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29th of March 2026— Palm Sunday (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 22
Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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

Palm Sunday—A Model of Courage and Determination!
 And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." *Matthew 21:10-11*


Imagine the excitement, concern, and surprise that many of the religious and Roman leaders felt as large crowds professed their belief in Jesus as the Messiah. The Pharisees, in particular, feared that His messianic identity might undermine the religious authority to which they clung. Most of them dismissed the possibility that Jesus was the Messiah they awaited. Jesus, however, had a very different understanding of the Passover that year. He knew it was the time for His hour of suffering and death, leading to His glorification. His sole desire was to fulfil His mission as the Messiah by becoming the one perfect Lamb of Sacrifice whose blood would atone for the sins of many.

Reflect today on Jesus' interior disposition during His triumphal entry. He invites us to share in His sacrificial love, laying down our lives selflessly for others. This is only possible if we allow His virtues to take root in us every time we are called to imitate His love. As we embrace our own mission, we must not allow fear or anxiety to hinder us. Pray that the courage, peace, and steadfast love that Jesus embodied during that first Holy Week may flourish in your heart. Let go of fear, worry, and selfishness, and allow Jesus' love and strength to fill you, so that His mission may continue through you and, with our Lord, you may lay down your life for others.

Sacrificial Lamb of God, You entered Jerusalem as the new and perfect Lamb of Sacrifice, whose blood would be shed for the salvation of all who turn to You. Please open my heart, dear Lord, to receive all You wish to bestow upon me. Fill me with the virtues You possessed, so that my life will be united to Yours and Your Sacrifice will become alive in me that through it, I come to share in Your divinity. Jesus, I trust in You .

Eucharistic Adoration
 Every Thursday 9:30am after Morning Mass
 Join us for silent Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday 9:30am - 12noon Holy Cross Parish Henderson

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Readings This Sunday

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm: 118
Second: Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

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The Holy Week Triduum (or simply "the Triduum") is the three most sacred days in the Christian—especially Catholic liturgical year. The word Triduum comes from Latin, meaning "three days." It commemorates the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ as one continuous celebration.

What is the Triduum?

The Triduum begins on the evening of Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday, and concludes on Easter Sunday. Although they are three days, they are treated as one single liturgical event, telling one unified story of salvation.

The Three Days (Simple Summary)

Holy Thursday (Evening)

Celebrates the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples
Institution of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Priesthood
Includes the washing of the feet, showing humility and service

Theme: Love and Service

Good Friday

Commemorates the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus
A solemn day of fasting, prayer, and veneration of the Cross
No Mass is celebrated

Theme: Sacrifice and Redemption

Easter Vigil → Easter Sunday

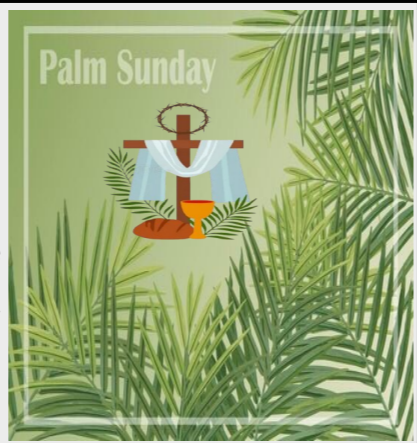
Begins Saturday night with the Easter Vigil
Celebrates Jesus' Resurrection from the dead
Includes light (Paschal candle), Scripture readings, and often baptisms

Theme: New Life and Victory over Death

Overall Meaning

The Triduum is the heart of the Christian faith:
Jesus gives Himself (Thursday)
Jesus dies for humanity (Friday)
Jesus rises again (Sunday)

In short: From love → through sacrifice → to new life



Holy Week

- Please be considerate and kind to your fellow parishioners.
- Parking will be limited, so we encourage you to carpool where possible.
- Please be mindful not to block private driveways, pedestrian walkways, car park entrances and exits, or other vehicles. Let us show respect and consideration to our neighbours at all times.
- Kindly refrain from bringing snacks or chewing gum into the church.
- As the services will be longer than usual, you may wish to bring water to stay hydrated.
- We recommend arriving early, as attendance is expected to be higher than usual and seating may be limited.
- For the liturgies, please bring your own candle with a catcher, and ensure that children do not play with candles. For the Easter Vigil, you may also bring a bottle of water to be blessed.
- Please note that on Easter Sunday (5 April), there will be no evening Mass.

