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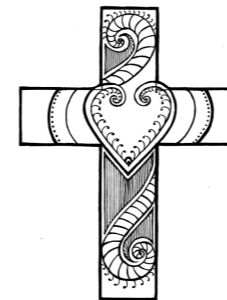
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*"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-St. Padre Pio*

**26 Feb 2023 – First Sunday of Lent**



**Readings This Week**

First: **Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7**  
Responsorial Psalm: **51**  
Second: **Romans 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19**  
Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

**Readings Next Week (first Sunday of Lent)**

First: **Genesis 12: 1-4a**  
Responsorial Psalm: **33**  
Second: **Second Timothy 1: 8b-10**  
Gospel: **Matthew 17: 1-9**

**Responsorial Psalm 51**  
Response: **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

**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**

How can we overcome sin and gain freedom over our unruly desires and the lies of Satan and the world? The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and consoler in temptation and testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord gives grace to the humble who acknowledge their dependence on him (James 4:6) and he helps us to stand against the lies and attacks of our enemy, Satan, who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-18). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the strength and courage we need to resist sin and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) with the power and strength which comes from the Holy Spirit. Do you rely on the Lord for your strength and help?  
"Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it."

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Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.—Parish Priest  
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**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**  
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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**

**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. There will be no Mass.

**Stations of the Cross**— Every Tuesday through Friday during Lent, there will be a Stations of the Cross held at 8:40am prior to the morning Mass.

**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, 4th February at 6pm. This Mass is specifically tailored for the children, and we encourage you to bring your little ones along.

**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.

**Drop In Morning Tea** after 9am Mass every Tuesday except the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

**Offertory:** Starting this year, 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.

**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.

**Thank you-** We would like to extend our gratitude to the parents who sent their children to our Children's Lenten seminar last Sunday. Special thanks to Dennis, Arthy and Missionaries of Charity Sisters for preparing this special event.

**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.

**St Vincent de Paul-** Our hardworking volunteers have been helping with food items, breads (from Baker's Delight and Pak-save) and toiletries to the flood victims of West Auckland (Henderson and Ranui). If you would like to contribute to this cause and make a difference, please drop off your donations of non-perishable food and toiletries (only) at the SVDP donation box located at the church foyer. Monetary donations also welcome: Acct No: 12-3020-0488780-00. Thank you!

**Auckland Diocese Notices** are posted in the church foyer.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18	Ps 19 ;	Matthew 25: 31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Ps 34;	Matthew 6: 7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jonah 3: 1-10	Ps 51;	Luke 11: 29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25	Ps 138	Matthew 7: 7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ezekiel 18: 21-28	Ps 130:	Matthew 5: 20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Deuteronomy 26: 16-19	Ps 119:	Matthew 5: 43-48

Fr. Victorius Dwiardy, one of the General Council of the Capuchin Order, is here with us from Rome for a short visit. We are honoured to have him with us and to celebrate his 25th Silver Jubilee this year. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Fr. Victorius and congratulating him on his remarkable dedication and service to the Capuchin Order.

**ROSTER FOR 25th & 26th February 2023 1st Sunday of Lent**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Margie D'Rozario	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Tai Asiata	Filipino Community	Katherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Anita Gupta	Mary Turnwald	Delores Lesatele		Mary Louise Mem.
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Gafatasi Endermann	Frances Ah Ken	Yollanda D'Rosario		Maria de Hoog
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Renante Alimagno Maria Alimagno Joselito Padilla	Geraldine Sequera Francis Ah Ken	Sulieti Lesatele Jane Thomsen Sina Patolo		Maria Faleusu Emmett Kennedy Sagato Matau
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis Godwyn	Sullivan Famly	Anthony Couto		Flocy Membrere
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Stephanie & Sephan	Matthew & Jivanni	Chana & Hezekia		Salomi & Jazer
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Indian group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family		Dennis & Arthy
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	Flowers No Flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

**ROSTER FOR 4th & 5th March 2023, 2nd Sunday of Lent**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	child	Ana Maria Ah Kuoi	Janice Borsos	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Betham Family
<b>Reader 1:</b>	child	Letisia Levave	Maria Fe	Vijaya Nicholas	
<b>Reader 2:</b>	child	Savieta Lea	Ann McGrath	Rebecca James	
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Angel Cueva Grace Cueva Joissee Cueva	Winnie Veikoso Selesitina Levave	Frank Borsos Clare Connelly Bernadette Boyd	Priests	
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis Godwyn	Sullivan Famly	Anthony Couto	Michael Eade	Flocy Membrere
<b>Altar Servers:</b>		Matthew & Jivanni	Levi & Caroline	Jana & Hezekia	Neil Fernandes
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Arthy and Denis Children's Mass	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake and Friends	Tongan Choir	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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For last week

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