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8th of March 2026— Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 95
Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts!

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".

Facing the Horror of My Sins!
Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." John 4:16-18

Each of us needs to see ourselves in this woman. Our sins fill us with shame. The guilt of our hidden sins weighs us down, leaving us thirsty. If we can identify with this sinful woman, then we can also expect the same depth of compassion from Jesus. Too often, we hide our sins, even from ourselves, justifying our actions, downplaying them, or ignoring them. That is not the path to freedom. Freedom only comes by allowing our Lord to reveal our sins to us, facing them, and encountering God's abundant mercy. Reflect today on the importance of opening your eyes to see the reality of your sins. Don't run from your past—confront it, understand it, confess it, and receive the living water of mercy. The holier you become, the more clearly you will see even the smallest sins you have committed. That is good. It is necessary if we want to be healed and refreshed by God. Imitate this sinful woman today. God is never ashamed of us. Let the shame and guilt dissipate within God's abundant mercy so that like this woman, you will know that God knows you through and through and loves you despite your sin.

My Lord and Source of Living Water, my soul is often dry and empty. I long for satiation and fulfilment. Please forgive me for trying to fulfil my soul through sin. I repent of my sins and ask You to reveal to me the full depth of those sins. As You do, please give me the grace I need to repent with all my heart so that I can be filled with Your abundant mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

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 9am
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

Readings This Sunday

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: 1 Samuel 16
Psalm: 23
Second: Ephesians 5: 8-14
Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 42	2 Kings 5: 1-15	Luke 4: 24-30
Tuesday	Ps 25	Dan 3: 25, 34-43	Mat 18: 21-35
Wednesday	Ps 147	Deu 4: 1, 5-9	Mat 5: 17-19
Thursday	Ps 95	Jer 7: 23-28	Luke 11: 14-23
Friday	Ps 81	Hos 14: 2-10	Mat 12: 28-34
Saturday	Ps 51	Hos 6: 1-6	Luke 18: 9-14

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The St Vincent de Paul Society, The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson would like to thank you for your ongoing support & prayers. Members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses next weekend. If you wish to donate online, 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 or Ph 022 687 4694 for your receipt .

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.

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

The Parish Tennis Court Car Park—for the parishioner information that on Tuesday 7th of April, there will be work by the council for stormwater. The project will last for two to four weeks. What this means is that no one can access the Tennis Parking lot during those times. Please do not try to access the parking for Health & Safety Reason.

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.

Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention | 13-15 March 2026 at Sacred Heart College Auckland. Details are on the Bulletin Board.

Register NOW! Earlybird prices available until 9th March:
<https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

The Upper Room | Wednesday 18 March 2026 at Good George Mission Bay. Details are on the Bulletin Board. \$10 tickets, get yours now: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-upper-room-march-2026>

NZCBC Catholic latest edition of the monthly diocesan newsletter is now available on the Diocese Website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz.

A workshop for Church Organists—A free practical workshop helping beginner organists develop stronger hymn-playing skills. Presenter: Michael Cox. Saturday, 14 March 2025, 1pm – 4pm. St. Patrick’s Catholic Church Pukekohe 119-129 Seddon St Pukekohe. Registration Essential: Email office@pukekohecatholic.org.nz.

Catholic Discovery—if you want to know more about the Catholic faith or are thinking of joining please visit www.catholicdiscovery.nz. Or call the Parish Office so that they can put you in contact with Holy Cross Catechists.

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict’s Parish, 1 St Benedict’s Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina’s relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Jesus told St Faustina “My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day”.

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, No evening Mass



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 the names of all attendees, and a contact phone number.

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.



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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.**

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		Ngal'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
Altar Servers:	Zephan Saldanha	Isabel de Jesus	Lawrence Lolesio	Jordan Solomon	Francewill
	Liam Kim	Amanda de Jesus	Caroline Cibi	Joseph Uale	Lui Alabastro
	Joseph Seo		Frencheska Perlas	Keyondre Uale	Jacob Alabastro
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Legion of Mary
Offertory		Cleaning Siemsen Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

4th Sunday of Lent 14th & 15th March

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Tai Asiata	Bonita Smith	Anil Baptist	Madalene Warren	Kaira Monteiro
Reader 1:	Stephanie Alimagno	Nikolao Whyte	Brigid Ann McGrath	Marylou Malto	Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	Ingrid D'Silva	Sabrina Veatupu	Yolanda D'Rosario	Trixie Fermin	Scarlet Baptista
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jasmine Prem Kumar	Winnie Veikoso	Clare Connoly	Tess Fermin	Pamela D'Souza
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	Joissee Cueva		Cheryl Sinclair	Celino Orquejo	Mary Sarunija Mohan
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