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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

9th of February 2025 5th Week of Ordinary Time

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 138 Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord</p> <p>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."</p>	<p>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</p> <p>CARING COMMUNITY Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch</p> <p>20 DECADE ROSARY Wednesday - After 9am Mass</p> <p>RECONCILIATION Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment</p> <p>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Thursday - After 9am Mass until 12pm</p> <p>MEDITATION Last Friday of the month at 10am</p> <p>BAPTISM COURSE Every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre</p> <p>BAPTISM SCHEDULE Saturday 10:30am—12:30pm</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS Every Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am Mass</p> <p>FAITH SHARING Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am</p> <p>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm</p>
<p>Overcoming Discouragement!</p> <p>After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. Luke 5:4-6</p> <p>In our own lives, we can all get discouraged at times. But the real test of our fidelity to God is whether or not we continue to listen to His commands of love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways.</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon the voice of God in your life. What is it that you sense Him calling you to do? What is that "deep water" to which He is calling you? As you ponder this, reflect especially upon the words of Peter, "Master...at your command I will lower the nets." Say "Yes" to the command of our Lord. Do so even if it is difficult, and especially if you do not feel like doing what He asks of you. If you do, you will find that in this act of fidelity, God will bring forth an abundance of good fruit.</p> <p>"My miraculous Lord, You gave a command of love to Saint Peter, and he obeyed You with generosity. As a result, You brought forth an abundant catch. Please give me the strength of will to obey all that You speak to me, so that You will bring forth an abundance of good fruit in my life also. Jesus, I trust in You."</p>		
<p>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</p> <p>Janice Borsos— School Principal</p>		

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Jubilee 2025- Pope Francis has declared this year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. We will begin the Jubilee Year at the 10.30am Mass onwards

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 for your receipt.

Sacrament of the Sick—is on Tuesday, the 18th of February at 11:00 am followed by shared lunch. All are welcome!

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 and sponsors to attend a Baptism Formation Program. The next program will take place on Friday 21st February at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm behind the Church. To register, please text "**BAPTISM PROGRAM**" along with the parents' names to **022 673 2208**.

RCIA and RCIC— If you are between the ages of 7 and 12 and want to learn more about becoming a Catholic, you can join the RCIC program. If you are 12 or older, you can join the RCIA program. These programs help you become part of the Catholic Church. If you're interested, ask a parent or guardian to call the parish office to sign up!

Legion of Mary—The Legion of Mary encourages you all to have the Statue of our dear Mother Mary at your home. We have 3 statues that are circulated in the Parish currently. If you would love to have our blessed Mother brought to your home, kindly leave your contact details in the box provided at the foyer of the church and we will get in touch with you.

Preference Card—will be signed by appointment only, every Tuesday from 11am until 12:30pm. To complete a Preference Enrolment Certificate you must be a **registered parishioner of Holy Cross Parish Henderson**. Additionally, you also must provide a copy of your **child's baptism certificate**. There is a new requirement for Option 5.4, if the child is not yet baptized in the Catholic Faith, a **baptism certificate of the guardian, aunt, uncle or grandparent** requesting the child's enrolment in a Catholic School, along with supporting form. Once completed and signed by our priest's the form will be emailed to the diocese for approval. Parents must wait for the Diocesan approval before enrolling their child.

Health and Safety—Children under the age of 5 are not permitted upstairs or allowed to play on the stairs. The stairs are quite steep, posing a risk of falls and injury.

CRYING ROOM—The parish encourages all parents with children to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the congregation in the church. The Crying Room is reserved for parents with unsettled (crying) children who need a quiet space to calm them down. If you do not have a crying child, please refrain from using the Crying Room.

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, public toilets are available at the foyer.** Thank you for your cooperation.



Jesus came to his disciples and found them asleep and he said “ What, could you not keep watch with me one hour?” (Matt. 26:40)

Silent Eucharistic Adoration is one way to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every **Thursday, between 9.30 am (after Mass) and 12 noon** in our church, concluding with **Benediction** and **The Angelus**.

