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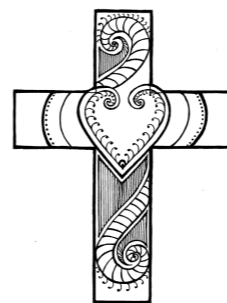
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*"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-St. Padre Pio*

**May 07—Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**Readings This Week**

First: Acts 6: 1-7  
Responsorial Psalm: 33  
Second: First Peter 2: 4-9  
Gospel: John 14: 1-12

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

First: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17  
Responsorial Psalm: 66  
Second: First Peter 3: 15-18  
Gospel: John 14: 15-21

**Responsorial Psalm 33**

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**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**

Theresa of Avila (1515-1582) wrote: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."  
Wherever we go the Lord Jesus wants us to bring the good news and blessings of his kingdom to as many people as we can. The Lord Jesus calls us the salt of the earth. He wants us to bring the flavour of his goodness and holiness into every area of society we are engaged in. Christ calls us the light of the world. He wants us to make him known and loved by helping people to see the radiance of his love and truth and the beauty of his kingdom. That is why Jesus continues to commission his followers throughout every age to "make disciples of all nations" (John 17:18, Matthew 28:19).

**CAPUCHIN FRIARS**

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

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

Janice Borsos— School Principal  
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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 LITURGY CLASS**

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

**Carpark**—Parish Office has received a complaint that person with Auckland Council disability carpark permit when attempt to utilize the parish disability carpark is unable to access the carpark as vehicles without permits have already parked. This notice is a kind reminder to all parishioners that the parish disability carpark is at all times reserved for parishioners with Auckland Council disability carpark permit only. To avoid any misunderstandings, please display clearly your Council disability permit on your dashboard. Also, 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.

**Leaders and Readers Training**—There will be a leaders and readers training on Thursday, 11th of May from 7:30pm at the church. This training is open to those who are keen to join our liturgy. To register, please contact Sr Ake on 0212513796.

**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, 18th May 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 the Sick** will be held on Tuesday 16th May at 11am followed by a luncheon. All Welcome.

**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.

**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 akeholycross@gmail.com

**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. Thank you for being a part of our parish community.

**Tax Receipts and Donation Envelopes**—will be distributed this weekend after mass. Thank you for your patience and support. Any remaining tax receipts will be mailed to you thereafter.

Thank you for your kind donations to Holy Cross Parish in the last financial year. As the tax season approaches, you have the option to claim up to 33.33% of your donations back from the IRD by visiting myIR online. Moreover, you can choose to regift your donation tax credit back to Holy Cross Parish by donating it directly to the parish.

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**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.

**Men's Fellowship** will be going for a retreat to the Tyburn monastery in Ngakuru from the 27th to the 29th of October 2023. There are a few places still available. If any men of the parish are interested in attending please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306 or anilbaptist@gmail.com

**The Parish Hall** will remain closed for health and safety reasons. We are actively working on finding the best solution for the renovation and will provide updates as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

**Congratulations Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap,**  
**on your 20th Ordination Anniversary on 8th May! Your dedication and**  
**commitment to our parish community have been an inspiration to us all.**  
**Thank you for your selfless service and may God continue to bless you**  
**with good health and strength.**



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK			
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 4: 5-18;	Ps 115;	John 14: 21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14: 19-28 ;	Ps 145;	John 14: 27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 15: 1-6 ;	Ps 122;	John 15: 1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 15: 7-21 ;	Ps 96;	John 15: 9-11
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 15: 22-31;	Ps 57;	John 15: 12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16: 1-10 ;	Ps 100;	John 15: 18-21

**INVITATION FROM THE PARISH**

We would like to invite everyone to join us in celebrating Mother's Day and Fr. Sebastian's 20 years of ordination on Sunday 14th May after 10:30am mass . As part of the celebration, we will be having a potluck where everyone is invited to bring a plate of finger foods. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Roster for 6th & 7th May 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	child	Ana Maria Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Tongan Community	Betham Family
<b>Reader 1:</b>	child		Delores Lesatele		
<b>Reader 2:</b>	child	Chris Mendes	Yollando D'Rozario		
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Angel Cueva Jossie Cueva Grace Cueva	Selesitina Levave Geraldine Sequera	Colleen Aalbers Pearlie Tomas Josephine Kim		
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis Godwyn	Pamela D'Souza	Anthony/Men's Fellowship		
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Ryan & Stephanie	Jivanni & Matthew	Hezekia & Chana	Floey Membrere	Neil Fernandes
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Arthy & Dennis	Quiet Mass	Couples for Christ		Betham Family
<b>Offertory</b>					
		<b>Cleaning</b> Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	<b>Flowers</b> Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Dennis & Arthy	
Roster 13th & 14th May 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Betham Family
<b>Leader :</b>	Eric Cueva	Sr Ake	Madelene Warren	Samoan Community	Betham Family
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Mike Smith		
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Michele de Melo	Frances Ah Ken	Delores Lesatele		
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Angel Cueva Jossie Cueva Grace Cueva	Francis Ah Ken Winnie Veikoso	Sherry Smith Jane Thomsen Sulieti Lesatele		
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis Godwin	Jean Soniega	Anthony/Men's Fellowship		
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Stephanie	Jivanni & Matthew	Caroline & Levi	Floey Membrere	Neil Fernandez
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Sr Ake & friends	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & friends		Betham Family
<b>Offertory</b>					
		<b>Cleaning</b> Siemens Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	<b>Flowers</b> Ahio & Veatupu Family	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

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For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,345.00  
 2nd Collection \$ 1,446.80  
 Building Fund Envelope \$ 255.00  
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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.