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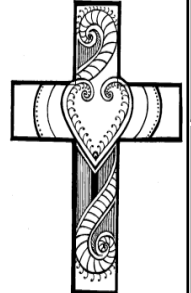
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

6th of September 2026— 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (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".

The Joy of Reconciliation

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." **Matthew 16:23**

The first step is to recognize this disordered emotional pattern for what it is. The next step is to realize that a healed and reconciled relationship offers a deeper and more lasting fulfillment that is far superior to the fleeting satisfaction of resentment or hostility. Winning over another—or being won over by one we have wronged—is profoundly rewarding. It transcends emotion and enters the realm of grace, producing true peace and spiritual joy.

Reflect today on the first step of reconciliation outlined by Jesus in the Gospel: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Take sin seriously. Acknowledge its presence in your relationships, especially the close ones. See yourself both as one who is sinned against and as one who sins. Identify the offenses that diminish love. Confront those sins with courage and humility. Reject the false comfort of resentment, and seek instead the true consolation that comes from unity and charity. This is the path that leads to a share in the holy love between Jesus and His Blessed Mother—a love they desire us to know and live.

Lord of perfect mercy, Your Sacred Heart burns with a deep desire to win us back to Yourself—fully reconciled and united in love. I repent of my sins before You, and I pray that Your love, living within me, may become a wellspring of mercy for others. I forgive all who have sinned against me, and I repent of the sins I have inflicted upon others. Restore every relationship in my life, Lord, and endow them with the same pure and holy love You shared with Your Blessed Mother. Jesus, I trust in You.

Readings This Sunday

First: Ezekiel 33: 7-9
Psalm: Psalm 95
Second: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Readings Next Sunday

First: Sirach 27: 30-28: 7
Psalm: Psalm 103
Second: Romans 14: 7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Scripture Readings for the week

	Ps	1 Cor	Luke
Monday	Ps 5	1 Cor 5: 1-8	Luke 6: 6-11
Tuesday	Ps 13	Mic 5: 1-4a	Mat 1: 1-16, 18-23
Wednesday	Ps 45	1 Cor 7: 25-31	Luke 6: 20-26
Thursday	Ps 139	1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13	Luke 6: 27-38
Friday	Ps 84	1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27	Luke 6: 39-42
Saturday	Ps 116	1 Cor 10: 14-22	Luke 6: 43-49

MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday 9am
Wednesday Morning 9am
Friday Morning 9am
First Friday Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm
Saturday 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm

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

CARING COMMUNITY
Drop-in Morning Tea every **Tuesday** after 9am Mass except **3rd Tuesday**

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Every **3rd Tuesday** of the month at 11am, No Drop-in Morning Tea

20 DECADE ROSARY
Wednesday After 9am Mass
NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Wednesday 7:10pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

RECONCILIATION
Wednesdays 6:45pm to 7:15pm
Saturdays 9:30am to 10:30am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursday After 9am Mass until 12pm

MEDITATION
Last **Friday** of the month at 10am

BAPTISM COURSE
Every **3rd Friday** of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN
Scheduled with the Missionaries of Charity Sisters (8-wk course)

BAPTISM SCHEDULE
Saturday 10:30am, 11:30am, and 12:30pm

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
Thursdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm

FAITH SHARING
Every **4th Sunday** of the month at 12.15pm

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Every **3rd Thursday** of the month at 7pm

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Every **4th Thursday** of the month at 6pm

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HOLY CROSS PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL Come Hungry, Leave Happy!

Get ready for a wonderful celebration of food, culture, music and community at our Holy Cross Church International Food Festival! Join us on Saturday, 12 September 2026, at the Holy Cross Church Hall, 8 Lavelle Road, Henderson, from 12 noon until all the food is finished! This is a fantastic opportunity for our parish community to come together, enjoy delicious international food, experience different cultures and share plenty of good times with family and friends.

