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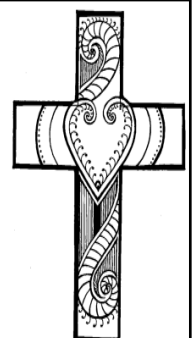
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

01st of June 2025 Ascension Sunday

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 47 Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.</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, 11:30am, and 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>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>	

Witnessing to the Gospel
Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."
John 24:46-49

Reflect, today, upon the particular mission that God has given to you. Prayerfully look at Jesus as He stands on the mountain of the Ascension and looks at you. As He does, let Him reveal to you not only His very Person but also your particular sharing in His ongoing mission of sharing the Good News to the ends of the earth. Receive that mission with courage, joy and holy fear. Reverence it, savor it, ponder it and accept it. Commit yourself to this glorious sharing in the life of Christ by committing yourself to become a witness to Christ until the end of your life on earth.

My ascended Lord, as You entered body and soul into the full and glorious presence of Your Father, You handed on to your disciples the duty of completing Your mission on earth. I hear Your call in my life, dear Lord, and commit myself to the glorious task of continuing that mission on earth. Please use me as You will and fill me with power from on high so that I may help share Your saving Word to the ends of the earth. Jesus, I trust in You..

CAPUCHIN FRIARS
Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.—Parish Priest
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Readings This Sunday

First: Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm: 47
Second: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

Readings Next Sunday

First: Acts 2: 1-11
Psalm: 104
Second: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7
Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 68	Acts 19:1-18	John 16:29-33
Tuesday	Ps 68	Acts 20:17-27	John 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Ps 68	Acts 20:28-38	John 17:11b-19
Thursday	Ps 16	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11	John 17:20-26
Friday	Ps 103	Acts 25:13b-21	John 21:15-19
Saturday	Ps 11	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	John 21:20-25

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Following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, **Ascension Day** is traditionally celebrated on a **Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter** according to inclusive counting, although some Christian denominations have moved the **observance to the following Sunday, sometimes called Ascension Sunday**.

At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: "**for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him**" (St. Leo).

—Catholic Culture



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. 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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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 have only received the hosts.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6thJune 7:00pm at St Mary’s Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina’s relic. All Welcome.

World Youth Day Auckland 2025: Signs of Hope | Saturday 2nd August 10am – 8:30pm. Calling all young people aged 13–35 (and their awesome youth leaders)! Join over 1,500 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2025 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community, and HOPE. Get ready for dynamic speakers, uplifting praise and worship, powerful prayer experiences, delicious (free) kai, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, and a huge celebration of our Catholic faith. Follow the link for more details and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25>

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.

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Planned Giving Tax Receipts & Envelope—please contact the parish office to collect your tax receipts. Those who have email ID should have received their tax receipts by email. Planned giving envelopes are available at the Foyer for collect.

Holy Cross Parish Volunteers

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

Special Parish Events Volunteers—if you can give up your time during any Big Parish Events, we would like to know your name. Please approach the people outside and give them your contact details. The Office staff will come back to you.

Flowers- As the flowers are getting expensive, we are giving the flower decorations to the community each week. It will be First Week - Tongan; Second Week - Samoan Community; 3rd week - OFS, Men's Fellowship, and Legion of Mary; 4th week - Filipino Community; 5th week - Fijian Community. Anyone who wants to donate some money for decorations, kindly email the office and we will pass it through the corresponding community for that week.

Ascension of the Lord 1st June 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Janice Borsos	Tongan Community	Catherine Tangiloa
Reader 1:	child	Jean Soniega	Cheryl Sinclair		Kiara Monteiro
Reader 2:	child	Savieti Lea	Gemma Dominguez		Sue Ivceovich
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Angel Cueva	Geraldine Soquera	Frank Borsos,		Michael Eade
	Jossie Cueva	Winnie Veikoso	Sina Patolo	Tongan Community	Pearlie T/Judd
	Grace Cueva		Piet Bakker		Daniele Monteiro
			Teresa Malone		
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship	Tongan Community	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrene
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito, Amanda	Caroline, Ranessa	Suzainne, Jordan,	Feeba, Ana
		& Isabel	Lawrence, Frencheska	Savanna	Lui & Jacob
Music Ministry	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Choir	Tongan Community	Couples for Christ
Offertory					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy	

Pentecost 7th & 8th June 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Betham Family
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Bonita	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Samoan Community	Gafatasi Endeman
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Savieti Lea	Yollanda D'Rozario		Maria Kumitau
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Nikolao Sagote Why	Delores Lesatele		Jannille Vafior
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva	Selesitina Levave	Noelene Earily		Michael Eade
	Dominica Cowan	Geraldine Sequera	Bernadette B/Bell	Samoan Community	Amosa Betham
	Grace Padilla		Chantal Sieglar		Sr Ake
	Lito Padilla		Sulieti Lesatele		
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		Cleaning Siemsen Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	Flowers Sr Ake & Friends	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	