Leaders of all our parish groups are requested to encourage their members to pray in silence during this time, for our families, our parish, our country and our world, which is in urgent need of prayer. God bless you.

Marian Conference 2025 at Holy Family Parish (94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula) on the 22nd of February, Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For details please get some leaflets in the Foyer

Schools

Holy Cross School, Henderson-the parish welcomes back the students of Holy Cross School, Henderson from their holidays. Whether it is from overseas, across Aotearoa, or just in Auckland, we thank God the Father, in bringing you all back safely.

St. Peter’s College—is pleased to announce their Open Day for Year 7 2026 enrolment, which is being held on Tuesday 18th of February, with two sessions available at 9:30am and 1pm. St Peter’s College welcomes you and your families to join them for a presentation in their College Hall (main school entrance—Mountain Road), followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys. You do not need to register.

Sacred Heart College— is pleased to announce their Open Day, which is being held on Wednesday, 26th of February, with two sessions available at 10am and 1pm. Sacred Heart College welcomes you and your families to join them for a presentation in their Auditorium followed by tours of the College. Parking will be available at Gate 4, West Tamaki Road. Applications for enrolment into Year 7 and Year 9 2026, are now open, with the closing date of 4th of April. Parents can apply online through their website www.sacredheart.school.nz

St Mary’s College—is pleased to announce their Open Day, which is being held on Thursday, 6th of March, with two sessions available at 2:30pm and 6pm. St Mary’s College welcomes you and your families to join them. Enrolment for 2026 open Monday 10th of February for Year 7 and Year 9 students and a limited number of places at other year levels. St. Mary’s College has no Zoning restrictions. Enrolment and application information are available on their website www.stmaryak.school.nz.



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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Other offering: \$ 85.00

Monthly Parish Receipts and Disbursements Report are 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 6: 1-2a, 3-8
Psalms: 138
Second: First Corinthians 15: 1-11 or First Corinthians 15: 3-8, 11
Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

Readings Next Sunday

First: Jeremiah 17: 5-8
Psalms: 1
Second: First Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 104	Genesis 1: 1-19	Mark 6: 53-56
Tuesday	Ps 8	Genesis 1: 20 - 2: 4a	Mark 7: 1-13
Wednesday	Ps 104	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-17	Mark 7: 14-23
Thursday	Ps 128	Genesis 2: 18-25	Mark 7: 24-30
Friday	Ps 32	Genesis 3: 1-8	Mark 7: 31-37
Saturday	Ps 90	Genesis 3: 9-24	Mark 8: 1-10

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 FOR 8th FEBRUARY & 9th FEBRUARY 2025 FIFTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm
Leader	Julia Macuja	Jean Soniega	Vicky Coakley	Samoan Community	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Frances Martinez	Berna Fernandez		Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Savieta Lea	Mike Smith		Kimberley Suan
Ministers of	Maria & Renante	Ann Mckeown	Sherry Smith Paul		Michael Eade
Eucharist	Jessica D'Silva	Mike Mckeown	Sulieti Lesatele Teresa M		Lito & Joyce Padilla
					Sagato Matau
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's fellowship		Michael Eade
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Titoa & Co	Renessa, Fransca & Carol	Suzaine & Jordan	Feeba & Co
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Betham Family
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family Missionary Families of Christ	Flowers Veatupu & Ahio Family	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

ROSTER FOR 15th FEBRUARY & 16th FEBRUARY 2025 SIXTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm Mass	Sun 7am Mass	Sun 9 am Mass	Sun 10.30am Mass	Sun. 6pm Mass
Leader		Bonita	Vicky Coakley	Tai Asiata	Fijian Community
Reader 1:		Mary Turnwald	Cheryl Sinclair	Maria Kunitau	
Reader 2:		Frances Ah Ken	Donalyn Dizon	Danielle Monteiro	
Ministers of	Secular Franciscan Order	Francis Ah Ken	Paul Coakley, Piet Bakker	Sina Patolo, Flor Skinner	
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Music Ministry:	Secular Franciscan Order	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Sr Ake & Choir	
Offertory:			Lesatele Family	Asiata family	
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Community	Flowers	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	