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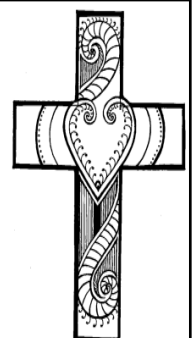
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20th of July 2025 Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 152 Response: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord!	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
	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".	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

Serving with Generosity!
Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak . Luke 10:38-39

Sometimes we can see love as a feeling or emotion. Though love is often accompanied by certain emotions and feelings, love is much more. It is an action. In this parable, if the Samaritan simply looked upon the victim and felt sorry for him, had compassion for him but then moved on, he would not have shown love. The love of charity is an action and requires much of us. If we are to fulfil this first and greatest commandment of love of God and neighbour, then we cannot wait until we feel like loving to act. Instead, we must act now and not hesitate. This is love .

Reflect, today, upon these two women and the unique calling they each were given at the time of Jesus' visit to their house. One was called to be fed by our Lord as she sat at His feet. The other was called to work hard so as to make it easier for her sister to receive that spiritual nourishment. Know that both of these callings are important. For that reason, if God calls you to be more like Martha at times, rejoice in that fact and work hard at serving in many ways. If God calls you to be more like Mary at times, then rejoice in those moments and sit prayerfully at the feet of our Lord, being fed by His holy Words.

My gentle Lord, when You came to the home of Martha and Mary, You fed Mary with Your Word and fed Martha by your gentle correction. I thank You for these two women and the roles they both play in teaching me how to love and to serve. May I always be diligent in my service to others, and may I always embrace every moment that You invite me to sit at Your feet in prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Faith Sharing Sunday Our next Session for 2025 will be held on Sun. 27th July 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. Cherubina M.C. (Missionaries of Charity) Topic : ‘A Channel of Peace’. Come and listen to Sr. Cherubina M.C. speak to us about how God is calling each one of us to become a Channel of Peace in our troubled world.....All are welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355 (A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative)

Holy Cross men's fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 24th of July 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

Altar Servers- There will be training and refresher given to the following Ministries, Old and new please attend the training: **Friday 25th of July at 7pm in the church**

Ordination for a Permanent Diaconate—our very own Adolf Goldwyn who is one of the catechist for our RCIA will be ordained on Saturday, the **2nd of August at the St Patrick’s Cathedral, 11:00 am**. He will assist in our Parish on Sunday the **3rd of August at the 10:30 am Mass** officially as a Permanent Deacon. This will be followed by a shared lunch.

The **ministry of the Deacon** is one of service and charity, of witness and proclaiming the Good News, and of leadership in prayer and liturgy. The Deacon is committed to the Bishop and the local Church through ordination. His ministry is established to reflect the ministry of Christ, so that strengthened and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, he serves and enables others to serve and thus become actively involved in the faith community.

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.

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Holy Cross Parish Henderson Baptism Program– We welcome families wishing to have their child baptised in our parish. Please note the following requirements: Child must be less than 7 years of age, Parents (or at least one) are Catholics, Parents (or at least one) must attend, Sponsors/Godparents (or at least one) need to attend. A Baptism Preparation Course is held **every 3rd Friday of the month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** and facilitated by the Missionaries of Charity Sisters. After attending the course, the Sisters will provide you with a form to email to the Parish Office to arrange a Baptism date . Baptisms are held on Saturdays only, at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, or 12:30 pm. For any inquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time 19th & 20th July 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Secular Franiscan	Bonita	Sr Akenes	Tai Asiata	Legion of Mary
Reader 1:		Jean Soniega	Maria Jose	Maria Kunitau	
Reader 2:		Savieti Lea	Nikolao Whyte	Yollando D'Rozario	
Ministers of Holy Communion:		Geraldine Sequera	Jennifer Baptist	Filemoni & Maria	
		Selesitina Levave	Bernadette B/Bell	Lena San Gabriel	
				Gerry San Gabriel	
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony/Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito, Amanda	Caroline, Ranessa	Suzainne, Jordan,	Feeba, Ana
		& Isabel	Lawrence, Frencheska	Niko & Joseph	Lui & Jacob
Music Ministry:	Secular Franciscan	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Sr Ake & Choir	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time 26th & 27th July 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Margie D'Rozario	Bonita	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu			Kiara Monterio
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Martinez			Danielle Monterio
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Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family		
Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	