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)

NEXT SUNDAY (8th November 2026)

32nd Sunday - Year A (Scripture Readings)

1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16 Wisdom is found by those who look for her.
2nd Reading: 1Thess 4:13-18 We want you to be quite certain about those who have died, that you do not grieve about them like people who have no hope.
Gospel Reading: Mt 25:1-13 Look the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
Psalm: Psalm 62 (63) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

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	Matthew D'Souza	Karen Vivera	Natasha Pinto
MINISTER OF WORD - 1st	Kevin Creado	Anne Wilson	Valansea Fonoimoana
MINISTER OF WORD - 2nd	Bendito Fernandes	Annlyn Lopez	Cath Bamber-O'Malley
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION*	Susan Diaz	Tino Malo	Vaoesea Vui Fonoimoana
	Reenie D'Souza	Theresa Gomez	Maria Wijaya
			Florence Sevao Taliulu
			Reena Goodman
O.H.P. PROJECTIONIST	Choir Group	Karen Vivera	Linda Vui
COLLECTOR IN CHARGE	Joseph Moodli	Lloyd Vivera	Percy Barboza
CO-ORDINATOR	Connie Fernandes	Mabel Vivera	Gogo Vui
MUSIC MINISTRY	Graham S	Noel Tauro	Samoan Group

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

(Kevin Creado & Family - 07th Nov '26)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

(Goretti - 07th Nov '26)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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.

1st November
2026

On the Solemnity of All Saints, we honour and ask the intercession of all the members of the Church Triumphant who enjoy the beatific vision of God in heaven. They are'a great cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12:1) who ran the race with perseverance and now enjoy the unfading crown of glory.

When we speak of saints, we usually refer to those with a capital'S, those already beatified and canonised, people who in their lifetime manifested signs of heroic virtues: sacrificing their lives in martyrdom or offering their lives for others and for the Gospel. But the majority of those in heaven are those who answered the Lord's call to holiness, 'each in his or her own way! Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter Gaudete et Exsultate, says that the call to holiness is addressed to each person—and personally.

We are usually tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer, when in fact we are called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

Pope Francis notes that while there can be any number of theories about what constitutes holiness, nothing is more enlightening than turning to Jesus' words and seeing his way of teaching the truth. Jesus explained this with great simplicity when he gave us the Beatitudes. In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master which we are called to reflect in our lives. In turn, the Beatitudes are our identity card as Christians. ~ 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.

Columban Art Calender 2027: St. Columban's Mission Society's beautiful Art Calendar is available for sale at $15/-. All are encouraged to buy the Calendar to contribute to the Society.

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!

One day Retreat for Young women - Theme: Listen, Hear & Share the Call of God, Age 16-40 years, Time: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Little Sisters of the Poor, 9, Tweed Street, Ponsonby.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday **6th November 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.

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 to join us! 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 2026–2027is 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

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 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 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.