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2nd of March 2025 8th Week of Ordinary Time

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 92 Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.</p>	<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 COURSE Every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre 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 and 10:30am Mass FAITH SHARING Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm</p>
<p>Fully Trained</p> <p><i>"Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Luke 6:39-40</i></p> <p>Are you "fully trained?" What does it mean to be fully trained? Jesus makes it clear that those who are fully trained will be like their teacher. Of course, we must become like our Lord, who is the one and only Teacher. So are you like Him in every way?</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon your mission to become a fully trained soldier of Christ. God wants to use you, to live within you, and to act through you. He wants you to be like Him in every way. This is only possible when you admit the blindness with which you struggle, turn your eyes to Him, and allow Him to become one with you. Start by turning to Him as He dwells within you. Search for Him, seek Him, and love Him. If you keep your eyes upon Him, He will carefully take care of the rest, leading you to a fully trained and fruitful life.</p> <p>My divine Teacher, I turn to You, the Lord of all, and seek to fix my gaze upon You. As I see You, please remove my blindness and confusion. In place of these, give me wisdom so that I will always allow You to live in me and act through me, bearing an abundance of good fruit. Jesus, I trust in You.</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>		

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Jubilee 2025- Pope Francis has declared this year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. We will begin the Jubilee Year at the 10.30am Mass onwards

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten Season. Lent is the time before Easter when Catholics prepare to commemorate Jesus’s Resurrection through prayer, penance, and fasting.

Ash Wednesday— on Wednesday, 5th of March, there will be three Masses; **9 am, 12 pm, and 7 pm**. There will be **no reconciliation on Ash Wednesday** and the **Novena will start at 6:30 pm**.

Farewell Mass—on the 9th of March at 10:30 am Mass, we will be farewelling our two priest, Fr. Ranjit (new Parish Priest of St. Dominic’s Parish) and Fr. Praful (new assistant Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish). Please bring a plate to share after the mass.

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson It's been a busy Q4 for the St Vincent de Paul conference! Your prayers & monetary support helped create 49 food parcels - that's a smile on the dial of 94 adults & 71 children across Henderson & neighbouring communities. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, you can do so by way of Bank transfers 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. ***We are also introducing a basket offering that you can place food donations. The basket will come along during offertory, with the Host and the Wine. The food offered will then be taken by the SVDP.***

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 and sponsors to attend a Baptism Formation Program. The next program will take place on Friday 21st March at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm behind the Church. To register, please text "**BAPTISM PROGRAM**" along with the parents' names to **022 673 2208**.

RCIA and RCIC— If you are between the ages of 7 and 12 and want to learn more about becoming a Catholic, you can join the RCIC program. If you are 12 or older, you can join the RCIA program. These programs help you become part of the Catholic Church. If you're interested, ask a parent or guardian to call the parish office to sign up!

Parish Lawn— we need a **volunteer**, to help mow our lawn, a ride on mower will be provided by the Parish.

Zumba—If you like to have fun and keep fit at the same time, why not join us, every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm at the Kelston Community Centre. Please bring a gold coin for donation.

Parking Space— Please avoid parking on private driveways, especially those across the road. The parish will not be responsible if your vehicle is towed. Also be mindful and respectful not to block others as to where you are parking.

Health and Safety-Our chewing gum problem has returned. Gum has been found under the church pews, as well as on the foyer floor and carpet, where it becomes difficult to remove once dried. **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH**. Thank you for your cooperation. 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. The parish is in the process of forming H&S Committee, if you are interested to join, please text **“Health and Safety”** to **022 673 2208**.

CRYING ROOM—The parish encourages all parents with children to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the congregation in the church. The Crying Room is reserved for parents with unsettled (crying) children who need a quiet space to calm them down. If you do not have a crying child, please refrain from using the Crying Room.

Foyer— We kindly invite everyone to join us inside the church and take a seat—there’s no need to stand in the **foyer**. For **Health and Safety** reasons, please keep the doorway clear, as it serves as an emergency exit.

