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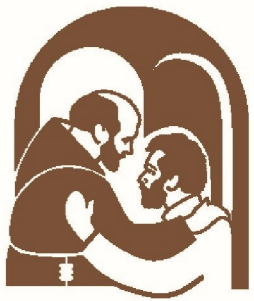
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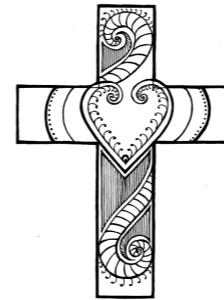
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-St. Padre Pio

26 March 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Lent



Readings This Week
First: Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: 130
Second: Romans 8: 8-11
Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Palm Sunday Readings Next Week
First: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: 22
Second: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66

Responsorial Psalm 130
Response: **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

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
If a true "friend loves at all times" why did Jesus delay in coming to Lazarus' home when he knew that his friend was gravely ill? Jesus certainly loved Lazarus and his two sisters and he often stayed in their home at Bethany. But to the surprise of his friends and disciples, Jesus did not go right away to Bethany when he was called. Jesus explained that Lazarus' sickness would bring glory to God. The glory which Jesus had in mind, however, was connected with suffering and the cross. He saw the cross as his supreme glory and the way to glory in the kingdom of God. For Jesus there was no other way to glory except through the cross. Jesus also knew that it was dangerous for him to travel anywhere near Jerusalem at this time, since the religious authorities in Jerusalem were plotting his destruction. Jesus, however, was willing to pay the price to help his friend. For Jesus to come to Jerusalem at Passover time was an act of courage. The explanation which Jesus gave to his disciples was simple and challenging at the same time. "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" In so many words he said: "There are enough hours in the day to do what one must do." A day can neither be rushed nor extended. Its period is fixed.

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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

Children's Mass—We would like to extend a special invitation to all guardians & parents with children to attend our monthly Children's Mass on Saturday, 1st April at 6pm. This Mass is specifically tailored for the children, and we encourage you to bring your little ones along.

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.

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, 20th April 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.

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. 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.

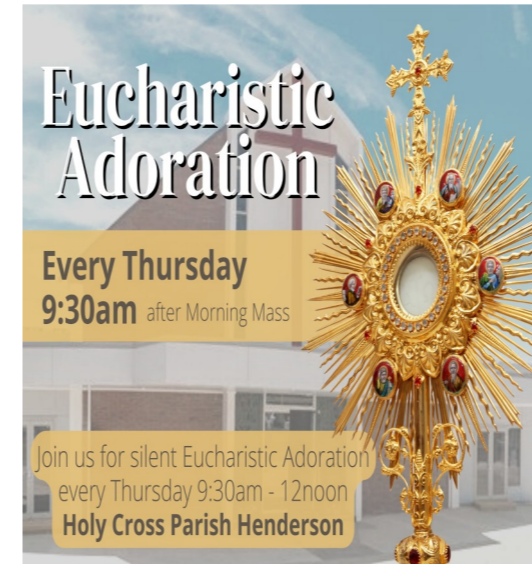
Holy Cross Caring Community will be selling Easter raffle tickets until 2nd April outside the church after mass. Each ticket will cost \$2, or three tickets can be purchased for \$5. Please note that payment will be accepted in cash only. Thank you.

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. 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.

Holy Cross Men's fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 23rd March at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For further details please contact George Schuster on 0210 208 0477 or Anil Baptist on 0223649306.

Please be advised that the emergency car park outside the church is strictly reserved for emergency vehicles only. We kindly request that you do not park in this area to ensure that emergency responders have clear and immediate access to the church in case of an emergency.

Auckland Diocese Notices are posted in the church foyer.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dan 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 ; Ps 23	John 8: 1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21: 4-9	Ps 102; John 8: 21-30
Wednesday	Dan 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95	Dan 3; John 8: 31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17: 3-9	Ps 105; John 8: 51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20: 10-13	Ps 18; John 10: 31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37: 21-28	Jer 31; John 11: 45-56

The roster for Holy Week has been posted on the board in the church foyer. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the roster, please feel free to contact Sister Akenese at akeholycross@gmail.com or call her at 0212513796. She will be able to assist you further. Thank you.

ROSTER FOR 25th & 26th March 2023, 5th Sunday of Lent

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Eric Cueva	Ana Maria Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Filipino Community	Vui Tai Asiata
Reader 1:	Cel Padilla	Jean Soniega	Sandra Fonseca		Mary Louise
Reader 2:	Gafatasi Endermann	Savieta Lea	Delores Lesatele		Pauline Conrad
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Angel Cueva Joissee Cueva Grace Cueva	Winnie Veikoso Geraldine Saquera	Jasmine Prem Joseph Prem Colleen Aalbers		Maria Seufatu Maria Vaetupu
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Jean Soniega	Anthony/Men's Fellowship		Flocy
Altar Servers:	Stephanie & Sephan	Matthew & Jivani	Chana & Hezekia	Neil Fernandes	
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Denis & Arthy	
		Cleaning Fijian Community St Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

ROSTER FOR 1 & 2 April 2023, Palm Sunday

Mass	Vigil Mass	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Eric Cueva	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Vui Tai Asiata	Tongan Community	Betham Family
Reader 1:	Anita Gupta	Mary Turnwald	Yollanda D'Rozario		
Reader 2:	Cel Padilla	Frances Ah Ken	Ann McGrath		
Passion:					
Narrator	Ingrid D'Silva	Chris Mendes	Anil Baptist		
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Mike Smith		
Priest					
Reader 2:	Jean Soniega	Ana Maria Ah Kuoi	Ana Betham		
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lyndon Cowan Dominica Cowan Joselito Padilla	Geraldine Sequeva Winnie Veikoso Jean Soniega	Clare Cornelly Sulieti Lesatele Jane Thomsen		
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Sullivan Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship Levi Smith & Caroline	Flocy Membrere	
Altar Servers:	Stephanie & Ryan	Matthew & Jivanni		Neil Fernandes & Sasha	
Music Ministry:		Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Friends	Betham Family	
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Dennis & Arthy	

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Mass Collection

For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,428.50
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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.

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For more information and to keep updated on our Parish activities join our Whatsapp group by scanning the barcode. and press join.

