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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

### 22nd of December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

	<p><b>Responsorial Psalm Ps 80</b> <b>Response:</b> Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.</p> <p><b>Mission Statement of Our Parish</b> "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>Turn From Sin!</b></p> <p>"The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" <b>Luke 3:10</b></p> <p>Sin takes on many forms and often is closely associated with our daily duties in life. Some sins are sins of commission, meaning sins we commit by an intentional act. Some sins are those of omission, meaning a lack of certain virtues or a failure to do what we ought to do. Reflect, today, upon this twofold exhortation from John and apply it to your Advent preparations. Cleanse your soul in a special way from all sin this Advent. Then prayerfully ponder and meditate upon the reality we are preparing to celebrate. As John says, allow the Christ Child to truly "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" through your deepening devotion and prayer this Advent.</p> <p><i>My dear Jesus, please help me to see my sins as You see them. Help me to be attentive to every sinful action I commit and even those smaller sins of omission. As I ponder my sin, please draw me to Your mercy and grace so that I can then open the eyes of my soul more deeply to see You and to adore You more completely this Advent. Jesus, I trust in You.</i></p>	
<p><b>CAPUCHIN FRIARS</b> 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 (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
**Friday Morning** - 9 am  
**First Friday** of the month: Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
**Saturday** - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass  
**Sunday** - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm  
**CARING COMMUNITY** (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
Drop-in every **Tuesday** after 9am Mass  
**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
Every 3rd **Tuesday** of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch  
**20 DECADE ROSARY** (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
**Wednesday** —After 9am Mass  
**RECONCILIATION** (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
**Wednesday** - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Thursday**— After 9am Mass until 12pm (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
**MEDITATION** (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
Last **Friday** of the month at 10am  
**BAPTISM SCHEDULE** (Will not accept bookings in January)  
**Saturday** 10:30am—12:30pm  
**HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS**  
Every **First Saturday** of the Month at 6pm (Nothing in January)  
**HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS**  
Every **Sunday** 9:00am—10:00am (Will restart Feb)  
Every **Sunday** 10:30am—11:30am (Will restart Feb)  
**FAITH SHARING** (Finished this year and starts again in February)  
Every **4th Sunday** of the month at 11.45am  
**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY**  
Every **4th Sunday** of the month 2pm-3pm (Will restart Feb)

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**2025 Auckland Clergy Appointments**  
**Holy Cross Henderson Parish Priest**— Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.  
**St Dominic Blockhouse Bay Parish Priest**—Fr. Ranjit Ekka OFM Cap.  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden Asst. Parish Priest**—Fr. Praful Kerketta OFM Cap.

**Children’s Christmas Mass**—We warmly invite all parents and guardians to join us for our Children's Christmas Mass, on Tuesday, the **24th of December at 6 PM**. This special Mass is designed for children.

**Weekday Night Masses and Devotions**—Devotions and weekday night Masses will restart again on February 2025.

**All Parish Volunteers and All Altar Servers**—are warmly invited to a Volunteers' Lunch on Sunday, **22nd of December, at 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

**Parish Office**—The office will be close for the holidays on **20th of December**. It will reopen on the **27th of January**. Please note that there will be no Baptisms or House Blessings in January, and Baptism bookings will not be accepted while the office is closed. Limited House Blessings may be arranged, but prior scheduling is required.

**Meeting Rooms**—There will be no meeting to be scheduled while the Parish Office is close for Health and Safety reasons. Scheduled meeting will resume on the 2nd week of February.



**For Sale: Mass Calendar**—for 2025 is available on sale for \$5; **Columban Art Calendar 2025** is available on sale for \$13; **Bible Diary 2025** is available on sale for \$20

**Planned Giving Envelopes**-A reminder for those who have envelopes to be picked up these are available at the foyer. Kindly check that you are collecting the correct ones (your name and planned giving number).

**The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson** –SVDP is leaving a basket for the people who want to donate food items for the less fortunate especially this Christmas Season. The donations you put in this basket will then be brought to the altar along with the offertory. If you wish to be a part of this worth cause, please donate 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.

**Legion of Mary**—The Legion of Mary encourages you all to have the Statue of our dear Mother Mary at your home. We have 3 statues that are circulated in the Parish currently. If you would love to have our blessed Mother brought to your home, kindly leave your contact details in the box provided at the foyer of the church and we will get in touch with you.

This will be the last Brown Robe for this year. Have a blessed and safe Holiday Season. Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū Ia!

Readings This Sunday	Readings Next Sunday	Scripture Readings for the week		
First: Micah 5: 1-4a Psalm: 80 Second: Hebrews 10: 5-10 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45	First: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 Psalm: 84 Second: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24 Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52	Monday Ps 25 Tuesday Ps 89 Wednesday Ps 98 Thursday Ps 31 Friday Ps 97 Saturday Ps 124	Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-6 Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59 1 John 1: 1-4 1 John 1: 5 – 2: 2	Luke 1: 57-66 Luke 1: 67-79 John 1: 1-18 Matthew 10: 17-22 John 20: 1a and 2-8 Matthew 2: 13-18

**Christmas Mass Times**

**Children’s Christmas Mass**—24th of December at 6pm

**Midnight Mass**—24th of December starts at 10 pm with carols, followed by Thanksgiving Mass, and then with small refreshments.

