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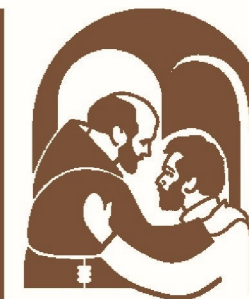
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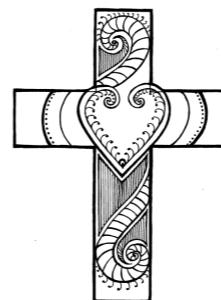
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12 March 2023 – Third Sunday of Lent



Readings This Week

First: Exodus 17: 3-7
Responsorial Psalm: 95
Second: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Readings Next Week

First: First Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
Responsorial Psalm: 23
Second: Ephesians 5: 8-14
Gospel: 9: 1-41

Responsorial Psalm 95

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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

The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pool or reservoir. When the Israelites complained about lack of water in the wilderness, God instructed Moses to strike the rock and a stream of fresh living water gushed out (Exodus 17:6). Even though the Israelites did not trust God to care for them in the wilderness, God, nonetheless gave them abundant water and provision through the intercession of his servant Moses. The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?

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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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY

Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

Novena & Mass on Wednesday at 7:10pm—Join us for the Novena & Mass this Wednesday to offer prayers for Fr. Mario Dorado. Please invite your family and friends to join us.

Stations of the Cross— Every Tuesday through Friday during Lent, there will be a Stations of the Cross held at **8:30am** prior to the morning Mass.

Holy Cross Parish would like to announce a Lent Reconciliation Day in preparation for Easter .

Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Time: 7pm-8pm

We encourage everyone to save the date and make use of this confession. Kindly be informed that there will be no Mass held on this evening.

Chrism Mass- Please be informed that there will be a Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, April 3rd, starting at 7:30 PM. This special Mass is traditionally celebrated during Holy Week, and it involves the blessing of oils used in sacraments throughout the year. All are welcome to attend this sacred ceremony.

Sacrament of Baptism for children ages 6 years and below - If you are interested in having your child baptized, it is a requirement for the parents to attend a Baptism Formation Program. The next program will take place on Thursday, 16th March from 7pm to 8:30pm in our church. To register, please text "BAPTISM PROGRAM" along with the parents' names to 022 673 2208. For children 7 years and above, please contact the parish office for further information.

Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion for children will be held later this year, around November. Parents and guardians are encouraged to watch for bulletin notices for the opening of applications. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with the children of our parish.

Parish Pastoral Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th March, 7:30pm at the parish pastoral centre.

Preference Card—Preference cards will be signed only by appointment every Tuesday from 11am until 12:30pm. In order to complete a preference enrolment certificate you need to be a parishioner registered with Holy Cross Parish Henderson. You also must present a copy of your child's baptism certificate or in the event the child is not baptized in the Catholic Faith, baptism certificate of the parent/guardian/aunt/uncle or God parent requesting the child's baptism in the Catholic Faith is needed.

Parish Registration Form and Planned Giving—We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer for your convenience. Keeping accurate records of all parishioners is important for future reference, such as the signing of any necessary documents by the priest. Additionally, if you are interested in making a planned giving donation through envelopes or online, please contact Jasmine from the parish office for more information. Thank you for being a part of our parish community.

Sponsors for parish bulletin—We have a limited number of sponsorship slots available in our parish bulletin, The Brown Robe. The cost for a whole year of sponsorship is \$500. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Jasmine at 09 8353355 or via email at accounts@hendersoncatholic.org.nz for more information.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Henderson would like to thank you for your ongoing support & prayers. Members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses next weekend. The SVDP has started a national appeal to help the victims of the recent cyclones that have caused devastating loss in the largest and most widespread weather event ever to impact New Zealand. The Society, through its conferences in the affected areas, will provide financial help and food, clothing, furniture and advocacy assistance to those affected for as long as the recovery takes. Donations will be accepted at church or you can make a donation online to account number 12-3020-0488780-00. Please add your full name as reference.

Holy Cross Caring Community will be selling Easter raffle tickets from 17th March until 2nd April outside the church after mass. Each ticket will cost \$2, or three tickets can be purchased for \$5. Please note that payment will be accepted in cash only. Thank you.

Planned Giving Envelopes and Direct Debit Program—If you are currently enrolled in our Planned Giving program, we would like to inform you that envelopes will be available for pick up in the foyer from next week. Please feel free to collect them. We also want to remind everyone that we offer the convenience of a direct debit program for those who prefer to make regular contributions electronically. If you are interested in signing up for direct debit or would like more information on the Planned Giving program, please contact Jasmine at the parish office. We appreciate your continued support and generosity towards our church, which helps us to carry out our mission and serve the community. Thank you.

Auckland Diocese Notices are posted in the church foyer.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	2 Kings 5: 1-15	Ps 42 ;	Luke 4: 24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3: 25, 34-43	Ps 25;	Matthew 18: 21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Ps 147;	Matthew 5: 17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7: 23-28	Ps 95	Luke 11: 14-23
Friday	Hosea 14: 2-10	Ps 81:	Mark 12: 28-34
Saturday	Hosea 6: 1-6	Ps 51:	Luke 18: 9-14

PALM SUNDAY

We would like to remind you that Palm Sunday is on 2nd April. As usual, we will have some palms available for distribution, but **due to limited supply, we encourage everyone to bring their own palms if possible. Thank you.**

ROSTER FOR 11th & 12th March 2023, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Margie D Rosario	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Madelene Warren	Samoan Community	Betham Family
Reader 1	Loretta Ahio	Jean Soniega	Douglas Gibson		
Reader 2:	Anita Gupta	Chris Mendes	Berna Fernandes		
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Alice Sue Timothy Sue Lloyd de Melo	Jennifer Baptist Winnie Veikoso	Pearlie Tomas Piet Bakker Maria Seufatu		
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Sullivan Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship		
Altar Servers:	Salomi & Fazer	Matthew & Jivanni	Chana & Hezekia		
Music Ministry:	Bernadette	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & friends	Flocy Membrere	
		Cleaning Siemsen Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	Flowers No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	Neil Fernandes Betham Family

ROSTER FOR 18th & 19th March 2022, 4th Sunday of Lent

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Katherine Tanginoa	Ana Maria Ah Kuoi	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Fijian Community	Miriama Betham
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Karen Goldwyn		Mary Louise
Reader 2:	Michele de Melo	Letisia Levave	Mike Smith		Maria de Hoog
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessika D'Silva Lloyd de Melo Dominica Cowan	Selesitina Levave Geraldine Sequera	Lucy Goldwyn Sherry Smith Adolf Goldwyn		Maria Seufatu Sagato Matau
Collector:	Phyllis Godwyn	Sullivan Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship		
Altar Servers:		Matthew & Jiavani	Levi & Caroline		Neil Fernandez
Music Ministry:	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Couple for Christ	
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	Flowers No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Dennis & Arthy	

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Mass Collection

For last week

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Parish WhatsApp Group

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