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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

30th of March 2025 4th Sunday of Lent

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 34 Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.</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>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</p> <p>CARING COMMUNITY Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch</p> <p>20 DECADE ROSARY Wednesday - After 9am Mass</p> <p>RECONCILIATION Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment</p> <p>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Thursday - After 9am Mass until 12pm</p> <p>MEDITATION Last Friday of the month at 10am</p> <p>BAPTISM COURSE Every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre</p> <p>BAPTISM SCHEDULE Saturday 10:30am—12:30pm</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS Every Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am Mass</p> <p>FAITH SHARING Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am</p> <p>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm</p>
<p>Seeking the Lost</p> <p><i>Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable.</i></p> <p>Luke 15:1-3</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon the touching image of these tax collectors and sinners drawing near to Jesus. Though they may have had a certain fear and caution, they would have also had hope. Try to understand what they must have thought and felt as they heard this story of the father's abundant mercy. Think about how they would have related as they discovered that there was hope for them, too. If you struggle with being like the scribes and Pharisees, reject that temptation. Instead, see yourself as one of those sinners who drew near to our Lord and you will be the cause of joy in the Heart of the Father in Heaven.</p> <p>Most loving and compassionate Lord, tax collectors and sinners were drawn to You. They found in You someone Who could free them from the burdens they carried within. Please help me to see myself as one of those humble souls in need of You and Your mercy. I reject my pride that leads me to self-justification and pray for humility so that I can come to You and gladden the Heart of the Father in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.</p>		
<p>CAPUCHIN FRIARS</p> <p>Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.—Parish Priest Fr. Daniel Sitanggang 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.

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.

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 at 7:30 pm

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 with out 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

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson—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**.

Sacramental Program—Registration for the 2025 sacramental program (Confirmation and First Holy Communion) have started. **Forms are in 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. We are only accepting children from 9 years and above, as we are doing 3 Sacraments (Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Holy Communion). Forms are available in the foyer or contact the office so we can email you the form. Please complete the form and the media consent at the back, as we do not allow other photographer except our official one. Birth and Baptismal certificate are required.**

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.

Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn - When? Palm Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Where? Potter's Park - Corner of Dominion and Balmoral Roads. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife

Join us for the 17th **Annual Good Friday Stations** of the Cross Procession through Auckland CBD! Each year, hundreds of people from across Auckland come together in a powerful public witness of faith. Gather at 9:00 AM at Albert Park Rotunda. Procession concludes at 11:00 AM at St Patrick's Cathedral. 18th of April 2025

Monte Cecilia’s Easter Appeal Receiving a chocolate egg on Easter is something many of us took for granted during our childhoods. But for many of the low-income families living in Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, accommodation it’s a tough expense to justify during a difficult period in their lives. So, we’re putting out the call for Easter eggs, whether big or small, hollow or filled with marshmallow, we know our kids will love them all. Donations can be dropped off at our 30 Windrush Close office, or you can help us with a monetary donation through our website, which we can then use to purchase eggs from local stores. Put a smile on a young face today, and help our kids take part in a wonderful tradition!

"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."

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Mass Collection For Last Week

1st Collection \$ 2,874.50
2nd Collection \$ 2,051.70
Building Fund Envelope \$ 115.00
Direct Credits \$ 4,045.00
Other offering: \$ 276.60

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		Readings Next Sunday		Scripture Readings for the week			
First: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12 Psalm: 34 Second: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9		First: Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm: 126 Second: Philippians 3: 8-14 Gospel: John 8: 1-11		Monday	Ps 30	Isaiah 65: 17-21	John 4: 43-54
				Tuesday	Ps 46	Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12	John 5: 1-16
				Wednesday	Ps 145	Isaiah 49: 8-15	John 5: 17-30
				Thursday	Ps 106	Exodus 32: 7-14	John 5: 31-47
				Friday	Ps 34	Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22	John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
				Saturday	Ps 7	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	John 7: 40-53

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.

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	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Catherine Tanginoa	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Mary Turnwald	Donalyn Dizon	Maria Jose	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	Michelle de Melo	Frances Ah Ken	Anil Baptist	Kiara Monterio	Jannielle Vafior
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Maria Alimagno, Renante Alimagno Jessca D'Silva	Geraldine Sequeva Asiata Francis Ah Ken	Angel, Grace, Joisse Jennifer Baptist	Danielle Monterio, Pearlie Judd, Lena San Gabriel Gerry San Gabrielle	Michael Eade Sina Patolo John Garingo
Collector:	Mark, & Elridge	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship	Mark, & Elridge	Flocy & Michael
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito & Co.	Caroline, Renessa & Franchester	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		

Fifth Week of Lent 5th & 6th April 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Bonita	Madelene Warren	Tongan Community	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	child	Sabrina Veatupu	Nikolao Sagote Whyte		Neil Fernandez
Reader 2:	child	Savieti Lea	Mike Smith		Danielle Monteiro
Ministers of Holy communion	Angel Cueva Grace Cueva Joisse Cueva	Ann Mckeown Mike Mckeown	Sina Patolo Sherry Smith Bernadette Boyd Bell Jane Thomsen		Kiara Monteiro, Michael Eade Sagato Matau
Altar Servers	Joseph, & Sephan	Tito & Co	Caroline, Renessa & Franchester	Jordan & Suzaine	Feeba. Ana. Lui Jacob
Collectors	Mark D'Silva	Soniega Family	Men's fellowship		Michael Eade & Flocy
Music	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & friends	Tongan Community	Couples for Christ
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	No flowers during lent	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	