**Christmas Day**—25th of December: 7am, 9am, and 10:30am; there will be no evening mass

**New Year’s Mass Times**

**New Year’s Eve Mass**—31st of December, Adoration 9:30pm-10:15pm, Mass 10:30pm

**New Year’s Day**—1st of January: 8am and 10:30am no evening mass

*Jubilee Mass*

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We, the Missionaries of Charity Sisters, invite you to celebrate with us the Silver Jubilee of the opening of our Auckland House.

Date: 1st January, 2025 (New Years day)

Time: 10:30am

Place: Holy Cross Church, 2 Lavelle Rd Henderson

Main Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Ephrem. OFM

Special Concelebrant: Bishop Patrick Dunn

Please bring a plate

Please join us after Mass for a light refreshments in the Holy Cross Church Hall.

All Welcome!

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Every Thursday 9:30am after Morning Mass

Join us for silent Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday 9:30am - 12noon Holy Cross Parish Henderson

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**Mass Collection For Last Week**

1st Collection \$ 2,929.50

2nd Collection \$ 1,743.90

Building Fund Envelope \$ 145.00

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Other offering: \$ 85.00

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.

ROSTER FOR 21st DECEMBER & 22nd DECEMBER 2024 Fourth Sunday Of Advent					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm Mass	Sun 7am Mass	Sun 9 am Mass	Sun 10.30am Mass	Sun. 6pm Mass
Leader	Margie D'Rozario	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Vakauta family	Filipino Community	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Jean Soniega			Kimberley Suan
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu			Gavin Colaco
Ministers of Communion	Jessica D'Silva	Seletina Levave			Michael Eade
		Geraldine Sequera			
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family			Floey & Michael Eade
Altar Servers:	Sephan	Tito & Co	Ranessa, Caroline & Fran	Jordan & Suzainne	Salomi, Jazer, Feeba
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta family	Filipino Community	Legion Of Mary
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Fiji Community (Friday evening) St Vincent De Paul	Flowers Fijian Community		
ROSTER FOR 28th DECEMBER & 29th DECEMBER 2024 Fourth Sunday Of Advent					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm Mass	Sun 7am Mass	Sun 9 am Mass	Sun 10.30am Mass	Sun. 6pm Mass
Leader	Julia Macuja	Bonita	Janice Borsos	Tai Asiatia	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Jean Soniega	Cheryl Sinclair	Maria Kumitau	Jannielle Vafloor
Reader 2:	Gafatasi Enderman	Sabrina Veatupu	Maria Jose	Danielle Monterio	Loretta Ahio
Ministers of Communion	Lloyd de Melo	Winnie Veikoso	Frank Borsos, Noelene E.	Fil & Maria Faleusu	Sagato Matau
	Jessica D'Silva	Selesitina Levave	Teresa Malone, Clare Connelly	Josephine Kim	Michael Eades
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship	Kiara Monterio	Val Pua
Altar Servers:	Sephan	Titoa & Friends	Ranessa & Caroline	Suzzaine & Jordan	Michael Eades
Music Ministry:		Quiet Mass	Evelyn Pereira	Disciples	Salome & Jazer
Offertory:					Legion of Mary
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	Flowers Tongan Community		

Roster for Christmas Day Masses 2024				
Mass	Christmas Midnight Mass	7AM	9AM	10.30AM
Leader:	Tai Asiatia	Bonita	Janice Borsos	Maria de Hoog
Mass Reader 1	Sabrina Veatupu	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist	Kimberley Suan
Mass Reader 2	Mike Smith	Frances Ah Ken	Cherryl Sinclair	Maria Kumitau
Gospel:				
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Mike and Ann McKeown	Francis Ah Ken	Jennifer Baptist, Frank Borsos	Flor Skinner & Maria Seufatu
Communion	Celino and Suzzette Orquejo	Celestina Levave	Maria Seufatu, Jane Thomsen	Maria and Filemoni Faleusu
Collectors	Mark D Silva & Celino Orquejo	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	
Altar Servers	Hezekia and Carol, Suzzaine and Jordan	Tito & Co.	Sephan	Suzzaine and Jordan
Offertory	Sua Family			
Carols / Music Ministry	Lesatele Family	Evelyn Pereira	Legion of Mary	Disciples

Roster for Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy 2024 - 6PM		Roster for New Year Masses 2024			
Leader:	Paul Aalbers	Mass	New Year 10:30 pm Mass	8AM	10:30AM
Mass Reader 1	Children	Leader:	Madelene Warren	Eric Cueva	Filipino Community
Mass Reader 2		Mass Reader 1	Michelle de Melo	Maria deHoog	MC Sister
Gospel:		Mass Reader 2	Delores Lesatele	Tina Tuagaveci	Filipino Community
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Renante and Maria Alimagno	Gospel:			
Communion	Colleen Aalbers	Ministers of Holy Communion:	Sulieti Lesatele, Piet Bakker,	Joisse Cueva	
Altar Servers	Sephan	Communion	Lloyd de Melo, Jessica de Silva	Grace and Mico Padilla	
Collectors	Phyllis & Elridge	Altar Servers	Hezekiah and Suzzaine	Tito & Co	
Offertory	Phyllis	Offertory	Sime Family		
Music Ministry	Musica Christi	Music Ministry	Musica Christi	Evely Pereira	Filipino Community