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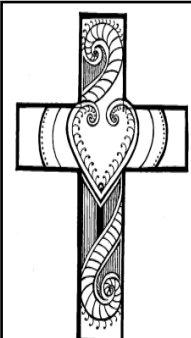
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

### 18th of May 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

	<b>Responsorial Psalm Ps 145</b> <b>Response:</b> I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.	<b>MASS TIMES</b> <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> - 9am <b>Wednesday Morning</b> - 9am <b>Wednesday Evening</b> Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 7:10pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm <b>Friday Morning</b> - 9 am <b>First Friday</b> of the month: Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm <b>Saturday</b> - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass <b>Sunday</b> - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm <b>CARING COMMUNITY</b> Drop-in every <b>Tuesday</b> after 9am Mass <b>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK</b> Every <b>3rd Tuesday</b> of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch <b>20 DECADE ROSARY</b> <b>Wednesday</b> –After 9am Mass <b>RECONCILIATION</b> <b>Wednesday</b> - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> <b>Thursday</b> – After 9am Mass until 12pm <b>MEDITATION</b> Last <b>Friday</b> of the month at 10am <b>BAPTISM COURSE</b> Every 3rd <b>Friday</b> of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre <b>BAPTISM SCHEDULE</b> <b>Saturday</b> 10:30am—12:30pm <b>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN’S MASS</b> Every <b>First Saturday</b> of the Month at 6pm <b>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN’S LITURGY CLASS</b> Every <b>Sunday</b> 9:00am and 10:30am Mass <b>FAITH SHARING</b> Every <b>4th Sunday</b> of the month at 11.45am <b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA &amp; ROSARY</b> Every <b>4th Sunday</b> of the month 2pm-3pm																									
	<b>Mission Statement of Our Parish</b> "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".																										
<b>Eternal Glory</b> <i>When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once .” John 13:31-32</i> A cross is not simply our suffering; it’s our call to live sacrificially. This is love. It’s the calling we are given to lay our lives down for others. To serve others. To forgive every wrong, to love every sinner, to show mercy and compassion toward those in need. And to do all of this in response to God’s perfect will. The crosses in our lives are opportunities for love in its purest form. This is how Jesus saw His Cross and this is how we must see ours. Reflect, today, upon death, but try to look at it as a calling to give of yourself sacrificially out of love. The best way to prepare yourself for a glorious death is to live in the love of God here and now. To the extent that you can do that, God will be glorified as you share in the glory given to Christ. <b>My loving Lord, You transformed death itself into the perfect means by which You gave glory to Your Father and were glorified Yourself. Please help me to enter into Your mind so that I can see my life as You see it and to live for that eternal glory to which I am called. Jesus, I trust in You .</b>																											
<b>CAPUCHIN FRIARS</b> Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.—Parish Priest Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Parish Priest  Janice Borsos– School Principal																											
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**Jubilee 2025**– The late 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.

**Bishop’s Appeal 2025 Vocation Sunday**—Supporting Auckland Seminarians. With 11 men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Auckland, We are blessed with our largest intake in many years. Please keep them in your prayers and, if you can, support their formation. Scan the QR code to donate online or visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate). Pay by Direct Deposit **Account Name:** Roman Catholic Diocese of Auckland **Account Number:** 02 0100 0746838 004 **PARTICULARS:** Your Surname & Initials **CODE:** SEM25 **REFERENCE:** Your phone Number

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**Faith Sharing Sunday**


Our next session for 2025 will be held on Sun. 25th May 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:** Dr. Robert Hardie OFS, GP/Surgeon ( Retd. ) - UK. **Topic :** ‘ *Franciscan Medicine* ’


Come and listen to Dr. Robert Hardie share his life experiences with ‘Franciscan Medicine’ in the UK and parts of Africa and Asia, as a GP in a Pro-life Christian practice.....All are welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355

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**The Legion of Mary** invites you to join them in observing May as the Month of the Rosary. To encourage devotion to Our Lady, they'll be distributing **Holy Rosaries, Brown Scapulars & Miraculous Medals on Sunday, 25th May after 6pm mass**. All are welcome to receive these sacred items. May this initiative bring spiritual growth and devotion to Our Lady among parishioners and their families.





**Planned Giving Envelope**—Plan giving receipts and new planned giving envelopes will be available to be picked up at all masses in the Foyer. Please make sure when you picked your envelope that you are ticked on the List, so, we will know who are the ones we need to follow up. Those who have email ID will receive their tax receipts by email.

**Sacrament of the Sick**—Tuesday 20th of May there will be no **Drop In** as we will have the Sacrament of the Sick at 11am followed by shared lunch. All are welcome.

**Communion**—Please give reverence to the Eucharist by going back to your seat after communion. Go back to your seat, pray in thanksgiving upon receiving the **Body and Blood of Christ**, even though you only receive the hosts,

**Ministries**– Please discern what ministry, that you can help in our Parish. If you want to serve, we would like to know. Next week, there will be some people who will be taking names, kindly approach them. Ministries Like Ushers, Altar Servers, Leaders, Readers, Especial Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, and even Cleaners.

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**Priest**—Auckland Priests Assembly for Diocesan and Religious Priests **26-29 May** Understanding Synodality – Living it as priests – Reshaping our parishes in light of synodality. **There will be no Mass or Confession.** Novena prayers will continue as usual, but there will be no Novena Mass. Please note that there will also be no Adoration during this week. Morning Mass will resume on **Friday, 30th of May.**

**Health & Safety**—Individuals parking in private driveways have diminished. Let us please keep it that way. If you park illegally, neighbours may begin calling a tow truck, and the Parish will not be responsible for any fines or towing fees incurred.

A gentle reminder to parents: if you’ve changed your child’s nappy, please do not dispose of it in the church rubbish bins. We kindly ask that you take the soiled nappy with you, as it can be unpleasant for the next person using the facilities. 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.

**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.

Fifth Week of Easter 17th & 18th May 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Sr Akenese	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Madelene Warren	Fijian Community
Reader 1:	Secular Franiscan	Mary Turnwald	Donalyn Dizon	Maria Kumitau	
Reader 2:		Frances Ah Ken	Mike Smith	Jacinta Lemana	
Ministers of Holy Communion:		Geraldine Sequera Selesitina Levave	Colleen Aalbers Sherry Smith Piet Bakker Noelene Early	Jennifer Hernandez Sina Patolo Lena San Gabriel Gerry San Gabriel	
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Altar Servers:	Joseph, Sephan	Tito, Isabel & Amanda	Caroline & Renessa, French	Suzainne & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Secular Franciscan	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Sr Ake & Choir	Fijian Community
Offertory					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Sagote Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Sixth week of Easter 24th & 25th May 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Bonita	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Legion of Mary
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Sabrina Veatupu			
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Nikolao Sagote Whyte			
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva Dominica Cowan Maria Alimagno Renante Alimagno	Ann Mckeown Michael Mckeown			
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Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito & Amanda & Isabel	Caroline & Renessa & French		Lui, Jacob, Ana & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family		Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	