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8th September 2024 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Responsorial Psalm Ps 146**  
**Response:** Praise the Lord, my soul

**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**  
*He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. Mark 7:33-35*

*Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus healing this deaf and mute man. If you ever feel as though God cannot use you, call to mind the way in which our Lord worked this miracle. If God can use His finger and His saliva, He certainly can use you, no matter how unworthy or sinful you may be. This miracle shows us that God can use all things for His glory for the simple reason that He is God. Humble yourself and offer yourself to God to use you as He wills. Doing so will give God the opportunity to manifest His almighty power through you.*

*My healing Lord, when You took on human form, You united divinity with humanity. Through Your sacred humanity, You poured forth Your grace and mercy and continue to do so today. Please use me, dear Lord, as an instrument of Your grace. May I always humbly see myself as Your unworthy instrument, whom You choose to use despite my unworthiness. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**CAPUCHIN FRIARS**  
 Fr. Ranjit Ekka OFM Cap.—Parish Administrator  
 Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Parish Priest  
 Fr Praful Kerketta OFM Cap— Assistant Parish Priest

Janice Borsos— School Principal

**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 9:00am –10:00am  
 Every Sunday 10:30am –11:30am

**FAITH SHARING**  
 Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am

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 Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm

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**Sacrament of the sick** Tuesday the 17th of September 11am, followed by a Shared lunch. All are welcome.

**Secular Franciscans** will meet next Sunday 8th of September in Holy Cross Parish meeting Room at 2:30pm. Visitors are welcome.

**Holy Cross Feast Day**—Our Feast Day will be celebrated on the 14th of September, Saturday. The **Food Festival** will be held on the 14th of September, Saturday at the hall. Doors will be open at 11:00am. Only Parish Community are allowed to sell at the festival, no private person will be allowed to sell inside or outside the hall. On Friday the 13th of September, the hall will be open from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm for all stall holders to set up their table. Registration to sell is required and can be done during that night.

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**Faith Sharing Sunday**

This month our FSS session will be held on Sun. 15th Sept. ( 3rd Sunday ) at 11.45am after the 10.30am Mass. We will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day followed by a shared lunch. **Speaker: Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap. Asst. Parish Priest – Holy Cross Church.**

**Topic : 'Stigmata'**. Come and listen to Fr. Daniel speak about this extraordinary phenomenon called the 'Stigmata' ....the wounds of Christ crucified. All are welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355

**( A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative )**

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**Planned Giving Envelopes**—New sets of envelopes will be available in the foyer. If you have run out of envelopes or wish to donate online, please contact the parish office. Please take your planned giving envelope from the Foyer. If you cannot find yours, then please contact the Parish Office and will make a set for you.

**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. The volunteer will only be to the mass times they attend and only in case that there is an emergency during the mass. Kindly approach your mass coordinator.

**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. Please refrain from using the sacristy toilet. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Parking Reminder**-Please refrain from parking on the grass, yellow lines and neighbours' driveways especially . 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 Mass.

**Hall Caretaker**—The parish is seeking a caretaker for the Parish Hall. This is a casual, fixed-term position available until December of this year. If interested, please reach out to the Holy Cross Office Administrator.

**Ecumenical Church Service**—On Saturday 19th October Holy Cross Parish will host an ecumenical inter-faith service with other Churches in our area. The purpose is to come together between 2pm and 4 pm to pray for peace in our world and in our lives. In preparation we invite anyone who is willing to join a combined choir practice at Holy Cross Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 12th September. Please support this important gathering.

**JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - NORTH SHORE**—are hosting a One-day Men's Retreat, directed by Bishop Steve Lowe, titled "He Emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7). This will be held on Saturday 19 October (8am-4pm) at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland. It will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve. Please bring a packed lunch or plan to buy from shops nearby. Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs. All men are welcome. Please contact Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 or Russell Sobotker (022) 0345678

**The St Peters College Old Boys and Friends Association**, and the College would like to invite ladies who have an association with St Peters College, past or present, to our annual Women of St Peters evening which honours their contribution. Let's celebrate on Friday 6th of September from 5:30—8:30pm at St. Peter's School Hall, Mountain Road, Grafton.

**NZCMA**— A group of medical students are organising a NZ Catholic Medical Association Networking Event with Dr Mary English on 20 September (flyer post at the foyer). The event will be for ALL healthcare students and professionals and will be an opportunity to connect with each other, learn, and be inspired.



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Monthly parish Receipts and Disbursements Report is posted regularly on the church foyer board.  
 Thank you for your kind support and generosity.  
 All tax receipts have been sent via email. For those without email or those that haven't been collected from the parish office, they have been sent via post.

**Readings This Sunday**

**First:** Isaiah 35: 4-7a  
**Psalm:** 146  
**Second:** James 2: 1-5  
**Gospel:** Mark 7: 31-37

**Readings Next Sunday**

**First:** Isaiah 50: 5-9a  
**Psalm:** 116  
**Second:** James 2: 14-18  
**Gospel:** Mark 8: 27-35

**Scripture Readings for the week**

Monday	Ps 5	1 Corinthians 5: 1-8	Luke 6: 6-11
Tuesday	Ps 149	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11	Luke 6: 12-19
Wednesday	Ps 45	1 Corinthians 7: 25-31	Luke 4: 38-44
Thursday	Ps 139	1 Corinthians 8: 1b-7, 11-13	Luke 6: 27-38
Friday	Ps 84	1 Corinthians 4:1-59:16-19,22b-27	Luke 6: 39-42
Saturday	Ps 78	Numbers 21: 4b-9	John 3: 13-17

**ROSTER FOR 7th & 8th SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Margie D Rozario	Bonita	Vicky Coakley	Samoan Community	Olympia D'Souza
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Savieti Lea	Anil Baptist		Anora D'Costa
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Maria de Hoog	Frances Martirez	Jiavani King		Yolanda Rosario
<b>Ministers of</b>	Alice Sue	Michael Mckeown	Sina Patolo & Jane T		Agnes Sanches
<b>Communion</b>	Timothy Sue	Ann Mckeown	Paul Coakley		Helan Roy
	Lyndon Cowan		Jennifer Baptist		Maria
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship		Pamela & Charmaine
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Joseph & Sephan		Renessa & Caroline		Neil & Feeba
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Musica Christi Choir	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Legion of Mary
<b>Offertory:</b>					Bonny, Rosily, & Bridget
		<b>Cleaning</b> Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	<b>Flowers</b> Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Sisters of Charity	

**ROSTER FOR 14th & 15th SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm	
<b>Leader :</b>		Jean Soniega	Madelene Warren	Tai Asiata	Fijian Community	
<b>Reader 1:</b>		Savieti Lea	Mariafe Lobez	Maria Kumitau		
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Secular Franciscan Order	Sabrina Veatupu	Yollando D'Rozario	Okesa Paea		
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<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship	Celino Orquejo	Michael & Fijian Com.	
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Joseph & Sephan	Titoa & Co	Chana & Hezekia	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba	
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Haley and Friends	Fijian (St Peter Chanel) Community	
<b>Offertory:</b>						
		<b>Cleaning</b> Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family Missionary Families of Christ	<b>Flowers</b> Veatupu & Ahio Family	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Sisters of Charity		