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23rd of February 2025 7th Week of Ordinary Time

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 103 Response: The Lord is kind and merciful</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 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 COURSE Every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre 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 and 10:30am Mass FAITH SHARING Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm</p>
<p>Kindness Toward All</p> <p><i>"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."</i> Luke 6:35-36</p>		
<p>God has shone us perfect goodness, not because He expected anything back, but simply because He has willed to love us. If we want to be children of God the Most High, then we must reciprocate the love given to us. That's the nature of God's love. It cannot be contained. It cannot be selfishly received without also allowing it to pour forth from our lives. When we understand this, we will understand the reason Jesus instructed us to be "kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." It is simply because this is how God has treated us.</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon the unlimited love God has for you. It is beyond what you could ever comprehend. Reflect, also, upon the great benefit there is in opening yourself to God's perfect love, kindness, generosity and mercy. The benefit is that you are able to be filled with that which you receive. And as you receive this love of God, it necessarily overflows into the lives of everyone you encounter, the good and the wicked. Everyone must always be offered this love. Do not hesitate, for God does not hesitate with you.</p> <p>Most merciful Lord, You bestow Your abundant goodness upon all people, the good and bad alike. You never cease offering Your love and mercy. May I always be counted among those who fully open themselves to Your grace, and may I always offer this same depth of love to all. 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

Ash Wednesday– Please bring your old palms from last year’s Palm Sunday, as we will be burning them for use on **Ash Wednesday, 5th of March.**

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson It's been a busy Q4 for the St Vincent de Paul conference! Your prayers & monetary support helped create 49 food parcels - that's a smile on the dial of 94 adults & 71 children across Henderson & neighbouring communities. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, you can do so by way of Bank transfers 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 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!

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**)

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.

Holy Cross Men’s Fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 27th of February at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For further details please contact George Schuster on 0212080447.

Holy Cross Charismatic Fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 24th of February at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will be reflecting on the 1st chapter of St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible along with you. For further details please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306.

Zumba—Every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm at the Kelston Community Centre. Please bring a gold coin for donation.

Parking Space– Please avoid parking on private driveways, especially those across the road. The parish will not be responsible if your vehicle is towed.

Health and Safety-Our chewing gum problem has returned. Gum has been found under the church pews, as well as on the foyer floor and carpet, where it becomes difficult to remove once dried. **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH.** Thank you for your cooperation. 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.


Foyer– We kindly invite everyone to join us inside the church and take a seat—there’s no need to stand in the **foyer.** For **Health and Safety** reasons, please keep the doorway clear, as it serves as an emergency exit.

Preference Card—will be signed by appointment only, every Tuesday from 11am until 12:00pm. 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.

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. In the Foyer, there are two copies of the **Code of Conduct Poster** by the Diocese. Please take your time to read it as the Code of Conduct is not only for volunteers but for everyone who comes in our church whether they are volunteers, parishioners, contractor or a visitor, we expect everyone to act respectfully to one another. ***SAFE CHURCH FOR EVERYONE EVERY DAY! 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

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.



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Mass Collection For Last Week

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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: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalms: 103
Second: First Corinthians 15: 45-49
Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Readings Next Sunday

First: Sirach 27: 4-7
Psalms: 92
Second: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 93	Sirach 1: 1-10	Mark 9: 14-29
Tuesday	Ps 37	Sirach 2: 1-11	Mark 9: 30-37
Wednesday	Ps 119	Sirach 4: 11-19	Mark 9: 38-40
Thursday	Ps 1	Sirach 5: 1-8	Mark 9: 41-50
Friday	Ps 119	Sirach 6: 5-17	Mark 10: 1-12
Saturday	Ps 103	Sirach 17: 1-15	Mark 10: 13-16

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 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	Fijian Community
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Jean Soniega			
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu			
Ministers of Holy Communion:	1. Jessica D'Silva 2. Angel 3. Grace 4. Joyce	1. Mike Mckeown 2. Ann Mckeown			
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Soniega Family	Ranessa, Caroline & Fran Vakauta family	Jordan & Suzainne	
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Co		Filipino Community	
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass			
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Fiji Community (Friday evening) St Vincent De Paul	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

Eighth Week Ordinary Time 1st & 2nd March 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Bonito	Paul Aalbers	Tongan Community	Gafatasi Enderman
Reader 1:	child	Sabrina Veatupu	Gemma Dominique		Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	child	Saviati Lea	Mike Smith		Kimberly Suan
Ministers of Holy communion	1. Angel Cueva 2. Grace Cueva 3. Joisse Cueva	1. Ann Mckeown 2.Mike Mckeown	1. Colleen Aalbers 2. Sherry Smith 3.Bernadett B-Bell 4.Piet Bakker		1. Michael Eade 2.Sagato Matau
Altar Servers	Joseph, Jazer & Sephan	Tito & Co.	Caroline & Ranessa	Jordan & Suzaine	Lui & Jacob & Feeba
Collectors	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's fellowship	Flocy & Co	Michael Eade
Music	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & friends	Tongan Community	Betham family
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	