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First Sunday of Advent

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 25 Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.</p>
<p>Supernatural Instinct!</p> <p>"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34-36</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon whether you are daily led by the knowledge of God's will alive within you as a supernatural instinct. If this language seems foreign to you, then perhaps it is a time to ponder the question "Why?" Why aren't you led by God's grace through an ongoing gift of supernatural knowledge of His will? And if this language does resonate within you, then spend time pondering this gift and being grateful for the way that God has truly taken over your day-to-day life.</p> <p><i>My revealing Lord, I pray that I will always know Your will and be led only by Your gentle but unmistakable promptings of grace. Please lead me, dear Lord, so that I will be perpetually prepared for Your glorious and final coming the moment it arrives. Jesus, I trust in You.</i></p>	<p>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."</p>
<p>CAPUCHIN FRIARS Fr. Ranjit Ekka OFM Cap.—Parish Administrator Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Parish Priest Fr Praful Kerketta OFM Cap— Assistant Parish Priest</p> <p>Janice Borsos— School Principal</p>	

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 9:00am—10:00am
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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Sacrament Of Reconciliation—A Parish Special Reconciliation Day will be held on Tuesday 17th of December from 7pm to 8pm and we would like to encourage Parishioners to attend and receive this Sacrament in preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Carols—Fr. Ranjit and the Parish Pastoral Council are organizing a Christmas Carol event on Saturday the 14th of December, following the 6 pm Mass. Please see the flyers in the foyer for more details. If you are interested in performing please call the Parish office. Everyone is encouraged to come and support this inaugural event. **A reminder for choirs participating to bring your Christmas Trees**

Holy Caring Community – thank all who generously supported their Christmas Raffle. 1st Prize Joanna Mercado and 2nd Prize Catherine Salac. The Caring Community wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas. Drop in will resume on the 4th of February and Sacrament of the Sick will resume on the 18th of February.

All Parish Volunteers are warmly invited to a Volunteers' Lunch on Friday, 13th of December, at 12:30pm in the parish hall. To assist with catering, you must notify the parish office by the 8th of December, if you plan to attend. Kindly be aware that ongoing school renovations may cause some noise in the area.

All Altar Servers— Christmas lunch Sunday 22nd of December after the 10:30am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

Parish Office—The office will close for the holidays on 20th of December. It will reopen on the 27th of January. Please note that there will be no Baptisms or House Blessings in January, and Baptism bookings will not be accepted while the office is closed. Limited House Blessings may be arranged, but prior scheduling is required.

Health and Safety—Children under the age of 5 are not permitted upstairs or allowed to play on the stairs. The stairs are quite steep, posing a risk of falls and injury.

Mass Calendar—for 2025 is available at the Parish office on sale for \$5

Columban Art Calendar 2025—is now available in the Parish Office. It will be a blessed gift for someone you know. So please avail while stock last.

Planned Giving Envelopes—A reminder for those who have envelopes to be picked up these are available at the foyer. Kindly check that you are collecting the correct ones (your name and planned giving number).

First Friday Mass - First Friday Mass will be celebrated on 6th December, Blessed Adoration will begin at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

Children's Mass—We warmly invite all parents and guardians to join us for our monthly Children's Mass, held on the first Saturday of each month at 6 PM. This special Mass is designed for children, and we encourage you to bring your little ones to participate.

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson - With Christmas just around the corner, at time for celebration and coming together. But for quite a few struggling families this year, has been a challenging time mired with worries and anxieties. It has been the tradition of St Vincent de Paul through your generosity that we spread this Christmas cheers by distributing Christmas hampers to those who are facing hard times. We need your support to help them get through this Christmas Season. It is in giving that we receive. If you wish to be a part of this worth cause, please donate to St Vincent de Paul Holy Cross: 12-3020-0488780-00. Please add your full name as reference. Tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year. Contact hendersonsvdp@gmail.com for your receipt.

Legion of Mary—The Legion of Mary encourages you all to have the Statue of our dear Mother Mary at your home. We have 3 statues that are circulated in the Parish currently. If you would love to have our blessed Mother brought to your home, kindly leave your contact details in the box provided at the foyer of the church and we will get in touch with you.

20 Decades of Rosary—The final 20 Decades of the Rosary for this year will take place on the 4th of December. The next session will resume on the 5th of February.

Sacramental Program—Photos for the Confirmation and the First Holy Communion is now available. If you want the link to the photos, please email the Office (secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz).

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Mass Collection For Last Week

1st Collection \$ 2,069.00
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Building Fund Envelope \$ 98.00
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Other offering: \$ 91.50

Monthly parish Receipts and Disbursements Report is posted regularly on the church foyer board.
Thank you for your kind support and generosity.
All tax receipts have been sent via email. For those without email or those that haven't been collected from the parish office, they have been sent via post.

Readings This Sunday	Readings Next Sunday	Scripture Readings for the week
First: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalms: 25 Second: 1 Thessalonians 3:12– 4:2 Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36	First: Baruch 5: 1-9 Psalms: 126 Second: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6	Monday Ps 122 Isaiah 2: 1-5 Matthew 8: 5-11 Tuesday Ps 72 Isaiah 11: 1-10 Luke 10: 21-24 Wednesday Ps 23 Isaiah 25: 6-10a Matthew 15: 29-37 Thursday Ps 118 Isaiah 26: 1-6 Matthew 7: 21, 24-27 Friday Ps 27 Isaiah 29: 17-24 Matthew 9: 27-31 Saturday Ps 147 Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Children's Liturgy is conducted during the Sunday 9am and 10:30am masses, specifically catering to children who have not yet received Holy Communion. We encourage children who have received their Holy Communion to participate in the Mass.

ROSTER FOR 30th NOVEMBER & 1st DECEMBER 2024 1st SUNDAY of Advent					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm
Leader :		Jean Soniega	Paul Aalbers	Tongan Community	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Children's liturgy	Saviati Lea	Maria Jose		Mary de Hoog
Reader 2:		Frances Martinez	Danielle Monteiro		Sue Ivicovich
Ministers of	Angel Cueva Grace Cueva	Winnie Veikoso	Kiara Monteiro		Valerie Pua
Communion	Joise & Lito Padilla	Geraldine Sequera	Colleen Aalbers		Michael Eade
			Flor Skinner, Piet Bakker		Sagato Matau
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's fellowship		Flocy & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Samantha	Ranessa & Caro & Frans	Suzzaine & Jordan	Jacob, Lui & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Musica Christie		Sr Ake & choir		Betham Family
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Tongan Community	Flowers None	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

ROSTER FOR 7th DECEMBER & 8th DECEMBER 2024 Second Sunday of Advent					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm
Leader	Julia Macuja	Bonita	Madelene Warren	Samoan Community	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist		Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Sabrina Veatupu	Ann McGrath		Gavin Colaco
Ministers of	Maria Alimagno	Ann Mckeown	Clare Cornelly, Noelene		Michael Eade
Eucharist	Renante Alimagno	Mike Mckeown	Jennifer Baptist		Sagato Matau
	Jessica D'Silva		Bernadette Boyd-Bell		Flocy & Mary Louise
Collector:	Phyllis & Mark	Soniega Family	Men's fellowship		
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Co	Ranessa, Caro & Frans	Suzaine & Jordan	Lui, Jacob & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Musica Christie		Vakauta Family		Betham Faily
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	