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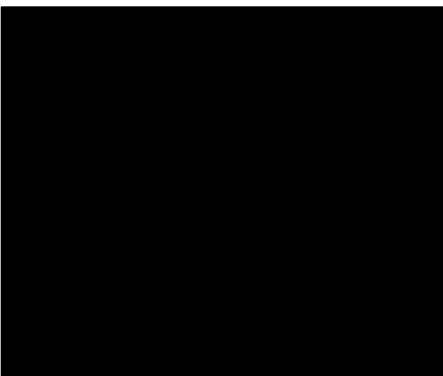
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on" -St. Padre Pio

15th of December 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Is 12 Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.</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>Turn From Sin!</p> <p>"The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" Luke 3:10</p> <p>Sin takes on many forms and often is closely associated with our daily duties in life. Some sins are sins of commission, meaning sins we commit by an intentional act. Some sins are those of omission, meaning a lack of certain virtues or a failure to do what we ought to do. Reflect, today, upon this twofold exhortation from John and apply it to your Advent preparations. Cleanse your soul in a special way from all sin this Advent. Then prayerfully ponder and meditate upon the reality we are preparing to celebrate. As John says, allow the Christ Child to truly "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" through your deepening devotion and prayer this Advent.</p> <p><i>My dear Jesus, please help me to see my sins as You see them. Help me to be attentive to every sinful action I commit and even those smaller sins of omission. As I ponder my sin, please draw me to Your mercy and grace so that I can then open the eyes of my soul more deeply to see You and to adore You more completely this Advent. Jesus, I trust in You.</i></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 (Last day 18th Dec and starts again in Feb)
Friday Morning - 9 am
First Friday of the month: Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm (Finished this year and starts again in February)
Saturday - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
CARING COMMUNITY (Finished this year and starts again in February)
Drop-in every **Tuesday** after 9am Mass
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (Finished this year and starts again in February)
Every 3rd **Tuesday** of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch
20 DECADE ROSARY (Finished this year and starts again in February)
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 (Last day 19th Dec and starts again in Feb)
MEDITATION (Finished this year and starts again in February)
Last **Friday** of the month at 10am
BAPTISM SCHEDULE
Saturday 10:30am—12:30pm (Will not accept bookings in January)
HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS
Every **First Saturday** of the Month at 6pm (Nothing in January)
HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS
Every **Sunday** 9:00am—10:00am (Last day 15th Dec Will restart Feb)
Every **Sunday** 10:30am—11:30am (Last day 15th Dec Will restart Feb)
FAITH SHARING (Finished this year and starts again in February)
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.

Children’s Christmas Mass—We warmly invite all parents and guardians to join us for our Children's Christmas Mass, on Tuesday, the **24th of December at 6 PM**. This special Mass is designed for children.

Weekday Night Masses and Devotions—The last days for all devotions and weekday night Masses will be on the **week of the 17th of December**. Devotions and weekday night Masses will restart again on February 2025.

All Parish Volunteers and All Altar Servers—are warmly invited to a Volunteers' Lunch on Sunday, **22nd of December, at 12:30pm** in the parish hall. We have done the change to accommodate people who are working. To assist with catering, you must notify the parish office by email.

Parish Office—The office will be 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.



Meeting Rooms—There will be no meeting to be scheduled while the Parish Office is close for Health and Safety reasons. Scheduled meeting will resume on the 2nd week of February.

Rosters—Rosters will be posted outside in the Foyer for the next 8 weeks. If you are away, kindly call or email Tai.

For Sale: Mass Calendar—for 2025 is available on sale for \$5; **Columban Art Calendar 2025** is available on sale for \$13; **Bible Diary 2025** is available on sale for \$20

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).

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.

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson— starting this weekend, SVDP is leaving a basket for the people who want to donate food items for the less fortunate especially this Christmas Season. The donations you put in this basket will then be brought to the altar along with the offertory.

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.

