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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

8th of December 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 126 Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.</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 (Last day 18th Dec and starts again in Feb) 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 Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Thursday - After 9am Mass until 12pm (Last day 19th Dec and starts again in Feb) MEDITATION (Finished this year and starts again in February) Last Friday of the month at 10am BAPTISM SCHEDULE Saturday 10:30am—12:30pm (Will not accept bookings in January) 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 (Last day 15th Dec Will restart Feb) Every Sunday 10:30am—11:30am (Last day 15th Dec 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</p>
<p>Removing the Obstacles to Grace!</p> <p>"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3:5-6</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon whether or not your soul is like that dry and barren desert, detached from all the false and passing satisfactions of this world, and prepared to soak up the mercy and grace of God alone. Repentance brings forth detachment, and detachment prepares the soul for God. When one is truly detached and free from the many obstacles to God, then the road from God to your soul will be straight and easily traveled. Reflect upon your soul today and where you see unhealthy attachments. Repent with all your heart so that you are among those most fully ready for an abundance of the grace and mercy of God.</p> <p><i>Lord, I turn to You in my need and repent of the many lies and false promises of satisfaction in this world. Please free me from all that is not of You so that my soul will be more fully prepared to soak You and Your mercy up like a gentle rain upon a dry and barren desert. I open myself to You, my Lord. Come fill and satiate my soul. Jesus, I trust in You.</i></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>		

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Sacrament Of Reconciliation—A Parish Special Reconciliation Day will be held on Tuesday **17th of December from 7pm to 8pm** and we would like to encourage Parishioners to attend and receive this Sacrament in preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Carols—Fr. Ranjit and the Parish Pastoral Council are organizing a Christmas Carol event on Saturday the **14th of December, following the 6 pm Mass**. Please see the flyers in the foyer for more details. If you are interested in performing please call the Parish office. Everyone is encouraged to come and support this inaugural event. **A reminder for choirs participating to bring your Christmas Trees**

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.

Children’s Liturgy—last day will be on the **15th of December and will restart again in February 2025**.

Holy Caring Community – thank all who generously supported their Christmas Raffle. 1st Prize Joanna Mercado and 2nd Prize Catherine Salac. The Caring Community wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas. Drop in will resume on the **4th of February** and Sacrament of the Sick will resume on the **18th of February**.

Night Weekday Masses and Devotions—The last days for all devotions and night weekday masses will be on the **week of the 17th of December**. It will restart again on February 2025.



All Parish Volunteers are warmly invited to a Volunteers' Lunch on Sunday, **22nd of December, at 12:30pm** in the parish hall. We have done the change to accommodate people who are working. To assist with catering, you must notify the parish office by email by the **8th of December, 6 pm**, if you plan to attend.

All Altar Servers— Christmas lunch Sunday **22nd of December after the 10:30am** Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

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.

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— With Christmas just around the corner, at time for celebration and coming together. But for quite a few struggling families this year, has been a challenging time mired with worries and anxieties. It has been the tradition of St Vincent de Paul through your generosity that we spread

this Christmas cheers by distributing Christmas hampers to those who are facing hard times. We need your support to help them get through this Christmas Season. It is in giving that we receive. . 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.

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson— starting this weekend, SVDP is leaving a basket for the people who wants 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

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.

Sacramental Program—Photos for the Confirmation and the First Holy Communion are now available. If you want the link to the photos, please email the Office (secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz).

Local Youth Ministers Wanted! The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated leaders to become paid Local Youth Ministers, working across both a secondary school and parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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 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



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Mass Collection For Last Week

1st Collection \$ 1,798.00
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Building Fund Envelope \$ 278.00
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Other offering: \$ 90.00

Monthly parish Receipts and Disbursements Report is 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.

Readings This Sunday	Readings Next Sunday	Scripture Readings for the week
First: Baruch 5: 1-9 Psalm: 126 Second: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6	First: Baruch 5: 1-9 Psalm: 126 Second: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6	Monday Ps 98 Genesis 3: 9-15, 20 Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12 Luke 1: 26-38 Tuesday Ps 96 Isaiah 40: 1-11 Matthew 18: 12-14 Wednesday Ps 103 Isaiah 40: 25-31 Matthew 11: 28-30 Thursday Jud 13 Zechariah 2: 14-17 Luke 1: 26-38 Friday Ps 1 Isaiah 48: 17-19 Matthew 11: 16-19 Saturday Ps 80 Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

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.

ROSTER FOR 7th DECEMBER & 8th DECEMBER 2024 Second Sunday of Advent					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm
Leader	Julia Macuja	Bonita	Madelene Warren	Samoaan Community	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist		Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Sabrina Veatupu	Ann McGrath		Gavin Colaco
Ministers of Eucharist	Maria Alimagno	Ann Mckeown	Clare Cornelly, Noelene		Michael Eade
	Renante Alimagno	Mike Mckeown	Jennifer Baptist		Sagato Matau
	Jessica D'Silva		Bernadette Boyd-Bell		Flocy & Mary Louise
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's fellowship		
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Co	Ranessa, Caro & Frans	Suzaine & Jordan	Lui, Jacob & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Musica Christie		Vakauta Family		Betham Faily
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men’s Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

ROSTER FOR 14th DECEMBER & 15th DECEMBER 2024 Third Sunday of Advent					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sunday 10.30 am	Sunday 6pm
Leader		Lydia Ivi / Ah Kuoi	Janice Borsos	Vui Tai Asiata	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:		Frances Ah Ken	Cheryl Sinclair	Maria Kumitau	Sr Ake
Reader 2:	Secular Franscican Order	Mary Turnwald	Maren	Gemma Dominguez	Kimberly Suan
Ministers of Communion		Francis Ah Ken,	Frank Borsos, Jane Thom.	Sina Patolo	Michael Eade
		Selesitina Levave	Teresa Malone,	Maria & Filemoni	John Garingo
			Flor Sinner	Josephine Kim	Sagato Matau
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Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Co	Ranessa Carol & Frans	Suzaine Jordan	Lui & Jacob & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Evelyn Pereira		Lesatele Family	Sr Ake & friends	
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family Missionary Families of Christ	Flowers	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	