

**Holy Cross Parish would like to announce a Reconciliation Day in preparation for Christmas.**

**Date:** Tuesday 12th December 2023

**Time:** 7pm-8:30pm

**We encourage everyone to save the date and make use of this confession**

**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, 14th December 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.

**Mass Calendar & Psalm Books** are available for sale at the parish office. Mass calendar \$5 and Psalm books for \$15 each.

**Planned Giving Envelopes for 2024** are available for collection at the parish office during office hours.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson** would like to thank you for your ongoing support & prayers. Members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses next weekend.

**Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule**

24th December, Sunday—7am Mass, 9am Mass , 10:30am Mass and 6pm Children's Christmas Mass

24th December—11pm onwards - Carols

24th Midnight Christmas Mass

- After the midnight Mass there will be a Meet and Greet with wine & cheese—*Celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ*

25th December, Christmas Day—7am Mass, 9am Mass and 10:30am Mass (No 6pm Mass)

31st December, Sunday -7am Mass, 9am Mass , 10:30am Mass and 6pm Mass

31st December, Sunday—9:30pm to 10pm Silent Adoration

31st 10pm New Year's Eve Mass

- After the midnight Mass there will be a Meet and Greet with wine & cheese —*Thanking the Lord for the year end*

1st January, New Year's Day - 9am Mass (one mass only)

No First Friday Mass in January

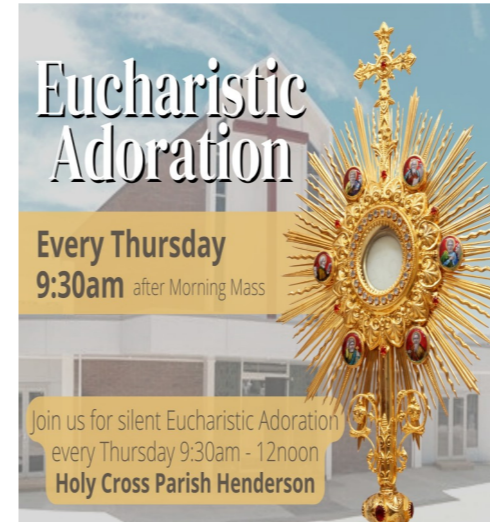
No evening Wednesday masses in January.

No confession and adoration in January.

Office closed from 22nd December 2022 until 1st February 2024.

For urgent matters please TEXT 022 673 2208

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



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**Mass Collection**  
 For last week  
 1st Collection \$ 1,641.50  
 2nd Collection \$ 1,590.40  
 Building Fund Envelope \$ 330.00  
 Direct Credits \$ 3090.35  
 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**

<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 35: 1-10;	Ps 85;	Luke 5: 17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Zechariah 2: 14-17 or Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13; Luke 1: 26-38 or Luke 1: 39-47		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 40: 25-31;	Ps 103	Matthew 11: 28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 41: 13-20 ;	Ps:145;	Matthew 11: 11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 48: 17-19 ; Ps 98: Ps 01 ;		Matthew 11: 16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11;	Ps 80;	Matthew 17: 9a,10-13

**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 2nd week of Advent 9th & 10th Dec Yr A Wk 3 2023					
Mass	Vigil 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Margie D'Rozario	Ana Ah Kuoi	Vicky Coakley	Samoan Community	Betham Family
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Jean Soniega	Gemma Dominique		
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Gafatasi Enderman	Sabrina Veatupu	Daniel Dominiques		
<b>Ministers of Holy Eucharist</b>	Lloyd de Melo	Selesitina Levave	Paul Coakley		
	Lyndon Cowan	Geraldine Sequera	Colleen Aalbers		
	Dominica Cowan		Sina Patolo		
<b>Collector</b>	Phyllis & Mark	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship		
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Salomi & Jazer		Matthew & Jiavani		
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Arthy & Dennis	Quiet Mass	Goldwyn Family		
<b>Offertory:</b>		Mary Schmidt			
		Cleaning Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family	No flowers during Advent	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	
Roster for 3rd week of Advent 16th & 17th Dec 2023 Yr A Wk 4					
Mass	Vigil Mass 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Secular Franciscan Order	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Vui Tai Asiata	Katherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>		Frances Martinez	Michael Smith	Maria Kumitau	Kiara Monteiro
<b>Reader 2:</b>		Anita Gupta	Paul Ah Kuoi	Adolf Goldwyn	Danielle Monteiro
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>		Ann McKeown	Colleen Aalbers	Lucy Goldwyn	Maria Faleusu
		Mike McKeown	Sherry Smith	Noel Fermin	Emmett Kennedy
			Bernadette Boyd-Bell	Tess Fermin	Sagato Matau
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis & Mark	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship	Celino	Flocy & Mary Louise
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Salomi & Jazer		Caroline & Levi	Matthew & Jiavani	Neil Fernandes
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Choir	Sr Ake & Choir	Legion of Mary
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family	No flowers during Advent	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	

**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.

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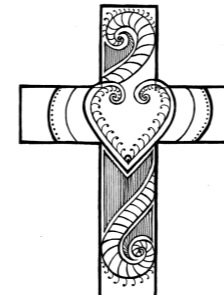
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*"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-St. Padre Pio*

10 Dec 2023 Second Sunday of Advent



**Readings This Week**

First: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11  
 Psalm: Psalms 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
 Second: Second Peter 3: 8-14  
 Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

**Readings Next Week**

First: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11  
 Psalm: Luke 1  
 Second: First Thessalonians 5: 16-24  
 Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 85  
 Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**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**

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others?

"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ."

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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 - 9 am  
 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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