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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

9th of March 2025 1st Sunday of Lent

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 91 Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.</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>Going on the Offensive</p> <p><i>"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." Luke 4:1-2</i></p> <p>As we begin this forty-day Lenten journey, reflect, today, upon the sins and temptations in your life that need to be overcome. If you find yourself in an ongoing defensive position toward certain struggles, especially if you find yourself losing the battle at times, it's time to change your strategy. Embrace the opposite virtue of the sins you are most tempted with this Lent. Embrace those virtues in an offensive manner. Choose kindness if you struggle with anger. Choose fasting if you struggle with gluttony. Choose generosity if you struggle with greed. Whatever your struggle, turn to the virtue you need the most and make it your focus this Lent so that you, too, will be well-prepared to reject the evil one and his lies when temptation comes your way.</p> <p>My tempted Lord, You resisted all temptation in Your life by choosing every good virtue and living them to perfection. Please help me to see the virtues I need the most right now and give me the strength I need to run toward them this Lent with all my heart. 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>	

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

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Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm

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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.

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held from Tuesday to Friday mornings before the 9 am Mass. On Wednesday, the Rosary will be replaced by the Stations of the Cross, followed by the Novena and then the Mass.

Caritas Lenten appeal—the theme for Lent 2025 is **“Restoring hope: Your compassion in action / Kia puawai te tumanako”**. As we focus on the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent, we connect with God and look to serve others. Caritas Lenten Appeal Envelope are in the Foyer.

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 (finger food e.g. savouries, sandwiches, etc.)

Sacrament of the Sick—is on Tuesday, the 18th of March at 11:00 am followed by shared lunch. All are welcome!

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. If you wish to donate online, Bank transfers can be made 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!

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-Out of reverence for our Lord Jesus Christ, we should refrain from chewing gum before receiving Holy Communion. This also helps prevent gum from being stuck under the pews or on the carpet. 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, Marist College, and St. Dominic’s College** is in the Foyer on the Bulletin Board. Please be informed these days are for Year 7 and Year 9 2026.



Parish Contacts	Mass Collection For Last Week
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For music: Tai taiholycross@gmail.com	Monthly Parish Receipts and Disbursements Report are posted regularly on the church foyer board. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.
For technical support: Mario marioholycross@gmail.com	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.
For donations/planned-giving: Jasmine accounts@hendersoncatholic.org.nz	
For mass intentions & office queries: Warren secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz	

Readings This Sunday	Readings Next Sunday	Scripture Readings for the week
First: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 Psalm: 91 Second: Romans 10: 8-13 Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13	First: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 Psalm: 27 Second: Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1 or 3: 20 - 4: 1 Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36	Monday Ps 19 Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25: 31-46 Tuesday Ps 34 Isaiah 55: 10-11 Matthew 6: 7-15 Wednesday Ps 51 Jonah 3: 1-10 Luke 11: 29-32 Thursday Ps 138 Esther C: 12,14-16,23-25 Matthew 7: 7-12 Friday Ps 130 Ezekiel 18: 21-28 Matthew 5: 20-26 Saturday Ps 119 Deuteronomy 26: 16-19 Matthew 5: 43-48

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.

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	Janice Borsos	Samoan Community	Katherine Tanginoa
1st Reader	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Cheryl Sinclair		Kaira Monteiro
2nd Reader	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Ah Ken	Maria Jose		Neil Fernandes
Ministers of Holy Communion	1. Jessica D'Silva 2. Maria Alimagno 3. Renante Alimagno	Asiata Francis Ah Ken Selesitina Levave	Frank Borsos Sina Patolo. Maria Sefatu Teresa Malone		Michael Eade, Malia Seufatu, Sagato Matau Danielle Monteiro
Collectors	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship	Flocy & Co	Michael Eade
Altar Servers	Luis & Jacob & Sephan	Titoa & Co	Caroline & Ranessa	Suzaine & Jordan	Lui. Jacob & Feeba
Music	Musica Christi group	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	
Second Week of Lent 15th & 16th March 2025					
	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader		Bonita	Vicky Coakley	Tai Asiata	Fijian Community
1st Reader		Sabrina Veatupu	Nikolao Sagote Whyte	Maria Kumitau	
2nd Reader	Secular Francisca Order	Jean Soniega	Mariafe Lobes	Jacinta Lemana	
Ministers of Holy Communion		Ann Mckeown Mike Mckeown	Paul Coakley Sherry Smith Teresa Malone Flor Skinner	Sina Patolo, Lena San Gabriel Gerry San Gabriel Josephine Kim	
Collectors	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship	Flocy & Co	
Altar Servers	Joseph & Salomi & Jazer	Tito & Co	Caroline	Suzaine & Jordan	
Music	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Sr Ake & Friends	
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Samoan Community	No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	