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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

### 22nd of June 2025 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Solemnity

	<p><b>Responsorial Psalm Ps 110</b> <b>Response:</b> You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek!</p> <p><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".</p>	<p><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</p> <p><b>CARING COMMUNITY</b> Drop-in every <b>Tuesday</b> after 9am Mass</p> <p><b>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK</b> Every 3rd <b>Tuesday</b> of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch</p> <p><b>20 DECADE ROSARY</b> <b>Wednesday</b> -After 9am Mass</p> <p><b>RECONCILIATION</b> <b>Wednesday</b> - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment</p> <p><b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> <b>Thursday</b> - After 9am Mass until 12pm</p> <p><b>MEDITATION</b> Last <b>Friday</b> of the month at 10am</p> <p><b>BAPTISM COURSE</b> Every 3rd <b>Friday</b> of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre</p> <p><b>BAPTISM SCHEDULE</b> <b>Saturday</b> 10:30am, 11:30am, and 12:30pm</p> <p><b>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS</b> Every <b>First Saturday</b> of the Month at 6pm</p> <p><b>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS</b> Every <b>Sunday</b> 9:00am and 10:30am Mass</p> <p><b>FAITH SHARING</b> Every 4th <b>Sunday</b> of the month at 11.45am</p> <p><b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA &amp; ROSARY</b> Every 4th <b>Sunday</b> of the month 2pm-3pm</p>																								
<p><b>Wonder and Awe Before the Eucharist!</b> "While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." <i>Mark 14:22-24</i></p> <p>While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for man.</p> <p>In addition to the divine presence of our Lord and our God, the entire Mystery of our Redemption is made present. Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a "oneness in time" that links the Paschal Mystery, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the Paschal Mystery "leads us to profound amazement and gratitude" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, #5).</p> <p>Let your faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. Behold this great Gift of the Eucharist with the eyes of faith and you will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon you.</p>	<p><b>My ever-glorious Eucharistic Lord, I do believe that You are here, made present in our world under the form of bread and wine, every time the Holy Mass is celebrated. Fill me with a deeper faith in this Holy Gift, dear Lord, so that I may be drawn into wonder and awe every time I witness this holy Consecration. Jesus, I trust in You. Holy Trinity, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.</b></p>																									
<p><b>CAPUCHIN FRIARS</b> <b>Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.</b>—Parish Priest <b>Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap.</b>—Assistant Parish Priest</p> <p><b>Janice Borsos</b>— School Principal</p>	<p><b>Readings This Sunday</b> <b>First:</b> Genesis 14:18-20 <b>Psalm:</b> 110 <b>Second:</b> 1 Cor 11:23-26 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9:11b-17</p>	<p><b>Readings Next Sunday</b> <b>First:</b> Acts 12:1-11 <b>Psalm:</b> 34 <b>Second:</b> 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Mat 16:13-19</p>																								
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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**, which translates from Latin to "**Body of Christ**." This feast originated in France in the mid thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The **primary purpose** of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist. The **secondary focus** of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

**Corpus Cristi**—Sunday 22nd of June is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. We will be processing the Blessed Sacrament before the 10:30am Mass.



**A Gentle Reminder to Parents and Caregivers** - We warmly welcome families and children at our Masses — they are a joyful sign of a growing faith community. We kindly ask that you help us maintain a prayerful atmosphere by gently guiding your children to remain seated with you during Mass. We also encourage little ones to stay close to their parents and refrain from going up the steps to the balcony. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Your presence — and theirs — is truly a blessing!

**SVDP HENDERSON** — A reminder that St Vincent de Paul members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend. 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](mailto:hendersonsvdp@gmail.com).

**Holy Cross charismatic fellowship** will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 23rd of June at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All parishioners are welcome to attend. We will be reflecting on the 1st and 2nd chapter of St Paul's letter to the Galatians. Please bring your Bible along. For further information please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306 or [anilbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:anilbaptist@gmail.com).

**Holy Cross men's fellowship** will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 26th of June 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 or Anil Baptist on 0223649306.

**Preference Card**—will be signed by appointment only, every Tuesday from 11am until 12:00pm except the third Tuesday of the month which we have the Sacrament of the Sick. Signing of Preference Enrolment Certificate will only be available for **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 or their family are not 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 are required. 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. It is not a guarantee that they will be accepted.

We welcome back **Bro. Matthew Castrodos Apuda** back after spending time overseas doing his formation. He will continue with his study here in NZ. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

**Ngā mihi o Matariki**

<p><b>Faith Sharing Sunday</b></p> <p>Our next session for 2025 will be held Sun. 22nd June 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: Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap. (Parish Priest – Holy Cross Church)</p> <p>Topic : ‘ The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist’</p> <p>On the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ come and listen to Fr. Ephrem our Parish Priest speak about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, NOT symbolically or metaphorically BUT in a True, Real and Substantial way.....All are welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355</p> <p><b>( A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative )</b></p>	<p><b>FIRST COLLECTION —PRIEST</b></p> <p>Share Bishop’s Up-keep —15%</p> <p>Parish Priest’s &amp; Brother’s Upkeep</p> <p>Education of Capuchin Students</p>	<p><b>SECOND COLLECTION —PARISH</b></p> <p>Maintenance of Parish</p> <p>Stipend for Parish Workers</p> <p>Diocesan Administration</p> <p>Donations to Charity</p>
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<b>1st Collection</b>	\$ 2,626.60
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<b>Other Offering</b>	\$ 90.00

Monthly Parish Receipts and Disbursements Report are posted regularly on the church foyer board. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

**Holy Cross Website is up and under maintenance, we are now updating information on the website.**

**Planned Giving Tax Receipts & Envelope**—All tax receipts have been emailed or posted. Please remember to collect your planned giving envelopes from the Foyer. After the end of June, kindly arrange for collection from the Parish Office.

**Holy Cross Parish Ministers**

There will be training and refresher given to the following Ministries, Old and new please attend the training:

<b>Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers</b>	-	<b>Friday 27th of June at 7pm in the church</b>
<b>Leaders &amp; Readers</b>	-	<b>Friday 11th of July at 7pm in the church</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	-	<b>Friday 25th of July at 7pm in the church</b>

The Body and Blood of Christ 21st & 22nd June 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Margie D'Rozario	Bonita	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Kiara Monterio
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu			Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Martinez			Danielle Monterio
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva	Geraldine Sequera			Maria Seufatu
	Maria Alimagno	Selesitina Levave			Sagato Matau,
	Renante Alimagno				Michael Eade
	Dominica Cowan				John Garingo
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito, Amanda	Caroline, Renessa	Suzaine, Jordan	Ana, Feeba, Lui
		& Isabel	Frencheska, Lawrence	Niko, Joseph	Jacob
Music Ministry	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake and choir	Filipino Community	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Sts Peter and Paul 28th & 29th June 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Gafatasi Endemann	Jean Soniega	Paul Aalbers	Catherine Tanginoa	
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Frances Ah Ken	Ann McGrath	Donna Dizon	Jannielle Vafloor
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Music Ministry	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Evelyn Pereira	Sr Ake & Choir	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) Filipino Community	Flowers Fijian Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	