There will be mouth-watering dishes, tasty treats, music and a vibrant atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. Whether you come to sample something new, enjoy a favourite dish, or simply spend time with fellow parishioners, there will be something for everyone. So bring your family, invite your friends and come hungry!

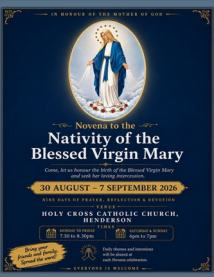
It proceeds will go towards the parish for operating and capital expenditure.



Holy Cross Parish warmly invites all parishioners, families, and friends to join us in a 9-Day Novena to Our Blessed Mother Mary, until Monday, 7 September. Please see posters for other details.

Over these nine days, we will gather in prayer and devotion, reflecting each day on a special theme and prayer intention. Together, we will seek the loving intercession of Our Lady for our families, our parish community, our nation, and the needs of the world. This novena offers a beautiful opportunity to deepen our faith, draw closer to Jesus through Mary, and unite as a community in prayer, hope, and trust. All are welcome. Come and experience the grace, peace, and blessings that flow from spending time with Our Blessed Mother in prayer.

The feast day mass of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Tuesday, 8th September at 7:30pm. Please refer to the poster in the church foyer for more details.



Ministerof the Word and Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Old and New)

Practical trainings will be given to Old and New Ministers as per Holy Cross Parish Henderson Ways. We will try to make our service uniform to each and every Mass as one of the comments are people are doing their own way and people are confused which to follow especially with new Ministers. Fr Ephrem will be doing the Practical training on how we should do things as per GIRM (General Instructions of the Roman Misal) and as per approved by the NZCB (New Zealand Catholic Bishop) Conference

Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharists Training Day is Sunday 27th of September 2pm to 4pm

Registered Ministers on these training days will be referred to the Diocese Training Day



We sincerely thank all families who faithfully support Holy Cross Parish Henderson through **Parish Pledge Giving**, helping us continue our mission and serve our parish community. We kindly invite families to renew or increase their pledge according to their means and to collect one **renewal envelope** per family from the basket outside the foyer; if you cannot find your name, please take a blank envelope. Thank you for your generosity and continued support—may God bless you and your families abundantly.

The St Vincent de Paul Henderson 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 .

International Food Festival Raffle—Tickets will be on sale this weekend and on the venue. Tickets will be 3 for \$5. Eftpos will be available.

Secular Franciscan Order - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 13th of September at 2.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. 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

Sacrament of the sick (Third Tuesday) 15th of September 11am, followed by a Shared lunch. **All are Welcome.**

Finance Committee Meeting (Second Thursday) will be held on Thursday 10th of September, 10:00pm at the Parish Pastoral Centre

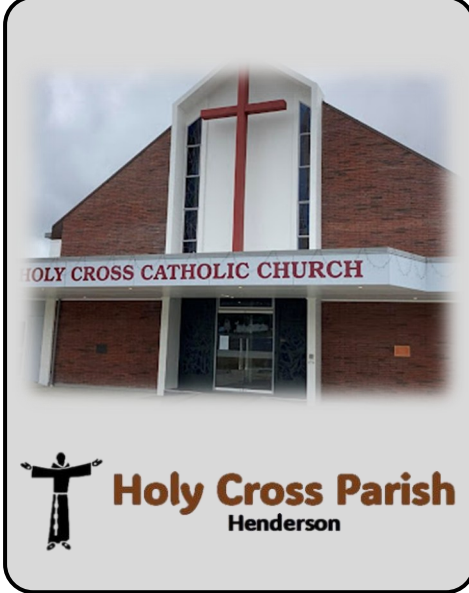
Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Richard Laurenson will be the principal celebrant. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 21 September 2026 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough, Auckland 1042) - As a Franciscan institution, the Retreat Centre is a designated pilgrimage destination, and we've already welcomed a few groups like those from West Auckland, Meadowbank, and the Syro Malabar Youth group. Many have come to pray, reflect, and complete the steps for the plenary indulgence. We warmly encourage parishes and groups to plan a pilgrimage. Please contact us at admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz for suitable dates or visit <https://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz/> for more information

