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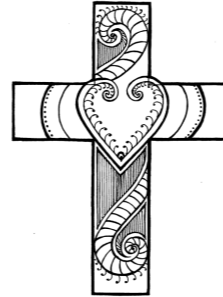
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**2 April 2023 – Palm Sunday**



**Readings This Week**

First: **Isaiah 50: 4-7**  
Responsorial Psalm: **22**  
Second: **Philippians 2: 6-11**  
Gospel: **Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66**

**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 22**  
Response: **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**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**

Today begins "Holy Week." The Lord wants this week to be unlike any other week in our lives — a week of grace, sorrow, repentance, and love. The week begins with the praises of Palm Sunday, changes into the screams of the crucifixion, and ends with the dead silence of the tomb. Throughout the week, we hear the sounds of crying, whipping, hammering, and blaspheming. The sounds of Holy Week are piercing and thunderous. "Jesus cried out in a loud voice, and then gave up His spirit. Suddenly the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, boulders split, tombs opened" (Mt 27:50-52).

Eventually the roar subsides, and it's our turn to join the choir. What sound will we make? Will we be sound asleep? (Mt 26:43) Or will we betray Jesus with a quiet kiss? Will we cry: "Crucify Him"? (Mt 27:23) Or will we make an act of faith and say: "Clearly this was the Son of God"? (Mt 27:54)

**CAPUCHIN FRIARS**

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.—Parish Priest  
Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Priest

**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

**Altar Servers**—We kindly request the presence of all altar servers who are available to serve during Holy Week. There will be a practice session on Thursday, April 6th at 4 pm at the church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sr Ake at 0212513796 or the parish office.

**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.

**Parish Registration Form**—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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:accounts@hendersoncatholic.org.nz) for more information.

**Offertory** 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 0212513796.

If you're interested in contributing to the offertory during mass, liturgical garments and items are available for purchase at the parish office. However, please note that there is limited stock available. For more information, please visit Jasmine at the parish office. Thank you.

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

### **Groups Adoration Timetable on Holy Thursday after Mass:**

9pm - 10pm Sr. Ake and Friends  
 10pm – 11pm Samoan Community  
 11pm-12 midnight Tongan Community  
 12midnight – 1am Filipino Community  
 1am – 2am St Vincent de Paul  
 2am – 3am Fijian Community  
 3am – 4am Divine Mercy  
 4am – 5am Indian Community  
 5am – 6am Third Order Franciscan  
 6am – 7am Marion Group  
 7am – 8am Legion of Mary

Please be sure to arrive on time to relieve the group before you and make sure you keep to your one hour. Coffee, Tea and biscuits will be in the kitchen if you need it.



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## Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Thursday**  
9:30am after Morning Mass

Join us for silent Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday 9:30am - 12noon  
**Holy Cross Parish Henderson**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 42: 1-7 ;	Ps 27	John 12: 1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 49: 1-6;	Ps 71;	John 13: 21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 50: 4-9a;	Ps 69;	Matthew 26: 14-25
<b>Thursday</b>	Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14	Ps 116;	1 Cor: 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 52: 13 - 53: 12	Ps 31: Heb 4: 14-16;	5: 7-9: John 18: 1 - 19: 42
<b>Saturday</b>	Gen 1: 1 - 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a	Ps 104 or 33	Gen 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 ; Matthew 28: 1-10

**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.**

## HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

**Saturday 1st April Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday at 6pm**  
**Palm Sunday 2nd April 2023 – Palm Sunday Masses at 7am, 9am, 10.30am & 6pm**

### **Holy Thursday Mass 6th April**

7.30pm – Holy Thursday Mass will commence with the washing of the feet. After Mass there will be an all night Vigil until Friday 8am. Please ensure the assigned groups are present at the allocated times.

### **Holy Thursday All Night Adoration**

There will be an all-night Adoration in the Church with different groups participating. Each group please see Timetable details displayed in the Church notice board and ensure your presence accordingly. These details will also be published via WhatsApp, email, and Holy Cross Parish Henderson website. Also, anyone who wish to participate in the overnight Adoration is most welcome to do so.

### **Good Friday 7th April**

11am – Stations of The Cross will be dramatized by the Parish youth at the School Grounds. Soon after the stations of The Cross, we need volunteers to help us set up chairs for the afternoon Good Friday Passion Service which will be held in the Church.

3pm – Good Friday Passion Service inside Church.

### **Holy Saturday 8th April**

Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm with the Blessing of the Fire outside the Church. Candles will be provided. Please take note there will be no 8am mass and no confession.

**Easter Sunday 9th April Masses at 7am, 9am and 10:30am.** Please take note there will be no evening 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

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 Jennifer  
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### Mass Collection

For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,745.50  
 2nd Collection \$ 1,982.80  
 Building Fund Envelope \$ 210.00  
 Direct Credits \$ 3,198.00

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

Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

### Parish WhatsApp Group

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

