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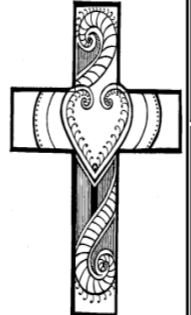
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

## 22nd of March 2026— Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)



**Responsorial Psalm Ps 130**  
**Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption!**

**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".

**Jesus' Human and Divine Love!**  
 When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept." John 11:32-35

We must never forget Jesus' deep compassion, empathy, and sorrow. His human heart feels the same emotions we do—He grieves when we grieve, shares in our pain, and is moved by the hold sin has on us. After feeling these emotions at Lazarus' death, Jesus stood outside the tomb and "cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'" (John 11:43). We can imagine the passion behind His command. In our lives, when we are trapped in sin or burdened by human weakness, we must hear Jesus calling us to freedom with the same divine authority and human passion.

Reflect today on Jesus' humanity and how He perfectly understands everything we experience. His deep empathy for our suffering and His joy when we rise with His grace show us how intimately He knows us. God became one of us in every way, sharing in our human condition—though without sin—so that we might share in His divinity. Ponder His humanity and let His closeness draw you to Him, giving you a share in His divine life.

**Most compassionate Lord, You experienced human nature in its fullness. Though You never sinned, You allowed Yourself to feel the effects of our sin and suffering, filling them with Your divine compassion. Help me to always remember Your humanity, knowing that through it, I come to share in Your divinity. 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:** Ezekiel 37:12-14  
**Psalm:** 130  
**Second:** Romans 8: 8-11  
**Gospel:** John 11: 1-45

**Readings Next Sunday**

**First:** Isaiah 50:4-7  
**Psalm:** 22  
**Second:** Philippians 2: 8-9  
**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14; 27:66

**Scripture Readings for the week**

Monday	Ps 23	Dan 13: 41c-62	John 8: 1-11
Tuesday	Ps 102	Num 21: 4-9	John 8: 21-30
Wednesday	Ps 40	Isa 7: 10-14; 8:10	Heb 10: 4-10 Luke 1: 26-38
Thursday	Ps 89	Gen 17: 3-9	John 8: 51-59
Friday	Ps 18	Jer 20: 10-13	John 10: 31-42
Saturday	Ps 31	Eze 37: 21-28	John 11: 45-56

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**Holy Cross charismatic fellowship** will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 23rd of March at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will be reflecting on the 17th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible along. For further details please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306 or anilbaptist@gmail.com.

**Youth Ministry**— Michael Kamson will be reporting regarding youth plans projects for our parish.

**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

**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.

**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 there will be partial access to the Tennis Parking lot during those times. Please abide by the guide for Health & Safety Reason.

**Mass for Life (and Adoration)**—Before the National March for Life, you are invited to attend Mass to pray for the protection of all pre-born children from conception and for the conversion and healing of all those who are wounded by, or participate in, abortion. Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass | Saturday 7 March | 9am at Holy Family Catholic Church - 94 Taikata Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula.

**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

**St Mary's College Open Day**—Date: Thursday 26 March; Time: 2pm & 6pm- Both sessions deliver the same information. We welcome you to attend your preferred session. No need to RSVP. Location: 11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland; Details: St Mary's College – A Catholic School for Girls Year 7 to Year 13. Enrolments for 2027 are OPEN for Year 7 and Year 9 students and a limited number of places at other year levels. Enrolments close shortly. St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions. We invite you to submit an online application www.stmaryak.school.nz.

**CFC Youth for Christ** invites youths 12 to 19 to join the YFC Entry Camp from 10–12 April at MERC Long Bay. For more information, please contact Papes at papeslao@yahoo.com or text 021 964 338.

**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 or you can join any group as long as you let them lead.



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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 6:30 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.**

**5th Sunday of Lent 21st & 22nd March**

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

**Palm Sunday 28th & 29th March**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11.00am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Margie del Rosario	Bonita Smith	Tess Peeters	Junior Filipo	Gafatasi Endemann
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Josefina Finauo	Sabrina Veatupu	Michael Smith	Kate Jariel	Danielle Monteiro
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Yolanda D'Rosario	Mary Turnwald	Fisiilose Dolora Veatupu	Vui Tai Asiat	Gavin Colaco
<b>Narrator</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Savieta Lea	Chris Mendes	Agnes Seiuli	Kiara Monteiro
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