Drop In (Morning Tea)—there will be no drop in on Tuesday 31st of March

Daylight Saving Time finishes on Sunday 5th of April at 3am clocks are turned backward one hour to 2am making the return to New Zealand Standard Time (NZST)

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.



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 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.**

Palm Sunday 28th & 29th March

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11.00am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Margie del Rosario	Bonita Smith	Tess Peeters	Junior Filipino	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Josefina Finauo	Sabrina Veatupu	Michael Smith	Kate Jariel	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	Yolanda D'Rosario	Mary Turnwald	Fisilose Dolora Veatupu	Vui Tai Asiatia	Gavin Colaco
Narrator	Ingrid D'Silva	Savieta Lea	Chris Mendes	Agnes Seiuli	Kiara Monteiro
Narrator	Michele de Melo	Frances Ah Ken	Leih-Ann Vaka'uta	Sandy Mary Fonoti	Kimberley Suan
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Dominica Cowan	Ann Mckeown	Sione Vakauta	Frances Ieremia	Anna Manoharan
	Renante Alimagno	Michael Mckeown	Ngalo'afe Nau	Malia Veatupu	Neil Fernandes
	Jessica D'Silva		Teresa Malone	Sandy Fonoti	Helan Roy
	Maria Alimagno		Colleen Aalbers	Tricia Pineda	Beatrice Wilsor
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph Seo	Isabel de Jesus	Frencheska Perlas	Keyondre Uale	Francewill
	Zephan Saldanha	Amanda de Jesus	Lawrence Lolesio	Jordan Solomon	Ana Fernandes
	Liam Kim		Caroline Cibi	Joseph Uale	Gab Zara
Music Ministry:	Musica Group	Quiet Mass	Evelyn Pereira	Legion of Mary	Legion of Mary
Offertory		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	No flowers during Lent	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Mass	Maundy Thursday	Mass	Good Friday	Mass	Easter Vigil (4 readings)
Leader:	Kate Jariel	Leader:	Katherine Tanginoa	Leader:	Paul Aalbers
Reader 1:	Kimberly Suan	Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Reader 1:	Elizabeth Tofaeono Tanuvasa
Reader 2:	Maria Evans	Reader 2:	Mike Smith	Reader 2:	Anil Baptist
Minsters of Holy Communion	Lita Jariel, Michael Eade, Ed Jariel, Celino Orquejo, Suzette Orquejo, Geraldine Sequera	Narrator 1:	Agnes Seiuli	Reader 3:	Scarlet Baptista
		Reader 1:	Priest	First Reading:	Fisilose Dolora Veatupu
		Reader 2:	Ingrid D'Silva	Minsters of Holy Communion	Jennifer Baptist, Ngaluafae Nau, Sulieti Lesatele, Lucy Goldwin, Winnie Veikoso,
		Minsters of Holy Communion	Michael Mckeown, Ann Mckeown, Clare Connolly, Lloyd de Melo, Teresa Fonoti, Sandy Fonoti		
Altar servers	Hezekia Prem, Luis Alabastro, Joseph Uale, Keyondre Uale, Jacob Alabastro, Lui Ali, Funaki Ali	Collector	Flocy, Mark D'silva, Michael Eade, Elridge and Joseph Prem	Collector	Soniega family, Michael Eade, Elridge, Joseph Prem
Music	Filipino Community	Altar servers	Joseph Seo, Zephan Saldanha, Chanah Prem Jacob Alabastro	Altar servers	Jacob Alabastro, Zephan Saldanha, Franzwil, Luis Alabastro, Jordan Solomon, Hezekiah Prem, Lui Ali
		Music	Legion Of Mary	Offertory	Sua Family
				Music	Lesatele Family