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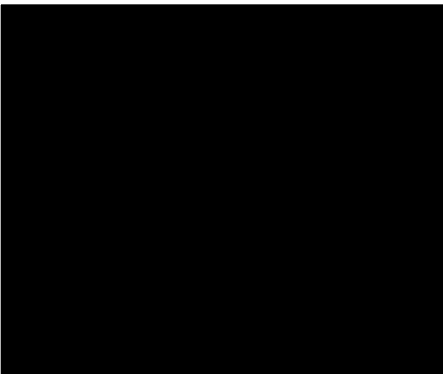
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on" -St. Padre Pio

16th of February 2025 6th Week of Ordinary Time

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 1 Response: Blessed are they who hoped in the 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>Beatitudes and Woes</p> <p>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." Luke 6:24-26</p> <p>In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts are detached from the desires identified in this sermon so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in.</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus' clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.</p> <p>"Lord of holiness, I do desire to follow You and become truly holy. Please free me from my sin so that I am able to avoid the consequences of those sins. Please help me to also desire the heights of holiness so that I will receive the great rewards that You promised to the saints in Heaven. 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 A reminder that St Vincent de Paul members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend. We also have a a basket for food donations that will be offered during mass at the same time as the Bread and Wine offering. 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.

Faith Sharing Sunday

Our First Session for 2025 will be held on Sun. 23rd Feb. at 11.45am (after the 10.30am Mass). The session will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day followed by a shared lunch.

For our session this month : Speaker: Sr. Vincy M.C. Missionaries of Charity. Topic : 'Women at the Well – with Jesus' Jn 4 : 5-26. Come and listen to Sr. Vincy unpack the gospel of the day and share her life experience.All are welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355 (**A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative**)

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.

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.

Open Days and Enrolments for 2026—details of the following school like **Sacred Heart, St. Peter's College, St. Mary's College, Baradene College, and Marist College** is in the Foyer on the Bulletin Board. Please be informed these days are for Year 7 and Year 9 2026.



*“But from everlasting and everlasting **the Lord’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. ”Psalm 103: 17-18***

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in shall not perish but have everlasting life—**John3:16***



Eucharistic Adoration

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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		Readings Next Sunday		Scripture Readings for the week			
First: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 Psalms: 1 Second: First Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26		First: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Psalms: 103 Second: First Corinthians 15: 45-49 Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38		Monday	Ps 50	Genesis 4: 1-15, 25	Mark 8: 11-13
				Tuesday	Ps 29	Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10	Mark 8: 14-21
				Wednesday	Ps 116	Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22	Mark 8: 22-26
				Thursday	Ps 102	Genesis 9: 1-13	Mark 8: 27-33
				Friday	Ps 33	Genesis 11: 1-9	Mark 8: 34 - 9:1
				Saturday	Ps 23	First Peter 5: 1-4	Matt 16: 13-19

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 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:	Secular Franciscan Order	Mary Turnwald	Cheryl Sinclair	Maria Kunitau	
Reader 2:		Frances Ah Ken	Donalyn Dizon	Danielle Monteiro	
Ministers of		Francis Ah Ken	Paul Coakley, Piet Bakker	Sina Patolo, Flor Skinner	
Communion		Winnie Veikoso	Jane Thomsen, Pearl J	Maria & Filemoni Faleusu	
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship	Celino	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Titao & Co	Ranessa, Caroline & Fran	Jordan & Suzaine	
Music Ministry:	Secular Franciscan Order	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Sr Ake & Choir	
Offertory:			Lesatele Family	Asiata family	
		Cleaning	Flowers	Children's Liturgy	
		Couples for Christ		Sisters of Charity	
		Redfern Family			
		Sagote Family			
		Samoan Community			

ROSTER FOR 22nd FEBRUARY & 23rd FEBRUARY 2025 SEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm Mass	Sun 7am Mass	Sun 9 am Mass	Sun 10.30am Mass	Sun. 6pm Mass
Leader	Margie D'Rozario	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Vakauta family	Filipino Community	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Jean Soniega			Kimberley Suan
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu			Gavin Colaco
Ministers of	Jessica D'Silva,	Seletina Levave			Michael Eade
Communion		Geraldine Sequera			
					Flocy & Michael Eade
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family			Salomi, Jazer, Feeba
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Titao & Co	Ranessa, Caroline & Fran	Jordan & Suzainne	Legion Of Mary
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta family	Filipino Community	
Offertory:					
		Cleaning	Flowers	Children's Liturgy	
		Fiji Community	Filipino Community	Sisters of Charity	
		(Friday evening)			
		St Vincent De Paul			