Preference Card—will be signed by appointment only, every Tuesday from 11am until 12:00pm. To complete a Preference Enrolment Certificate you must be a **registered parishioner of Holy Cross Parish Henderson**. Additionally, you also must provide a copy of your **child's baptism certificate**. There is a new requirement for **Option 5.4**, if the child is not yet baptized in the Catholic Faith, a **baptism certificate of the guardian, aunt, uncle or grandparent** requesting the child's enrolment in a Catholic School, along with supporting form. Once completed and signed by our priest’s the form will be emailed to the diocese for approval. Parents must wait for the Diocesan approval before enrolling their child.

Safeguarding– Parental Supervision: For the safety of all, please accompany your children in the church at all times. We prioritize everyone’s well-being, especially the vulnerable.

Code of Conduct Poster by the Diocese. Please take your time to read it as the Code of Conduct is not only for volunteers but for everyone who comes in our church whether they are volunteers, parishioners, contractor or a visitor, we expect everyone to act respectfully to one another. ***SAFE CHURCH FOR EVERYONE EVERY DAY! Please refrain from using the sacristy toilet, public toilets are available at the foyer.*** Thank you for your cooperation.

Open Days and Enrolments for 2026—details of the following school like **Sacred Heart, St. Peter’s College, St. Mary’s College, Baradene College, and Marist College** is in the Foyer on the Bulletin Board. Please be informed these days are for Year 7 and Year 9 2026.



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Mass Collection For Last Week

1st Collection \$ 2,070.00
2nd Collection \$ 1,477.00
Building Fund Envelope \$ 110.00
Direct Credits \$ 3,950.00
Other offering: \$ 55.00

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		Readings Next Sunday		Scripture Readings for the week			
First: Sirach 27: 4-7 Psalm: 92 Second: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45		First: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 Psalm: 91 Second: Romans 10: 8-13 Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13		Monday	Ps 32	Sirach 17: 20-24	Mark 10: 17-27
				Tuesday	Ps 50	Sirach 35: 1-12	Mark 10: 28-31
				Wednesday	Ps 51	Joel 2: 12-18	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
				Thursday	Ps 1	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Luke 9: 22-25
				Friday	Ps 51	Isaiah 58: 1-9a	Matthew 9: 14-15
				Saturday	Ps 86	Isaiah 58: 9b-14	Luke 5: 27-32

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.

Eighth Week Ordinary Time 1st & 2nd March 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Bonito	Paul Aalbers	Tongan Community	Gafatasi Enderman
Reader 1:	child	Sabrina Veatupu	Gemma Dominique		Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	child	Savieti Lea	Mike Smith		Kimberly Suan
Ministers of Holy communion	1. Angel Cueva 2. Grace Cueva 3. Joisse Cueva	1. Ann Mckeown 2.Mike Mckeown	1. Colleen Aalbers 2. Sherry Smith 3.Bernadett B-Bell 4.Piet Bakker		1. Michael Eade 2.Sagato Matau
Altar Servers	Joseph, Jazer & Sephan	Tito & Co.	Caroline & Ranessa	Jordan & Suzaine	Lui & Jacob & Feeba
Collectors	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's fellowship	Flocy & Co	Michael Eade
Music	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & friends	Tongan Community	Betham family
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

ASH WEDNESDAY - 5th MARCH 2025

First Week of Lent 8th & 9th March 2025					
	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader	Margie D Rosario	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Samoan Community	Katherine Tanginoa
1st Reader	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Cheryl Sinclair		Kaira Monteiro
2nd Reader	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Ah Ken	Maria Jose		Danielle Monterio
Ministers of Holy Communion	1. Jessica D'Silva 2. Maria Alimagno 3. Renante Alimagno	Francis Ah Ken Selesitina Levave	Colleen Aalbers Jasmine . Prem Teresa Malone		Michael Eade, Malia Seufatu, Sagato Matau
Collectors	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship	Flocy & Co	Michael Eade
Altar Servers	Luis & Jacob & Sephan	Titoea & Co	Chana & Hezekia	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Music		Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Betham Family
		Cleaning Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family Missionary Families of Christ	No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	