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

Christmas Mass Times

Children’s Christmas Mass—24th of December at 6pm

Midnight Mass—24th of December starts at 10 pm with carols, followed by Thanksgiving Mass, and then with small refreshments.

Christmas Day—25th of December: 7am, 9am, and 10:30am; there will be no evening mass

New Year’s Mass Times

New Year’s Eve Mass—31st of December, Adoration 9:30pm-10:15pm, Mass 10:30pm

New Year’s Day—1st of January: 8am and 10:30am no evening mass





Jubilee Mass



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We, the Missionaries of Charity Sisters, invite you to celebrate with us the Silver Jubilee of the opening of our Auckland House.

Date: 1st January, 2025 (New Years day)
Time: 10:30am
Place: Holy Cross Church, 2 Lavelle Rd Henderson
Main Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Ephrem. OFM
Special Concelebrant: Bishop Patrick Dunn
Please bring a plate
Please join us after Mass for a light refreshments in the Holy Cross Church Hall.

All Welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday
9:30am after Morning Mass

Join us for silent Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday 9:30am - 12noon
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Mass Collection For Last Week

1st Collection \$ 2,177.40
2nd Collection \$ 1,984.60
Building Fund Envelope \$ 175.00
Direct Credits \$ 4,080.35
Other offering: \$ 199.50

Monthly Parish Receipts and Disbursements Report are 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

First: Zephaniah 3: 14-18a
Psalms: Is:12
Second: Philippians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

Readings Next Sunday

First: Micah 5: 1-4a
Psalms: 80
Second: Hebrews 10: 5-10
Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 25	Numbers 24:2-7,15-17	Matthew 21: 23-27
Tuesday	Ps 72	Genesis 49: 2, 8-10	Matthew 1: 1-17
Wednesday	Ps 72	Jeremiah 23: 5-8	Matthew 1: 18-25
Thursday	Ps 71	Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a	Luke 1: 5-25
Friday	Ps 24	Isaiah 7: 10-14	Luke 1: 26-38
Saturday	Ps 33	Songs 2: 8-14	Luke 1: 39-45

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 14th DECEMBER & 15th DECEMBER 2024 Third Sunday of Advent					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sunday 10.30 am	Sunday 6pm
Leader	Secular Franciscan Order	Lydia Ivi / Ah Kuoi	Janice Borsos	Vui Tai Asiata	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:		Frances Ah Ken	Cheryl Sinclair	Maria Kumitau	Sr Ake
Reader 2:		Mary Turnwald	Maren	Gemma Dominquez	Kimberly Suan
Ministers of Communion		Francis Ah Ken, Selesitina Levave	Frank Borsos, Jane Thom.	Sina Patolo	Michael Eade
			Teresa Malone, Flor Sinner	Maria & Filemoni	John Garingo
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Josephine Kim	Sagato Matau
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Co	Ranessa Carol & Frans	Maria & Filemoni	Flocy, Mary, & Michael
Music Ministry:	Evelyn Pereira		Lesatele Family	Suzaine Jordan	Lui & Jacob & Feeba
Offertory:				Sr Ake & friends	
		Cleaning Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family Missionary Families of Christ	Flowers	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

ROSTER FOR 21st DECEMBER & 22nd DECEMBER 2024 XX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm Mass	Sun 7am Mass	Sun 9 am Mass	Sun 10.30am Mass	Sun. 6pm Mass
Leader	Margie D'Rozario	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Vakauta family	Filipino Community	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Jean Soniega			Kimberley Suan
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu			Gavin Colaco
Ministers of Communion	Jessica D'Silva,	Seletina Levave			Michael Eade
		Geraldine Sequera			
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family			Flocy & Michael Eade
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Co	Ranessa, Caroline & Fran	Jordan & Suzainne	Salomi, Jazer, Feeba
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta family	Filipino Community	Legion Of Mary
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Fiji Community (Friday evening) St Vincent De Paul	Flowers	Children's Liturgy	