Applications to be a participant at Lifeteen Summer Camp 2027 are open now. Holy Cross Church, Henderson has been allocated 21 places for our HCC Youth to attend in Week 1 of Lifeteen Summer Camp (12-16th January 2027), cost is \$380 pp. Please send Michael Kamson an email ASAP if you would like to attend the Lifeteen Summer Camp so that he can register you or if you would like more information about it. Registrations close on the 11th September 2026 at midnight, if we do not fill our allocated places they will be given to other parishes across New Zealand. Michael's email address hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com.

God made you. God knows you. God loves you. You belong. We are very excited to share the resources for Social Justice Week 2026. This year marks the beginning of a new three-year theme for 2026–2028: You Belong | Nō Konei Anō Koe. In his 2015 encyclical Laudato Si', on care for our common home, Pope Francis reminds us that human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour, and with the earth itself (Laudato Si', 66). Each of these relationships will be explored over the next three Social Justice Weeks. We begin this year with the first: You Belong to God | Nā Te Atua anō koe

By now you will have seen reports of **devastating flooding in northern Nepal**. The flooding has caused widespread damage to homes, roads, bridges and essential infrastructure. Tens of thousands of people have been affected by this disaster, with many families now homeless and communities cut off from assistance. **Caritas is already responding**. When disasters like this strike, people like you make it possible for us to respond quickly, and stay alongside communities as they recover. Your donation today helps provide emergency assistance now and supports the long road to recovery ahead. To Donate https://www.caritas.org.nz/nepal?utm_source=edm



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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) have to be Catholics** (or at least one) must attend, **Sponsors/Godparents (or at least one) have to be Catholics** and 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 12:30pm. For any inquiries, please contact the Parish Office.**

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 5th & 6th September 2026

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Griselda	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Katherine Tanginoa	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	child	Frances Ah Ken	Yolanda D'Rosario	Fisiiose Dolora Veatupu	Kimberley Suan
Reader 2:	child	Mary Turnwald	Michael Smith	Jane Edna Veehala	Tanya DSouza
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Rebecca James	Ann Mckeown	Clare Connoly	Ngalo'afe Nau	Michael Eade
	Charmaine Monteiro	Michael Mckeown	Pearlie Judd	Maria Faleusu	Helan Roy
	Beatrice Wilsor		Paul Coakley	Melitta Cadelis	Neil Fernandes
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Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Zephann Saldanha (L)	Isabel de Jesus (L)	Caroline Cibi (L)	Jane	Ana Fernandes
	Summer de los Reyes	Titoe Smith	Lawrence Lolesio	Chana Domnina Joseph	Juvan Gino
	Aroha	Miguel Abalajen	Sarah	Lui Ali	Luis Alabastro (L)
	Johanna	Selemena Smith	Izabel Mary Geo	Puni Saka	Jacob Alabastro
	Jezreel	Mikaela Abalajen	Dioniel Basabe	Erika	
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Choir	Tongan Community	Couples for Christ
Offertory	Jude & Shey				Gracy & Joy
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy	

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time 12th & 13th September 2026

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Margie del Rosario	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist	Lana Ieremia	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Pearl Debra Coelho	Anita Gupta	Donalyn Dizon	Tuala Elisabeth Tanuvasa	Anora D'Coata
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Martinez	Jane Thomsen	Muliagatele Agnes Seiuli	Griselda Baptista
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	Ryan Jerom	Miguel Abalajen	Brayden	Keyondre Uale	Francewill Mangahas
	Francisco del Rosario	Jaden Nanol	Astrid	John DCosta	Gab Zara
	Jovi	Amanda de Jesus (L)	Helen	Isaac Betham	Luis Alabastro (L)
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