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5 Nov 2023 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings This Week

First: **Malachi 1: 14b - 2: 2b, 8-10**
Psalm: **Psalms 131**

Second: **First Thessalonians 2: 7b-9, 13**
Gospel: **Matthew 23: 1-12**

Readings Next Week

First: **Wisdom 6: 12-16**
Psalm: **Psalms 63**

Second: **First Thessalonians 4: 13-18**
Gospel: **Matthew 25: 1-13**

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 131
Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

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 Reflections

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Paul the Apostle writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free... only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh [sinful inclinations], but through love be servants of one another" (Galatians 5:1,13). Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart?

"Lord Jesus, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me."

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday - 9am
Wednesday Morning - 9am
Wednesday Evening Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 7:10pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm
Friday Morning - 9am
First Friday of the month: Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm
Saturday - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

CARING COMMUNITY
Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch

20 DECADE ROSARY
Wednesday -After 9am Mass

RECONCILIATION
Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursday - After 9am Mass until 12pm

MEDITATION
Last Friday of the month at 10am

BAPTISM SCHEDULE
Saturday 10:30am—12:30pm

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS
Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS
Every Sunday 10:30am -11:30am

FAITH SHARING
Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY
Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries - There will be a blessing for all who have celebrated Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in November at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses on the **last weekend of the month**.

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.

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.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes will be distributed on the first and second weekend of November.

Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Friday 10th of November, 7:00pm at the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Friday 16th of November 7:30pm at the parish pastoral centre.

The Caring Community would like to advise all Parishioner that their usual Christmas luncheon will not be taking place until the new year when the Hall is available. We will give you plenty of notice in the Brown Robe. The last Tuesday drop-in morning tea for the year will be the Tuesday the 28th of November. The last Sacrament of the Sick for the year will be held on the 21st of November at 11 am followed by a special shared lunch. Thank you all for your continued support, God Bless you all, Have a Blessed Christmas and New year.

Secular Franciscan Order - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 12th of November at 2.30pm in the parish meeting room. If you would like to know more about our Order you are most welcome to come and meet us. For further details, please contact Jan Cherrington on 0211875176 or email jancherrington@gmail.com

The St Vincent de Paul Society will also be selling Christmas cards from this weekend until sold out, priced at \$5 for a pack of 5. The cards will also be available at the Parish Office

The Caring Community Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale from the weekend of the 4th of November to 19 November. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds to the Caring Community.

The Columban Art Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish Office at \$12 each. The Parish Office is also selling Mass and Psalm books for \$13 each.

Auckland Diocese Notices are posted in the foyer.



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Mass Collection

For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,329.50

2nd Collection \$ 1,713.70

Building Fund Envelope \$ 95.00

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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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Romans 11: 29-36;	Ps 69;	Luke 14: 12-14
Tuesday	Rom 12: 5-16ab;	Ps 131;	Luke 14: 15-24
Wednesday	Romans 13: 8-10 ;	Ps 112; 1	Luke 14: 25-33
Thursday	Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 ;	Ps: 46; 1	Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17 John 2: 13-22
Friday	Romans 15: 14-21;	Ps 98:	Luke 16: 1-8
Saturday	Rom: 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27	Ps 145;	Luke 16: 9-15

A Prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel. We pray especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations. We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness. Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ROSTER for 4th & 5th November 2023 THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Madelene Warren	Tongan Community	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Child	Sabrina Veatupu	Anil Baptist		Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	Child	Anita Gupta	Delores Lesatele		Mary Louise
Ministers of Communion	Jessika D'Silva	Selesitina Levave	Jennifer Baptist		Sagato Matau
	Maria Alimagno	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Celino Orquejo		Maria Faleusu
	Renante Alimagno		Suzette Orquejo		Maria Seufatu
Collector:	Mark & Phyllis	Jean Soniega	Anthony/Men's Fellowship		Flocy & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Jazer	Chana & Hezekia	Levi & Caroline	Matthew & Jiavani	Neil Fenandez & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Dennis & Arthy	Quiet Mass	Couples for Christ	Tongan Community	Dennis & Arthy
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy Dennis & Arthy	

ROSTER for 11th & 12th November 2023 THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Eric Cueva	Ana Maria Ah Kuoi	Janice Borsos	Samoan Community	Betham Family
Reader 1:	Gafatasi Enderman	Mary Turwald	Paul Ah Kuoi		
Reader 2:	Ingrid D'Silva	Frances Ah Ken	Adolf Goldwyn		
Ministers of Communion	Angel Cueva	Francis Ah Ken	Flor Skinner		
	Joissee Cueva	Geraldine Sequera	Lucy Goldwyn		
	Grace Cueva		Frank Borsos		
Collector:	Mark & Phyllis	Soniega Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship		Flocy & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Ryan & Stephanie	Chana & Hezekia	Levi & Caroline	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil Fernandez & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Sr Ake & choir	Quiet Mass	Goldwyn Family	Samoan Community	Betham Family
		Cleaning Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family	Flowers Veatupu and Ahio Family	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	