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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

16th of March 2025 2nd Sunday of Lent

	<p><b>Responsorial Psalm Ps 27</b> <b>Response:</b> The Lord, is my light and my salvation.</p>	<p><b>MASS TIMES</b></p>
<p><b>Mission Statement of Our Parish</b></p>	<p>"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><b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> - 9am <b>Wednesday Morning</b> - 9am <b>Wednesday Evening Novena</b> to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 7:10pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm <b>Friday Morning</b> - 9 am <b>First Friday</b> of the month: Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm <b>Saturday</b> - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass <b>Sunday</b> - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm</p>
<p><b>Becoming "Fully Awake"</b></p>	<p>Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. <b>Luke 9:32-33</b></p>	<p><b>CARING COMMUNITY</b> Drop-in every <b>Tuesday</b> after 9am Mass</p>
<p>Reflect, today, upon Peter and his two companions, James and John. Prayerfully ponder them asleep as Jesus was transfigured in glory. Reflect upon them waking up and beginning to realize what was taking place before them. Consider Peter's excitement and amazement and the effect that had on him. And then ponder how these disciples eventually did go forth to build the Church, the house of God, so that they and many others would come to meet Christ. Pray that the witness of these disciples will inspire you to follow in their footsteps.</p>	<p><b>My Transfigured Lord, the glory that shone forth from Your divine face in radiance must have been beyond human description. Your true glory in Heaven is something that I hope to one day behold. Please instil in me a desire to more fully understand Your glory and to work tirelessly to be an instrument of that glory to all I meet. Jesus, I trust in You.</b></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK</b> Every 3rd <b>Tuesday</b> of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch</p>
<p><b>CAPUCHIN FRIARS</b> Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.—Parish Priest Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap.—Assistant Parish Priest Janice Borsos— School Principal</p>	<p><b>RECONCILIATION</b> <b>Wednesday</b> - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment</p>	<p><b>20 DECADE ROSARY</b> <b>Wednesday</b>—After 9am Mass</p>
<p><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Thursday</b>— After 9am Mass until 12pm</p>	<p><b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> <b>Thursday</b>— After 9am Mass until 12pm</p>	<p><b>MEDITATION</b> Last <b>Friday</b> of the month at 10am</p>
<p><b>BAPTISM COURSE</b> Every 3rd <b>Friday</b> of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre</p>	<p><b>BAPTISM SCHEDULE</b> <b>Saturday</b> 10:30am—12:30pm</p>	<p><b>BAPTISM SCHEDULE</b> <b>Saturday</b> 10:30am—12:30pm</p>
<p><b>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS</b> Every <b>First Saturday</b> of the Month at 6pm</p>	<p><b>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS</b> Every <b>Sunday</b> 9:00am and 10:30am Mass</p>	<p><b>FAITH SHARING</b> Every 4th <b>Sunday</b> of the month at 11.45am</p>
<p><b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA &amp; ROSARY</b> Every 4th <b>Sunday</b> of the month 2pm-3pm</p>	<p><b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA &amp; ROSARY</b> Every 4th <b>Sunday</b> of the month 2pm-3pm</p>	<p><b>FAITH SHARING</b> Every 4th <b>Sunday</b> of the month at 11.45am</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.

**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.

**Welcoming Mass**—This week we are welcoming our new Parish Priest, Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap. (former Parish Priest of St. Dominic’s Parish, Blockhouse Bay). There will be light refreshments after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome!

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

**Faith Sharing Sunday:** Our next session for 2025 will be held on Sun. 23rd Mar. at 11.45am (after the 10.30am Mass). We will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day followed by a shared lunch. Speaker: Adolf Goldwyn (Deacon in Training). Topic: ‘Living the Beatitudes’. Come and listen to Adolf speak about Living the Beatitudes in our daily lives and how to overcome the challenges we face.....All are welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355.

**(A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative )**

**Pastoral Parish Council**—will meet on Thursday, the 20th of March at 7 pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**Lenten Seminar**—the Missionaries of Charity Sisters will have a Lenten Seminar for children, aged from 6 to 15 years, parents are also welcome. This seminar is free and will prepare the children (and adults) for the coming Holy Week. It will be a day of not only reflections and prayer, but also with lots of activities. Light refreshments will be provided. More details in the Foyer.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson**—A reminder that St Vincent de Paul members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend. 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**.

**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.

**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!** Thank you for your cooperation.

**Open Days and Enrolments for 2026**—details of the following school like **Sacred Heart, St. Peter’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. St Mary’s College is a girls college providing a Catholic education in the Mercy tradition. We are now accepting enrolments for Year 7 and Year 9 students, with a limited number of places available at other year levels. We invite you to submit an online application for your daughter to join our Mercy Family. St Mary's College has NO zoning restrictions. Enrolments close 21 March.

"**Jesus My Light Ministries** invites you to a Lenten Inner Healing retreat 4th April 6.30-9pm, 5th April 9.30am - 5pm and 12th April 9.30am - 5pm (all days inclusive) at St. Dominic Church, 34, Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. A journey with Christ to release the effects of past hurts/wounds that go back to childhood which can affect us and be stumbling blocks in our journey towards God. Jesus our Healer can uncover and heal these wounds. Come and experience His healing love and be affirmed in your true identity as a beloved child of God. Contact Betsy/Reggis and team 0211653856/0274040129."

**Healing of the Family Tree Seminar** conducted by Fr Rory Morrissey. Two talks by Fr Rory, on Zoom at 7.30pm - 9pm on Wednesdays 19th and 26th March to give information and preparation, followed by a special HFT Mass on Saturday March 29th, at. Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby from 9.30am-11am, followed by a cuppa. Register here to get the zoom link.bit.ly/ACCPGN-HFT (Note this link is case sensitive) More info email aucklandccr@gmail.com



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<u>Readings This Sunday</u>	<u>Readings Next Sunday</u>	<u>Scripture Readings for the week</u>			
<b>First:</b> Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 <b>Psalm:</b> 27 <b>Second:</b> Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1 or 3: 20 - 4: 1 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9: 28b-36	<b>First:</b> Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15 <b>Psalm:</b> 103 <b>Second:</b> 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 13: 1-9	Monday	Ps 79	Daniel 9: 4b-10	Luke 6: 36-38
		Tuesday	Ps 50	Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20	Matthew 23: 1-12
		Wednesday	Ps 89	2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16	
				Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22	Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24 or Luke 11: 29-32
		Thursday	Ps 1	Jeremiah 17: 5-10	Luke 16: 19-31
		Friday	Ps 105	Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28	Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
		Saturday	Ps 103	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

**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.

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	Legion of Mary
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	Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship	Flocy & Co	
Altar Servers	Joseph & Sephan	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	

Third Week of Lent 22nd & 23rd March 2025					
	Vigil Mass	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Mass					
Leader :	Eric Cueva	Jean Soniega	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Legion of Mary
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Savieta Lea			
Reader 2:	Ingrid D' Silva	Frances Martirez			
Ministers of Holy Communion	Lyndon & Dominica Joselito Padilla Grace Padilla	Geraldine Sequera Francis Ah Ken			
Collector:	Elridge	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship		Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito	Caroline & Renessa	Jordan & Suzanne	Feeba, Lui, Jacob, Ana
Music Ministry:	Indian Community	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Legion of Mary
		Cleaning Fiji Community (Friday evening) St Vincent De Pau	No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	