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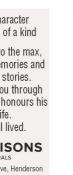


"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-St. Padre Pio

## 23rd of March 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent

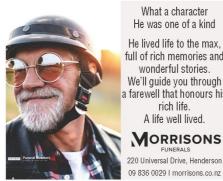














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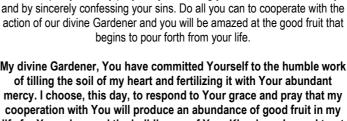
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The Divine Gardener

"For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have

found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him

in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it

down."

Luke 13:7-9

Reflect, today, upon the image of you being this fig tree and our Lord as the

divine Gardener. Commit yourself to His actions of tilling and fertilizing. You

do so by strengthening your commitment to reading and understanding the

Word of God, by participating more fully in the Sacraments, by being more

focused upon your daily prayer, by examining your conscience more fully,

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

**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 ".

# life for Your glory and the building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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#### **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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**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.

**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 but you will need to register by sending the completed form in the Foyer to the office. This 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.

#### **Holy Week Celebrations**

Rite II - Lenten Reconciliation, 8th of April at 7 pm

Palm Sunday—13th of April at 10:30 am (Main Mass). Masses - Vigil Mass (6 pm Saturday), (Sunday Masses) 7 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, and 6 pm. Please bring your own palms

**Chrism Mass** in the Cathedral—14th of April

**Holy Thursday**—17th of April at 7 pm Mass (No morning Mass and no morning Adoration). Adoration is after Mass through to 7 am. Only quiet adoration from 12 am onwards

Good Friday—18th of April 11 am is Stations of the Cross and at 3 pm Good Friday service

**Saturday Easter Vigil**—19th of April 7:30 pm start. Please bring your own candle with a drip catcher, no candles will be used without a drift catcher. Please bring your own bottled water to be bless

Easter Sunday Masses - 7 am, 9 am, and 10:30 am. No evening Mass

More details to come

**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**.

Sacramental Program—Registration for the 2025 sacramental program (Confirmation and First Holy Communion starts today). Forms are outside the foyer and last day of registration is on the 30th of April. No late registration will be accepted. Please inform the people that you know that might be out of the country. Day of Confirmation and First Holy Communion is on the 6th of September, Saturday at 10:30 am. Bishop Steve will be celebrating.

**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)

**Holy Cross men's fellowship** will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 27th of March at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For further details please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306 or George Schuster on 0212080447.

Holy Cross charismatic fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 24th of March at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will be reflecting on the 2nd and 3rd chapter of St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible along. For further details please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306 or anilbaptist@gmail.com

"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."

Holy Cross Website is under maintenance and information on that site are outdated



#### **Parish Contacts**

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For mass intentions & office queries: Warren Herrera secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz

#### Mass Collection For Last Week

1st Collection \$ 2,839.00 2nd Collection \$ 1,934.10 Building Fund Envelope \$ 165.00 Direct Credits \$ 2,813.00 Other offering: \$ 55.80

Monthly Parish Receipts and Disbursements Report are posted regularly on the church foyer board. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

#### **Readings This Sunday**

First: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15 Psalm: 103

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

**Gospel:** Luke 13: 1-9

#### Readings Next Sunday

First: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12
Psalm: 34
Second: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-

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Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

#### Scripture Readings for the week

Monday Ps 42 2 Kings 5: 1-15 Luke 4: 24-30 Tuesday Ps 40 Isaiah 7: 10-14: 8: 10 Luke 1: 26-38

Wednesday Ps 147Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5: 17-19 Thursday Ps 95 Jeremiah 7: 23-28 Luke 11: 14-23

Friday Ps 81 Hosea 14: 2-10 Mark 12: 28-34 Saturday Ps 51 Hosea 6: 1- 6 Luke 18: 9-14

**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.

#### Third Week of Lent 22nd & 23rd March 2025 Mass Vigil Mass Sun 7am Sun 9 am Sun 10:30am Sun 6pm Leader: Sr Ake Nun Toon Jean Soniega Chris Mendes Reader 1: Savieti Lea Ingrid D' Silva Reader 2: Frances Martirez Vakauta Family Legion of Mary Ministers of Holy Lvndon & Dominica Geraldine Sequera Filipino Community Communion lessica D'Silva Vinnie Veikoso Grace Padilla Collector: Mark, & Elridge Soniega family Men's Fellowship Flocy Membrere Tito & Co Jordan & Suzanne Altar Servers: Joseph & Sephan Caroline & Renessa Feeba, Lui, Jacob, Ana Music Ministry: Indian Community Quiet Mass Vakauta Family Filipino Community Legion of Mary Children's Liturgy Cleaning Sisters of Charity Fiji Community (Friday evening) St Vincent De Pau

Fourth Week of Lent 29th & 30th March 2025					
Mass	Vigil Mass	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader:	Julia Macuja	Bonito		Catherine Tanginoa	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Mary Turnwald	Donalyn Dizon	Maria Jose	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:		Frances Ah Ken	Anil Baptist	Kiara Monterio	Jannie lle Vaflor
Ministers of Holy	Maria Alimagno, Renante Alimagno	Geraldine Sequeva Asiata Francis Ah	Angel, Grace, Joisse	Danielle Monterio, Pearlie Judd, Lena San Gabriel	Michael Eade Sina Patolo Sr Ake
Communion:	Jessca D'Silva	Ken	Jennifer Baptist	Gerry San Gabrielle	John Garingo
Collector:	Mark, & Elridge	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship	Mark, & Elridge	Flocy & Michael
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito & Co.	Caroline & Renessa	Jordan & Suzanne	Lui, Jacob, Feeba & Ana
Music Ministry:		Quiet Mass	Evelyn Pereira	Sr Ake and friends	Legion of Mary
		Cleaning Tongan Community	No flowers during Lent		