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.

Secular Franciscan Order - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 10th of December 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

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 \$ 1,253.40

2nd Collection \$ 1.809.50

Building Fund Envelope \$ 90.00

Direct Credits \$ 3,369.35

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

Monday	Ps 122	Isaiah 2:1-5	Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday	Ps 72	Isaiah 11:1-10	Luke10:21-24
Wednesday	Ps 23	Isaiah 25:6-10	Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday	Ps 118	Isaiah 26:1-6	Matthew 7:21,24-27
Friday	Ps 98	Gen 3:9-15,20	Eph1:3-6,11-12, Luke 1:26-38
Saturday	Ps 147	Isaiah 301921,2	3-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1,6-8

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

Mass	Vigil 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Child	Ana Ah Kuoi	Vicky Coakley	Tongan Community	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Child	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Anil Baptist		Mary Louise Membrere
Reader 2:	Child	Anita Cupta	Delores Lesatele		Maria de Hoog
Ministers of Holy	Jessica D'Silva	Selesitina Levave	Paul Coakley		Michael Eades
Eucharist	Sr Ake	Geraldine Sequera	Jennifer Baptist		Maria Seufatu
	Malia Seufatu		Sulieti Lesatele		Maria Faletupu
Collector	Phyllis & Mark	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship		Flocy
Altar Servers:	Jazer		Chana & Hezekia		Neil Fernandes
Music Ministry:	Dennis & Arthy	Quiet Mass	Couples for Christ		Dennis & Arthy
Offertory:		Mary Schmidt	Jose Joseph		
	·	Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Holy Communion Children	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	

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		
Leader :	Margie D'Rozario	Ana Ah Kuoi	Vicky Coakley				
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Jean Soniega	Gemma Dominique				
Reader 2:	Gafatasi Enderman	Sabrina Veatupu	Daniel Dominiques				
Ministers of Holy	Lloyd de Melo	Selesitina Levave	Paul Coakley				
Eucharist	Lyndon Cowan	Geraldine Sequera	Colleen Aalbers	Samoan Community	Betham Family		
	Dominica Cowan		Sina Patolo				
Collector	Phyllis & Mark	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship				
Altar Servers:	Salomi & Jazer		Chana & Hezekia				
Music Ministry:	Sr Ake & choir	Quiet Mass	Goldwyn Family				
Offertory:		Mary Schmidt					
		Cleaning Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen 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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Readings This Week

First: Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7

Psalm: Psalms 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second: First Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

3 Dec 2023 First Sunday of Advent



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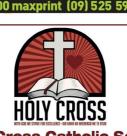


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Micah 6:8

Readings Next Week- Christ the King

First: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Psalm: Psalms 85 Second: 2Peter 3:8-14 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 80

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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

How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". We are not only to watch for Christ, but to watch with Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope? The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will - continually seeking him. We watch for his word and his power - that he may act now to save and to deliver. Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming.

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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

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

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