MASS TIMES

Sunday Eucharist

Saturda y	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)

Mass Schedule

NEXT SUNDAY (1st November 2026)

31st Sunday (All Saints Day) - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 I saw an immense crowd of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3 We are already children of God.

Gospel Reading: Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

Psalm: Psalm 23 (24) Lord, this is the people that long to see your face.

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 Tupu
Sun 9:30am Joshua Joseph, Jessica MacKenzie, Amanda Chidi, Jason Dash

	Sat 6:00 PM	Sun 8:00 AM	Sun 9:30 AM
COMMENTATOR	Kendall D'Souza	Irae Pule	Joanne Jose
MINISTER OF WORD - 1st	Gidget Mendoca	Tom O'Hanlon	Breanna Pinto
MINISTER OF WORD - 2nd	Ronald D'Souza	Anne Wilson	Geraldin Michael
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION*	Charlotte Monteiro	Paul Reddy	Kamla Singh
	Susan Dias	Anne Sia	Wilma Barboza
			Teresa Joseph
			Paul Reddy
O.H.P. PROJECTIONIST	Choir Group	Karen Vivera	Choir Group
COLLECTOR IN CHARGE	Ferdilin Misquitta	Lloyd Vivera	Leonard Pinto
CO-ORDINATOR	Joseph Moodli	Anne Sia	Natasha Pinto
MUSIC MINISTRY	5th Saturday Music Goup		St. Doms Youth Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Anna Su & Jerry Xing - 31st Oct '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(Irae Pule - 31st Oct '26)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

30th Sunday - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Ex 22:20-26 You must not be harsh with thestranger or thewidow 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.

25th October 2026

The Scriptures offer a profound and multi-faceted revelation of God. In different situations God is revealed as judge, as saviour, as servant, as creator, as father, as mother, as lover, etc. One of the most powerful and perhaps shocking images we find, especially in the book of Exodus, is of God as a warrior who frees the Israelites from slavery by slaying their enemies. Clearly God, the warrior, is not one to ignore. The Israelites would not have treated lightly the Lord's threat to kill them with the sword if they molested or oppressed the stranger in their midst or treated widows and orphans harshly.

This warrior God is praised in today's responsorial psalm. The Scriptures put this psalm on the lips of David after the Lord had rescued him from the clutches of his enemies. Using military images, David praises the Lord for being his fortress, his shield, his stronghold and his mighty strength against his foes.

The image of God as a warrior can be very disturbing. We need to see that what motivates the Lord to be a warrior is a deep love for those who are oppressed. We can think of the fierce love of parents who will do anything to protect their vulnerable children.

We cannot love this God without also loving God's people. Not to love our neighbour is to put ourselves at enmity with God. Today's first reading urges us not to adopt a narrow definition of neighbour. The stranger in our midst will always be the object of the special love of our warrior God.

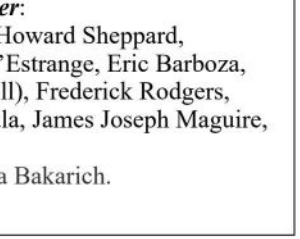
~ God's Word 2026

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 unit- ed to Him." It is equally fitting that in the centenary year of World Mission Sunday becoming a global observance, Pope Leo chose a themethat reflects both his motto and his missionary background: **One in Christ, united in Mission.**

Parish News

Morning/Evening Tea - *Gentle Reminder- Sunday Morning Tea and Saturday Evening Cuppa-* Please bring a plate of food for sharing on **Sunday morning 1st Nov after the 9.30am mass** and on **Saturday 7th Nov after the 6pm mass**. All parishioners are welcome to join us and mingle along with other parishioners for fellowship. It would be great if you can help with the set-up.
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.
Mass for Deceased Clergy - All parishioners from across the Diocese are warmly invited to the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy to remember and pray for those who have passed away over the past year. Tuesday 3rd of November 2026. 11am at St Patricks Panmure. Following Mass is the blessing of the gravestones.
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 newparish-ionersjoiningourcommunity.Wewouldlovetostayconnectedwithyou-pleasetakeamoment to register at our website. **https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/**
Planned Giving & Donations: We invite youto joinour Planned Givingprogramme. Your gen-erositysustainsthe missionand life ofour parish. If you would like to joinour Planned Giving programme, please email**stdomspgc@gmail.com** or contact the Office. For online contribu-tions, 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 alsoencourage parishionerswho currently use envelopegivingtoconsiderswitchingto on-line 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.
PlannedGivingenvelopesfor2026–2027is available to collect fromParish Office.
Thank you sincerely for your continued support and generosity.



St Dominic's School News

Across the Path - from the School Principal
A warm welcome back to all our parish families and children following the two-week break! It is wonderful to see our school re-open and to feel a bit more warmth in the air as summer approaches.
Upcoming School Events – All Welcome!

- Mihi Whakatau: Friday, 22nd November at 9:00 AM.
- School Athletic Day: Wednesday, 27th November (all day).
- End of Term: School closes for the year on Tuesday, 17th December.

Everyone from the parish community is warmly invited to attend and support our students at the Mihi Whakatau and Athletic Day.
School Hall & Field Updates Please note that the school hall is reserved exclusively for parish events and is not available for private family functions or public hire, due to the administrative and insurance overhead required.
Regarding the school field, it remains closed for two more weeks to allow the soft ground to dry out and firm up after recent wet weather. We appreciate your patience and look forward to opening it up for parish use very soon!
A Little Morning Reflection: "Dear God, so far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been grumpy, nasty, or selfish, and I'm really glad of that! But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen." ~ 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 Octo-ber, 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 familyand friends. Candles provid- ed. 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
BookyourMarriagePreparationCourseearly1yearforNZand18monthsforoverseasweddings
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: Michael Diaz, 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.