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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"-Padre Pio

15th of March 2026— Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 23
Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want !

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".

Spiritual Sight Restored!
 As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." *John 9:1-3*

We are born with poor spiritual sight. Our fallen human nature, which suffers from concupiscence, tends toward selfishness and sin. Although capable of love and affection, a child is prone to selfishness, anger, emotional outbursts, and other "childish" behaviour. Over time, with the guidance of good mentors, children begin to understand the value of greater patience and selfless acts of love, kindness, and generosity. Those who are not well-formed as adolescents or who choose to rebel selfishly in their later years never gain a clearer spiritual sight. The world around them remains blurry, and divine wisdom never penetrates their eyes of faith .

Reflect today on your own need to see more clearly. We need our spiritual sight restored and sharpened if we are to perceive ourselves and our world with divine Wisdom. It takes humility to admit we have poor spiritual sight, and profound humility to admit if we are spiritually blinded by sin. Learn from the wonder and awe that this healed blind man experienced, and know that our Lord wants us to have clearer spiritual vision .

My healing Lord, because of my fallen human nature and my sin, I often fail to see the light of truth with clarity. Please heal me, as You healed this blind man, so that I will understand my life and Your will more clearly and be filled with wonder and awe at the reception of that gift. 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 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

Readings This Sunday

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm: 130
Second: Romans 8: 8-11
Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 30	Isa 65: 17-21	John 4: 43-54
Tuesday	Ps 46	Eze 47: 1-9, 12	John 5: 1-16
Wednesday	Ps 145	Isa 49: 8-15	John 5: 17-30
Thursday	Ps 89	2 Sam 7	Romans 4
Friday	Ps 34	Wis 2: 1a, 12-22	John 7: 1-2, 25-30
Saturday	Ps 7	Jer 11: 18-20	John 7: 40-53

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The St Vincent de Paul Society, A reminder that St Vincent de Paul members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend. 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 or Ph 022 687 4694.

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.

Lenten Recollection for Children—The Missionary of Charity is hosting a Lenten Recollection for children 5 years and above on Saturday the 21st of March from 12:30pm to 3pm. The topic will be “Journey with Jesus Back to the Father”. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Jubilee of the 800th Years of the death of St Francis of Assisi—In light of Pope Leo XIV’s proclamation of this year as the Jubilee marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, our parish will unveil a commemorative banner on Sunday, 22 March, at the 11:00am Mass.

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

Private Screening of the Film Risen—the invitation will now be open to non-parishioners and from other Parishes. There are only 200 seats. To avail of the invitation please email secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz of the names attending and a contact phone number

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.

We are looking for Youth Leaders—If you feel inspired to be one of our Youth Leaders for the Parish please get hold of Michael either by emailing him: hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com or have a chat with him after Mass if you see him

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.

<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>

Palm Sunday Candlelight Vigil—Come and join in a beautiful, family-friendly witness to the sanctity of human life from conception. The Palm Sunday Candlelight Vigil closes out our 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. On Palm Sunday - 29 March at 7:30 pm at Potter’s Park – corner of Dominion and Balmoral Roads, Balmoral. For more information, contact Simon: 021 400 729 – simon@fli.org.nz or at FLI.org.nz/prolifeevents/

St Francis Retreat Centre—Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat from 9:30am to 2:30pm (\$35 includes lunch). Wed 1 April
24-Hour Quietude – Begins on Friday at 7:00pm with prayer and rest, and continues until Saturday at 7:00pm with a full day dedicated to reflection, contemplation, and prayer. Apr 17- **Prayer & the Interior Life Women’s Retreat** - A reflective weekend in the Catholic tradition for women seeking deeper intimacy with God. The retreat includes Holy Mass, adoration, worship, fellowship, and inspiring talks on prayer and worship. Fri 17 Apr 6:00pm to Sun 19 Apr 3:00pm

Marist College’s—additional Open Day to be held on Thursday 26th March at 9.15am

Faith Sharing Sunday Our next Faith Sharing Session will be held on Sunday, 22nd March 2026 at 12.15pm (following the 11.00am Mass) The session will begin with a talk on the topic of the day, followed by a shared lunch. This Month’s Session

Speaker: Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap. Asst. Parish Priest, Holy Cross Parish.

Topic: “ Jubilee year of St. Francis of Assisi ” Come and listen to Fr. Daniel OFM Cap. speak about the **800th death Anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi** and what it means for us individually and as a parish. All are most welcome!

For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355.

(A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative)

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

Rite II Lenten Reconciliation

Thursday 26th of March 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



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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.**

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 Asiatia	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
	Prem Joseph	Paul Coakley	Jennifer Baptist	Noel Fermin	Michael Eade
	Joisie Cueva		Cheryl Sinclair	Celino Orquejo	Mary Sarunija Mohan
	Miguel Padilla		Teresa Malone	Suzette Orquejo	Sosephine Kim
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membere
Altar Servers:	Chana Domnina Joseph	Titoa Smith	Caroline Cibi	Joseph Uale	Thomas Eade
	Summer de los Reyes	Isabel de Jesus	Lawrence Lolesio	Jordan Solomon	Lui Alabastro
	Francisco del Rosario	Amanda de Jesus	Frencheska Perlas	Keyondre Uale	Ana Fernandes
Music Ministry:	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Vakauta Family	Fijian Community
Offertory					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

5th Sunday of Lent 21st & 22nd March

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Anora D'Costa	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Janice Borsos	Phoenix Fonoti	Olympia D'Souza
Reader 1:	Gavin Colaco	Anita Gupta	Michael Smith	Kimberley Suan	Tanya DSouza
Reader 2:	Pearl Debra Coelho	Jean Soniega	Juliana Portugal	Gemma Dominguez	Sue Ivceovich
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Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	