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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"-St. Padre Pio

12th May 2024 Ascension of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 47
Response: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:
 a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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".

Communion Reflections
 In what ways do you need the Truth, spoken by the Father in Heaven, to engage you? What are the truths of our faith that you especially need to know, accept, profess and believe? One of the best ways to answer this question is to commit yourself to an in-depth, prayerful reading of the Word of God. By prayerfully reading the Scriptures, you will open yourself to all that God wants to reveal to you. And as the voice of God speaks to you through His Word, you will be invited to change. His Word will combat the confusion and lies of the world and the evil one and set you upon the path to holiness, to true sanctity and interior consecration.

Reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Word of God. Reflect upon how fully you have allowed His Word to speak to you, call you out of the world, set you apart for holiness and direct you toward Himself. Engaging the Word of God must become your daily spiritual food, and it must paint for you the picture of your glorious life to which you are called.

My Jesus, Word of the Father, You are Truth Itself. You are the Living Word Who has come to set us free. Give me the grace I need to listen to Your holy voice so that Your Truth will engage me in the depths of my soul, transforming me into the person You have called me to be. I open myself to You, dear Lord, and to all You wish to say to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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 Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.—Parish Priest
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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, 10:30am, 6pm
CARING COMMUNITY
 Drop-in every **Tuesday** after 9am Mass
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
 Every 3rd **Tuesday** of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch
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 until 12pm
MEDITATION
 Last **Friday** of the month at 10am
BAPTISM SCHEDULE
Saturday 10:30am—12:30pm
HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS
 Every **First Saturday** of the Month at 6pm
HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS
 Every **Sunday** 10:30am -11:30am
FAITH SHARING
 Every **4th Sunday** of the month at 11.45am
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY
 Every **4th Sunday** of the month 2pm-3pm

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World Apostolate of Fatima of New Zealand will be celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima on **Monday 13th May at 11am at Holy Cross Parish Henderson. Reconciliation will be held before the Mass.** There will also be a shared lunch after the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Blessing of Holy Water - Join us next **Sunday, 19th of May**, for a special blessing of Holy water during all masses. Please bring and label your own water bottles.

Sacrament of Baptism for children ages 6 years and below - If you are interested in having your child baptized, it is a requirement for the parents to attend a Baptism Formation Program. The next program will take place on **Thursday 16th May from 7pm to 8:30pm** in our church. To register, please text "BAPTISM" along with the parents' names to 022 673 2208. For children 7 years and above, please contact the parish office for further information.

Sacrament of the Sick will be held on **Tuesday 21st May at 11am** followed by a shared lunch, a plate would be appreciated.

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.

Holy Cross Caring Community needs volunteers. If you are interested please call the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting will be held on Friday 16th of May, 7:30pm at the Parish Meeting Room.

Secular Franciscans will meet on Sunday, 9th of June, 2:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Meeting Room. Visitors are welcome.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul visits & befriends parishioners who might like some company, some of whom may be unwell or elderly. If you would like to be visited or you know of anybody in our parish who would, please contact the parish office on 09 835 3355.

Ministers Of The Word And Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion: The Liturgy Centre is offering a refresher training for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Participants can choose to attend one of these sessions between 1pm to 3pm:

19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

For those who would like to register, please call the Parish office.

Parish Registration Form—We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer for your convenience. Keeping accurate records of all parishioners is important for future reference, such as the signing of any necessary documents by the priest. Thank you. for being a part of our parish community.

