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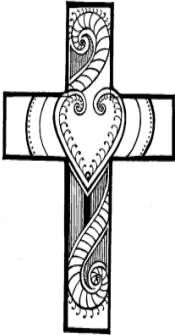
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3rd of August 2025 Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

	<p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 90 Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart!</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</p> <p>CARING COMMUNITY Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch</p> <p>20 DECADE ROSARY Wednesday –After 9am Mass</p> <p>RECONCILIATION Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment</p> <p>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Thursday– After 9am Mass until 12pm</p> <p>MEDITATION Last Friday of the month at 10am</p> <p>BAPTISM COURSE Every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre</p> <p>BAPTISM SCHEDULE Saturday 10:30am, 11:30am, and 12:30pm</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm</p> <p>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS Every Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am Mass</p> <p>FAITH SHARING Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am</p> <p>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm</p>																								
<p>Being Cheated!</p> <p><i>Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Luke 12:13-14</i></p> <p>Many things in life are not fair. Children are keenly aware of this any time they sense they have been cheated by a sibling. They complain to their parents, just as the person in the crowd quoted above complained to Jesus about his brother. We want justice and can become quite upset when we feel that we have been dealt an injustice. Reflect, today, upon the spiritual and eternal blessings that come from relying solely upon God and not upon material wealth. This is a hard lesson for most people to learn. If this is your struggle, then try to take on the eternal perspective. Try to look beyond the temporary stability and pleasures that come from accumulating earthly wealth, so that you will see the eternal riches that come from seeking God alone. Everything in this world will one day pass away. In the light of that fact, recommit yourself to the embrace of God's riches by loving others through every injustice you encounter in life.</p> <p>Most merciful Lord, You endured the greatest injustice ever known. But in the face of that injustice, You offered mercy and the gift of salvation, transforming that injustice into the greatest act of love ever offered. Help me to imitate Your merciful heart and to see injustice, poverty, and every difficulty I encounter as an opportunity to turn more fully to You. Jesus, I trust in You.</p>																										
<p>CAPUCHIN FRIARS Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.—Parish Priest Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Parish Priest Fr. Praveen Lobo OFM Cap—Franciscan Priest</p> <p>Janice Borsos– School Principal</p>																										
<p>Readings This Sunday</p> <p>First: Ecc 1:2; 2-21-23 Psalm: 90 Second: Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21</p>	<p>Readings Next Sunday</p> <p>First: Wis 18:6-9 Psalm: 33 Second: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48</p>	<p>Scripture Readings for the week</p> <table><tr><td>Monday</td><td>Ps 81</td><td>Num 11: 4b-15</td><td>Mat 14:13-21</td></tr><tr><td>Tuesday</td><td>Ps 51</td><td>Num 12: 1-13</td><td>Mat 14:22-36</td></tr><tr><td>Wednesday</td><td>Ps 97</td><td>Dan 7:9-10,13-14</td><td>Luke 9:28b-36</td></tr><tr><td>Thursday</td><td>Ps 95</td><td>Num 20: 1-13</td><td>Mat 16:13-23</td></tr><tr><td>Friday</td><td>Ps 77</td><td>Deut 4:32-40</td><td>Mat 16:24-28</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday</td><td>Ps 18</td><td>Deut 6:4-13</td><td>Mat 17:14-20</td></tr></table>	Monday	Ps 81	Num 11: 4b-15	Mat 14:13-21	Tuesday	Ps 51	Num 12: 1-13	Mat 14:22-36	Wednesday	Ps 97	Dan 7:9-10,13-14	Luke 9:28b-36	Thursday	Ps 95	Num 20: 1-13	Mat 16:13-23	Friday	Ps 77	Deut 4:32-40	Mat 16:24-28	Saturday	Ps 18	Deut 6:4-13	Mat 17:14-20
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Annual General Meeting—of Holy Cross Parish Henderson will be held on Sunday 21st of September from 12:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden Parish Hall. This is due to the Parish Hall not being available for use until later next year. This is also a good opportunity to **nominate** someone to be an elected member of the **Parish Pastoral Council.** We encourage young people to inject new blood to the council and help serve the community.

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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 (19th of August). 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.**

Please note the following exceptions:

No signing on 5th August due to the unavailability of priests.

12th August signing is available only for Option 5.1–5.3. Option 5.4 will not be available, as the Parish Priest will still be away.

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26th - 27th August: 6pm - 9pm at Christ the King Church, Owairaka Auckland; **28th August:** 6pm - 9pm Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton; **29th August:** 6pm - 9pm Sacred Heart Church, Petone, Wellington; **30th August:** 11am - 5pm at Christ the King Church, Auckland; **31st August:** 2pm - 7pm at Christ the King Church, Auckland

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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.**

Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time 2nd & 3rd August 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Tongan Community	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	child	Savieti Lea	Chris Mendes		Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	child	Anita Cupta	Gemma Dominques		Jannielle Vafior
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lito Padilla	Selesitina Levave	Colleen Aalbers		Malia Seufatu
	Jossie Cueva	Geraldine Sequera	Flor Skinner		Pearl Thomas
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Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony & Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers	Joseph & Sephan	Tito, Isabel	Caroline. Lawrence	Suzainne, Jordan,	Lui & Jacob
		Amanda	Francheska	Niko & Joseph	Ana, Feeba
Music Ministry	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Choir	Tongan Community	Couples for Christ
Offertory					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy	

Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time 9th & 10th August 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Betham Family
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Jean Soniega	Janice Borsos	Samoan Community	Sr Ake Nun Toon
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Mike Smith		Kimberly Suan
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