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1st of March 2026— Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 33
Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you !

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".

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, 11am, 6pm

CARING COMMUNITY
Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am

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 till 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, 11:30am, and 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 11:00am Mass

FAITH SHARING
Every 4th Sunday of the month at 12.15am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY
Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm

PREFERENCE SIGNING
Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesday from 11 am to 12 pm only

Stations of the Cross
8:30am before Daily Morning Mass
6:40pm before the Novena for our Lady of Succor

Good and Bad Days!
"Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
Matthew 17: 4

We all have good days and bad days. But what defines a good day versus a bad day? Was the day of Jesus' Crucifixion a bad one for Him? Certainly not. Though filled with intense suffering, it was the most glorious day in history because His perfect obedience to the Father's will was fulfilled. Similarly, Peter's good and bad days can be understood in terms of his willingness to obey Christ, especially when the demands were great. In our lives, we must also define our good and bad days through the lens of obedience to God's will, especially when His will calls us to bear the Cross and practice sacrificial love. It's easy to love God when we are consoled, but it becomes much more difficult when we face trials. Peter's declaration, "Lord, it is good that we are here," is the perfect prayer for us to echo in every circumstance. When we are consoled, as Peter was at the Transfiguration, we must pray this prayer. But unlike Peter's earlier missteps, we must also say, "It is good," when we encounter opportunities for sacrificial love, even when difficult. Reflect today on your own good and bad days. Use the lens of holy obedience and your call to live a life of sacrificial love. Do not hesitate to cry out to the Lord, "It is good!" Consider whether you view every cross and every invitation to love sacrificially as something good. This is what God desires for you; embrace His desire with determination and joy.

My sacrificial Lord, You embraced the Cross and saw it as truly good. You looked beyond the suffering and saw the fruits of Your sacrifice. Help me to imitate You by seeing every act of sacrificial love as the good I desire. I love You, Lord. Help me to love You and others with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You .

Readings This Sunday

First: Genesis 12: 1-4a
Psalm: 33
Second: 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10
Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Readings Next Sunday

First: Exodus 17: 3-7
Psalm: 95
Second: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 79	Dan 9: 4b-10	Luke 6: 36-38
Tuesday	Ps 50	Isa 1: 10, 16-20	Mat 23: 1-12
Wednesday	Ps 31	Jer 18: 18-20	Mat 20: 17-28
Thursday	Ps 1	Jer 17: 5-10	Luke 16: 19-31
Friday	Ps 105	Gen 37: 3-28	Mat 21: 33-46
Saturday	Ps 103	Mic 7: 14-20	Luke 15: 1-32

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The St Vincent de Paul Society, The St Vincent de Paul society meet in the Church meeting room on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the church meeting room at 7pm. New members are always welcome .

Youth Ministry— We welcome Michael Kamson who will be coordinating with the communities regarding youth activities and projects for our parish. He will be at every Mass and would like to meet and greet our Parishioners especially the youth after every Mass, pizza will be provided.

Stations of the Cross—will be prayed starting Ash Wednesday before the Daily Morning Mass and at 6:40pm every Wednesday before the Novena for our Lady of Succor. On the first **Friday of the month**, there will be a Station of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary starting at 6:30pm followed by adoration. Mass will be at 7:30pm

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th March 7:00pm at St Mary’s Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by Veneration of St Faustina’s relic. All Welcome.

Rite II Parish Lenten Reconciliation— is on Thursday 26th of March at 7pm

Marriage and Funerals—if you want a marriage or a funeral celebrated at Holy Cross Parish Church Henderson, please email the office before setting up a date, you will need to speak to the Parish Priest before the celebration can be scheduled. By emailing the Parish Office, we can send you the requirements needed.

The Secular Franciscan Order, on behalf of Holy Cross Parish, is pleased to host a private screening of the movie Risen as part of our Holy Week reflection. The film is rated M and is open to those 18 years and over.

To take part, please email the Parish Office at secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz from 3 March onwards, including: the names of all attendees, and a contact phone number. Emails received before 3 March will not be considered.

Seating is limited to 200 people. Registered parishioners will be given priority before places are opened to others. Once all seats are filled, successful applicants will be notified by email. Invitations must then be collected in person from the Parish Office during office hours. No proxies will be permitted to collect invitations.

This initiative is free of charge; however, donations towards other Parish projects will be most welcome when collecting your invitation.



HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday to Saturday before the Morning Mass
Wednesday before the Novena Mass
Tongan every Thursdays at 7pm

There will be no Morning Masses

Holy Thursday
Good Friday
Black Saturday

Palm Sunday (29th of March)

All weekend Masses (Please bring your own Palms)
Procession of the Palms will only be on the 11am Mass

Holy Thursday (2nd of April)

Last Supper Mass at 7:30pm
Adoration after Mass until 10pm for everyone
Rostered Adoration until 8am

- 10pm to 11pm - St Vincent de Paul
- 11pm to 12am - Tongan Community
- 12am to 1am - Filipino Community
- 1am to 2am - Samoan Community
- 2am to 3am - Fijian Community
- 3am to 4am - Divine Mercy
- 4am to 5am - Indian Community
- 5am to 6am - Secular Franciscan Order
- 6am to 7am - Marian’s Mother Group
- 7am to 8am - Legion of Mary

Good Friday (3rd of April)

Stations of the Cross at 10am
Passion Service at 3pm

Easter Vigil (4th of April)

Blessing of Fire, Easter Candle & Baptism at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday (5th of April)

7am, 9am, 11am, and 6pm



Registering as a parishioner is more than just putting your name on a list — it is a way of belonging. When you register, you become a recognised member of our parish family and help us care for you better.

Registration allows the parish to:

- **Support you with sacraments such as Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, and funerals**
- **Keep you informed about Mass times, parish events, and ministries**
- **Provide pastoral care and support in times of need**
- **Plan effectively for the parish’s future and serve the community more faithfully**
- **If you have a Planned Giving Number, you’ll receive an end-of-year tax receipt and can claim 33% of your donation back from IRD.**

Being registered also helps the parish understand who we are as a community and strengthens our ability to grow, welcome others, and continue the mission of the Church. If Holy Cross Parish is your spiritual home, we warmly encourage you to register and be an active part of our parish life. Together, we journey in faith, service, and fellowship.



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Holy Cross Parish Henderson Baptism Program— We welcome families wishing to have their child baptised in our parish. Please note the following requirements: Child must be less than 7 years of age, Parents (or at least one) are Catholics, Parents (or at least one) must attend, Sponsors/Godparents (or at least one) need to attend. A Baptism Preparation Course is held **every 3rd Friday of the month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** and facilitated by the Missionaries of Charity Sisters. After attending the course, the Sisters will provide you with a form to email to the Parish Office to arrange a Baptism date . **Baptisms are held on Saturdays only, at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, or 12:30 pm. For any inquiries, please contact the Parish Office.**

2nd Sunday of Lent 28th February & 1st March

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	child	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Fiona Tuffs (Pua)	Tess Peeters	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	child	Frances Ah Ken	Donalyn Dizon	Fisiifose Dolora Veatupu	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	child	Mary Turnwald	Nikolao Whyte	Sandy Mary Fonoti	Danielle Monteiro
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva	Michael Mckeown	Jennifer Baptist	Ngalo'afe Nau	Michael Eade
	Maria Alimagno	Ann Mckeown	Paul Coakley	Noel Fermin	Charmaine Monteiro
	Renante Alimagno		Piet Bakker	Tricia Pineda	Kiara Monteiro
	Dominica Cowan		Noelene Early	Maria Faleusu	Helan Roy
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph Seo	Isabel de Jesus	Lawrence Lolesio	Keyondre Uale	Feeba Corray
	Zephan Saldanha	Amanda de Jesus	Frencheska Perlas	Jordan Solomon	Ana Fernandes
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Tongan Community	Couples For Christ
Offertory		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy	

3rd Sunday of Lent 7th & 8th March

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera	Jean Soniega	Katie-Ann Vaka'uta	Lourdes Fonoti	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Frances Martinez	Leih-Ann Vaka'uta	Joy Mati	Kimberley Suan
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Sabrina Veatupu	Edmosa Vaka'uta	Sandy Mary Fonoti	Griselda Baptista
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Dominica Cowan	Geraldine Sequera	Sione Vakauta	Frances Ieremia	Charmaine Monteiro
	Josephina Kim	Selestina Levave	Noelene Early	Matalena Sagote	Anna Manoharan
	Michael Mckeown		Ngalo'afe Nau	Sandy Fonoti	Beatrice Wilsor
	Lloyd de Melo		Colleen Aalbers	Elizabeth Tofaeono Tanuvasa	Neil Fernandes
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
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	Joseph Seo		Frencheska Perlas	Keyondre Uale	Jacob Alabastro
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