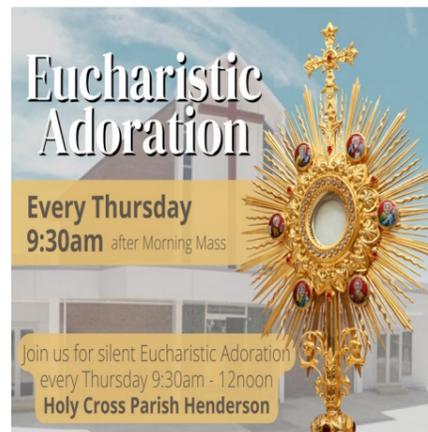
Preference Card—Preference cards will be signed only by appointment every Tuesday from 11am until 12:30pm. In order to complete a preference enrolment certificate you need to be a parishioner registered with Holy Cross Parish Henderson. You also must present a copy of your child's baptism certificate or in the event the child is not baptized in the Catholic Faith, baptism certificate of the parent/guardian/aunt/uncle or God parent requesting the child's baptism in the Catholic Faith is needed.

Health & Safety—Holy Cross Parish seeks volunteers, especially those in the medical field or with first aid training, to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations. Your expertise is vital for maintaining a safe environment.

To volunteer, please contact the parish office.

Parking Reminder-Please refrain from parking on the grass and pavements. Additionally, double parking is strictly prohibited, and the staff parking area is reserved for priests, staff, and choir members needing to transport musical equipment for the various services and Masses.

Safeguarding- Parental Supervision: For the safety of all, please accompany your children in the church at all times. We prioritize everyone's well-being, especially the vulnerable. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 1st Collection \$ 1,562.00
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Notice from Finance Team
 Tax receipts are available for collection at the parish office.

Readings This Sunday
 First: Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm Ps 47
 Second: Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Readings Next Sunday
 First: Acts 2:1-11
 Psalm Ps 104
 Second: 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13 or Rom 8:8-17
 Gospel: John 20:19-23

Scripture Readings for the week
Monday Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68 John 16:29-33
Tuesday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113 John 15:9-17
Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68 John 17:11-19
Thursday Acts 22:30:23:6-11 Ps 16 John 17:20-26
Friday Acts 25:13-21 Ps 103 John 21:15-19
Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps11 John 21:20-25

Sunday Children's Liturgy is conducted during the Sunday 9am and 10:30am masses, specifically catering to children who have not yet received Holy Communion. We encourage children who have received their Holy Communion to participate in the Mass.

Roster 11th & 12th May 2024 Ascension of the Lord. Mother's Day					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Betham Family
Leader :	Tai Asiata	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Madelene Warren	Samoan Community	Tai Asiata
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Mike Smith		Maria Kumitau
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Frances Ah Ken	Ann McGrath		Akesa Paea
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva Lloyd Sina	Francis Ah Ken Winnie Veikoso	Sherry Smith Jane Thomsen Sulieti Lesatele Clare Connelly		Michael Eade Malia Faleusu Sagato Matau
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Jean Soniega	Anthony/Men's Fellowship		Michael Eade
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito & de Jesus chn	Caroline & Renessa		Neil & Feeba
Music Ministry	Sr Ake & friends	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family		Sr Ake & friends
Offertory	D'Silva family		Ann & Clare Connelly		
		Cleaning Siemsen Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	Flowers Ahio & Veatupu Family	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

ROSTER FOR 18th & 19th May 2024 Pentecost					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Sr Akenese	Sr Ake	Vicky Coakley	Tai Asiata	Katherine Tangnoa
Reader 1:		Jean Soniega	Mariafe Lobes	Maria Kumitau	Maria de Hoop
Reader 2:		Savieta Lea	Jivanni King	Adolf Goldwyn	
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Secular Franciscan	Geraldine Sequera Jennifer Baptist	Paul Coakley Flor Skinner Piet Bakker Noelene Early	Lucy Goldwyn Sina Patolo Lena San Gabriel Gerry San Gabriel	Maria Seufatu Sagato Matau Valerie Pua
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Jean Soniega	Anthony/Men's Fellowship	Floxy & Michael	Floxy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph, Sephan	Tito & de Jesus chn	Chana & Hezekia	Suzainne & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Music	Secular Franciscan	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Sr Ake & Choir	Fijian Community
Offertory					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Samoan Community	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

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