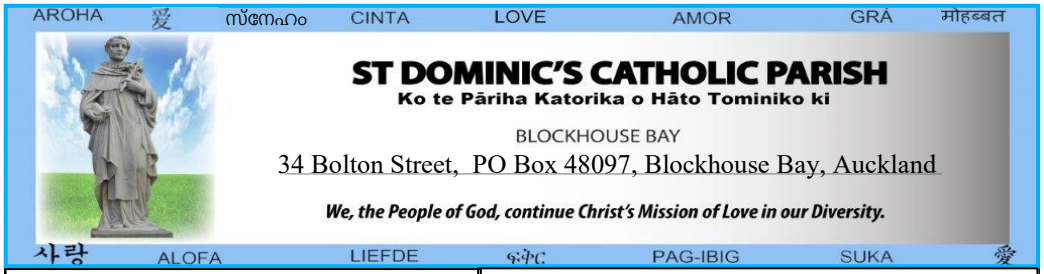
ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters

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, Nithin, Jessica MacKenzie, Chuku, Joshua

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Commentator:	Chryslyn Pinto	Annlynn Lopez	Natasha Pinto
1st Reading:	Vyshnavi G	Mabel Vivera	Valansea Fonoimoana
2nd Reading:	Gemma Dominguez	Donald Holder	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Bradley Pinto Betsy Rego	Cyril Raposo Paul Reddy	Vaoesea Vui Fonoimoana Maria Wijaya Florence Sevao Taliulu Reena Goodman
Projectionist:	Dominic Savio	Karen Vivera	Linda Vui
Chief Collector:	Josh Tham	Paul Reddy	Percy Barboza
Coordinator:	Geeta D'Souza	Mabel Vivera	Gogo Vui
Music:	John Smit	David Pereira	Samoan Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
(Tapana (Maria) & Tepano - 24th Oct '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER
(Jennifer & Nereus D'Mello - 24th Oct '26)



ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

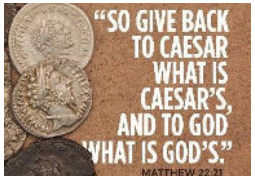
29th Sunday - World Mission Sunday - Year A (Scripture Readings)

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.



18th October 2026

In the ancient world it was not uncommon for rulers to describe themselves as gods, claiming to have certain divine powers and qualities. The people of Israel would never allow their rulers to be called gods. There is only one God, the Lord. Their faith is expressed in today's psalm: The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods (pagan rulers). The gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

The people of Israel were, however, tolerant of pagan rulers calling themselves gods. They saw these rulers as having a subordinate role in God's governance of the world. Through them God's will could be accomplished among the peoples. A good example was Cyrus, the Persian king mentioned in today's first reading, whom the Jews saw as God's chosen instrument to liberate them from their exile in Babylon.

In our own day the leaders of nations have the power to effect good and promote the values of the kingdom of God. Not all leaders do this but there are many who strive to exercise wise and just leadership. There need not be an unbridgeable gulf between civil governance and the governance of God. In fulfilling our obligations toward the state, we can in fact be promoting the values of the kingdom of God. Respecting legitimate temporal authority is one means of paying homage to God, the only One to whom all praise and honour are due. ~ God's Word 2026

100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday Pope Leo XIV's papal motto is In Illo uno unum — "In the One, we are one". Belonging to the Augustinian Order, it is no surprise that his motto was inspired by St Augustine's reflections on Psalm 127, which express the truth that although Christians are many, "in the one Christ we are one… We are many, yet one — because we are united to Him." It is equally fitting that in the centenary year of World Mission Sunday becoming a global observance, Pope Leo chose a theme that reflects both his motto and his missionary background: **One in Christ, united in Mission.**

Parish News

The St Dominic's **"Knitting for Charity"** group will be holding **a Bake Sale** to **raise funds to purchase wool** for our knitting projects. The knitted items are donated to families supported by the Monte Cecilia Trust. The Bake Sale will take place **on Sunday, 1 November 2026**, **after** the **8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses**. Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer. Please support our Bake Sale, as every contribution, big or small, will help us continue our work in supporting families in need. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.

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 22, 29. Nov 5, 12, 19, 22, 26. Dec 3.

"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:

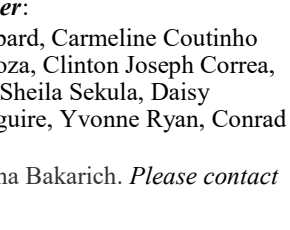
Account Name : ST DOMINIC'S BLOCKHOUSE BAY

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

Candlelight Vigil for Life: Remembering pre-born children lost to abortion, and praying for those who have died by euthanasia.

When? All Saints Day evening - **Sunday 1 November** at **7:30 p.m**. **Where? Potter's Park** – corner of Dominion & Balmoral Roads (opp: KFC) Bring family and friends. Candles provided. The vigil is a family-friendly event. More info www.fli.org.nz/vigil-for-life/FLI: 021400729.

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.*