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Merry Christmas



25 Dec 2022 – The Nativity of the Lord

Readings This Week

First: **Isaiah 52: 7-10**
Responsorial **Psalm: 95**
Second: **Hebrews 1:1-6**
Gospel: **John 1:1-18**

Readings Next Week

First: **Numbers 6:22-27**
Responsorial **Psalm: 67**
Second: **Galatians 4:4-7**
Gospel: **Luke 2:16-21**

Responsorial Psalm 95
Response: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Mission Statement of Our Parish

"We the Catholic Community of the Holy Cross Parish Henderson, empowered by the Holy Spirit, accept and proclaim the Good News and strive to be one in God's love and to be of service to others".

Communion Reflection

Reflect, today, with our Blessed Mother. Ponder the Incarnation. Place yourself into the scene that first Christmas. Hear the sounds of the town. Smell the smells of the stable. Watch as the shepherds come forth in adoration. And enter the mystery more fully, acknowledging that the more you know about the mystery of Christmas, the more you know how little you actually know and understand. But that humble realization is the first step to a deeper understanding of what we celebrate this day.

Lord, I gaze at the wonder of Your birth. You Who are God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, God from God and Light from Light, became one of us, a humble child, born of a virgin and laid in a manger. Help me to ponder this glorious event, to reflect upon the mystery with awe and to more fully grasp the meaning of what You have done for us. I thank You, dear Lord, for this glorious celebration of Your birth into the world. Jesus, I trust in You.

CAPUCHIN FRIARS

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.—Parish Priest
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MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday - 9am
Wednesday - 9am & 7:30pm
Friday - 9am and every First Friday of the month at 7:30pm
Saturday - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday— After 9am Mass until 12pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm

Also by appointment

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Saturday 10:30—12:30pm

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASSES

Every Sunday 10:30am—11:30am

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S Mass

Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm

20 DECADE ROSARY

Wednesday—After 9am Mass

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday 7:10pm

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Rosary: 6:45pm followed by Adoration & Holy Mass

CARING COMMUNITY

Drop-in every Tuesday after 9 am Mass

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch

MEDITATION

Last Friday of the month at 10am

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HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

Liturgy Meeting—Ministries of the Mass, choir members and those who are interested to join will have a general meeting on Thursday, 9th February 2023 from 7:30pm followed by light refreshments. Please save the date.

Preparation for Holy Week—We are inviting all the community leaders to meet on Thursday, 23rd February 2023 at 7:30pm at the parish pastoral centre. Please save the date.

Altar Servers— Serving God as an altar server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. If your child is interested to become an altar server, please contact Sr Akenese on 021 251 3796. She’s available for training any day of the week.

OFFERTORY: Starting next year 2023, we would like to roster parish families to take up the offertory at all Sunday masses. The hope is that, it will give an opportunity for every family to meaningfully participate at the Eucharist Celebration. If you have a preferred Sunday your family likes, please contact Sister Ake on akeholycross@gmail.com.

Brown Robe Sponsors –We have few spaces available on our Brown Robe for 2023. If you wish to be a sponsor kindly contact the parish office.

Rosters for next year are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Auckland Diocese Notices are posted on the church notice board.

Christmas and New Year’s Mass Schedule

24th December 6pm - **Children’s Mass**

24th December 10:30pm onwards - **Carols**

24th December Midnight **Christmas Mass**

- followed by Meet and Greet with wine and cheese—*Celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ*

25th December 7am Mass, 9am Mass and 10:30am Mass (No 6pm Mass)

31st December 6pm **New Year’s Eve Children’s Mass**

31st December 9:30pm-10pm Silent Adoration —*Thanking the Lord for the year end*

31st December 10pm **New Year’s Eve Mass**

- followed by Meet and Greet with wine and cheese

1st January 7am Mass, 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 6pm Mass

No First Friday Mass in January

No evening Wednesday masses in January.

No confession and adoration in January.

Office closed from 24th December 2022 until 23rd January 2023.

For urgent matters please TEXT 022 673 2208.

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Mass Collection

For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,705.00

2nd Collection \$ 1,761.90

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Monthly parish Receipts and Disbursements Report is posted regularly on the church foyer board.

Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

ROSTER FOR Christmas Midnight 2022

Mass	Christmas Midnight Mass	6pm Children's
Leader:	Sr Akenese Nun Toon	Margie D'Rozario
Carol Reader 1:	Saviati Lea	Child
Carol Reader 2:	Mary Louise Membrere	child
Carol Reader 3:	Zaira Mathew	child
Mass Reader 1	Chris Mendes	
Mass Reader 2	Douglas Gibson	child
Gospel:	Father Sebastian	
Ministers of Holy	Ann & Mike Mckeown	Lloyd de Melo
Communion	Gemma, Jabin Jose, Sulieti	Lyndon Cowan
Altar Servers	Caroline	Dominica Cowan
Offertory	Samoa Community	
Music Ministry	Vakauta family	Arthy & Dennis

ROSTER FOR Christmas Day Mass 2022

Mass	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am
Leader :	Ana Maria Ah Kuoi	Miriama Betham	Filipino Community
Reader 1:	Mary Turnwald	Zaira Mathew	
Reader 2:	Frances Ah Ken	Anil Baptist	
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Francis Ah Ken Selesitina Levave Winnie Veikoso	Jennifer Baptist Sina Patolo Peit Bakker	
Altar Servers	Selemena & Matthew	Chana & Hezekia	
Collectors	Sullivan Family	Anthony	
Offertory		Frenswa Family	
Music Grp	Sr Ake and friends	Lesatele Family	

ROSTER FOR December 31st & January 1st 2023 MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass	Midnight Mass	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Tai Asiata	Ana Maria	Katherine Tanginoa	Tongan Community	Betham Family
Reader 1:	Mike Smith	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Anna Betham		
Reader 2:	Madelene Warren	Chris Mendes	Douglas Gibson		
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Gerry Smith, Maria Seufatu Jennifer Baptist	Selesitina Levave, Winnie Veikoso	Sagato Matau, Valerie Xavier Tanginoa		Floey & Mary Loiuse
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Sullivan Family	Anthony Couto		Betham Family
Altar Servers:	Salomi & Jazer	Matthew & Selemena	Chana & Hezekia		
Music	Sr Ake & Friends	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Friends		

My dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Daniel and Br. Matthew, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your kind generosity and support and take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you and your families a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a New year filled with Blessings.

We would also like to extend our grateful thanks to the Holy Cross Parish office team Jennifer, Jasmin and David as well as the various parish committees, communities and all volunteers in all the activities you have supported all year through, sacrificing your precious time for the good of the Parish and its faithful.

Also a very special thank you to Sr. Ake who is actively involved in supporting us and does a lot of work for the welfare of the parish behind the scenes.

Finally thank you to the Principal and Staff at Holy Cross Parish School for all your help.

Thank you once again and May God Bless you all with abundance.

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.

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