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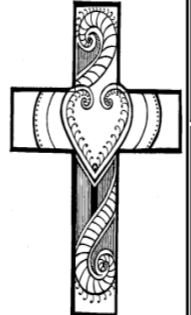
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

4th of April 2026— Easter Sunday (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 118
Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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

Understanding the Resurrection!

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." John 20:1-2

Despite her deep love, Mary misunderstood the meaning of the empty tomb. Her emotional response—"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him"—reveals her struggle to grasp the mystery unfolding before her. Like many of us, she was driven by emotion rather than a deeper trust in God. When she encountered the risen Christ, she initially mistook Him for the gardener, indicating that her understanding of the Resurrection was still unfolding. Despite that, Jesus met her where she was and guided her toward deeper faith. This reminds us that our emotions, though good, must be purified by faith, allowing love to mature into greater trust and understanding.

Reflect today on Mary Magdalene's experience on Easter morning. Like her, we are called to seek our Lord with fervour, even when our understanding is incomplete. And like her, we can trust that Jesus will meet us where we are, gently leading us into deeper faith. As we celebrate the Resurrection, pray that your love, with all its emotions, may be more fully purified by grace, so that you, too, will encounter Christ with renewed understanding and joy.

My resurrected Lord, I love You deeply but acknowledge that my love must be further purified by faith so that I will understand You and Your will more clearly. As I grow in understanding of the many divine mysteries You reveal to me, help my love to grow so that I may more perfectly imitate the pure love You desire of me. 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: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Psalm: 118
 Second: Colossians 3: 1-4
 Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Readings Next Sunday

First: Acts 2:42-47
 Psalm: 118
 Second: 1 Peter 1: 3-9
 Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 16	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Mat 28: 8-15
Tuesday	Ps 118	Acts 2: 36-41	John 20: 11-18
Wednesday	Ps 105	Acts 3: 1-10	Luke 24: 13-35
Thursday	Ps 8	Acts 3: 11-26	Luke 24: 35-48
Friday	Ps 118	Acts 4:1-12	John 21: 1-14
Saturday	Ps 118	Acts 4:13-21	Mark 16: 9-15

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From the very beginning, before the stars were set in the sky and the seas were given their boundaries, God had a plan—not just to create, but to save.

In the Garden of Eden, He walked with Adam and Eve in perfect harmony. There was no suffering, no death—only love. But when sin entered the world through their disobedience, that harmony was broken. Humanity fell, and with it came separation from God. Yet even then, God did not abandon His people.

Like a master storyteller weaving light through darkness, He began to unfold His plan of salvation. Through covenants and promises, He prepared the world for redemption. He called Abraham and made him the father of many nations. He raised up Moses to lead His people out of slavery, prefiguring a greater deliverance yet to come. Through the prophets, He spoke of a Savior—a Messiah who would bear the sins of many and restore what was lost.

Then, in the fullness of time, God’s plan was revealed.

In a humble village, the angel appeared to Mary, and she said “yes” to God’s will. Through her, the Word became flesh. Jesus Christ, true God and true man, entered the world—not in glory, but in humility. He walked among the people, healing the sick, forgiving sins, and proclaiming the Kingdom of God. He revealed the Father’s love and called all to repentance. But the fullness of His mission was yet to come.

On a hill called Calvary, Jesus was lifted up on the Cross. There, He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice—the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. In Catholic teaching, this was not merely suffering, but an act of complete self-giving love. Through His Passion and death, He atoned for humanity’s sin, opening the way for reconciliation with God.

The world fell silent. The tomb was sealed. Hope seemed lost. But God’s plan was not finished.

On the third day—on Easter Sunday—the earth trembled, and the stone was rolled away. Death itself was shattered as Jesus rose from the dead. The Resurrection was not just a miracle; it was the victory of life over death, grace over sin, and light over darkness. The empty tomb became the sign of a new creation. Jesus appeared to His disciples, no longer bound by death, and breathed peace upon them. In Him, humanity was restored. In Him, the gates of heaven were opened.

And the story did not end there. Through His Church, through the sacraments—especially Baptism and the Eucharist—this saving grace continues to flow into the world. In Baptism, we die and rise with Christ. In the Eucharist, we partake in His very Body and Blood, the living presence of the risen Lord. God’s plan of salvation, foretold through centuries, fulfilled in Christ, and sealed in the Resurrection, is now offered to all.

And so, every Easter, the Church proclaims with joy:

Christ is risen. He is truly risen.

And in Him, we too are given the promise—not just of life after death—but of a new life that begins now and lasts forever.

Secular Franciscans Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 12th of April at 2.30pm in the parish meeting room. If you would like to know more about our Order you are most welcome to come and meet us. For further details, please contact Jan Cherrington on 0211875176 or email jancherrington@gmail.com

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

Caring Community Drop In Morning Tea after 9am Mass every Tuesday except the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

Rosters—are now posted in our website, on the bulletin board in the Foyer, in our WhatsApp Group chat, and here in the Brown Robe.

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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

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 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.**

Easter Sunday 4th & 5th April

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :		Jean Soniega	Katie-Ann Vaka'uta	Tess Peeters	
Reader 1:		Frances Martinez	Leih-Ann Vaka'uta	Fisiifose Dolora Veatupu	
Reader 2:		Nikolao Whyte	Edmosa Vaka'uta	Jacinta Lemana	
Ministers of Holy Communion:		Winnie Veikoso	Sione Vakauta	Ngalo'afe Nau	
		Selestina Levave	Josephina Kim	Malia Veatupu	
			Cheryl Sinclair	Tricia Pineda	
			Jennifer Baptist	Maria Faleusu	
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
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		Amanda de Jesus	Lawrence Lolesio	Jordan Solomon	
			Caroline Cibi	Joseph Uale	
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Tongan Community	Couples for Christ
Offertory		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy	

Divine Mercy Sunday 11th & 12th April

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Paul John Aalbers	Lana Ieremia	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Wayne Coelho	Anita Gupta	Brigid Ann McGrath	Joy Mati	Sue Ivicevich
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Sabrina Veatupu	Donalyn Dizon	Agnes Seiuli	Griselda Baptista
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