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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

# 10th of August 2025 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 33

**Response:** Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own!

#### **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".

#### Vigilance, Attentiveness, Action!

Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. " Luke 12:35-37

Vigilance, hard work, determination, attentiveness, fidelity—these are some of the qualities that Jesus is speaking about. To "gird your loins" means that you are immediately prepared for some challenging task. You are ready for the hard work ahead and are committed to it. To "light your lamps" implies that you are not in the dark but that your mind is enlightened in such a way that you are able to see that which is the will of God.

Reflect, today, upon the call from God to always be attentive to His voice the instant He speaks. Reflect upon how aware you are of His constant presence in your life and His ongoing communication. Know that if you can form a habit of always listening, then you will never miss out on the grace-filled mission given to you by our Lord. Always listen to Him, seek out His still and gentle voice, and be ready to respond to Him every time He calls.

My ever-speaking Lord, You have so much to say and so much to reveal. Please enlighten my mind and strengthen my resolve to always listen to you and respond with all my heart. Your will is perfect and will lead me to a life of the deepest joy and fulfilment. May I believe this with all my heart and act accordingly. Jesus, I trust in You.

#### **CAPUCHIN FRIARS**

Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.—Parish Priest Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Parish Priest Fr. Praveen Lobo OFM Cap-Franciscan Priest

Janice Borsos-School Principal

#### 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

### **Readings This Sunday**

First: Wis 18:6-9 **Psalm:** 33

Second: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

# **Readings Next Sunday**

First: Jer 38: 4-6. 8-10 Psalm: 40 Second: Heb 12: 1-4

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

### **Scripture Readings for the week**

Ps 147 Deut 10: 12-22 Mat 17: 22-27 Monday Tuesday Deut 32 Deut 31: 1-8 Mat 18: 1-5,10,12-14 Mat 18: 15-20 Wednesday Ps 66 Deut 34: 1-12 Josh 3: 7-10a,11,13-17 Mat 18: 21-19: 1 Thursday Ps 114 Ps 45 Rev 11: 19a;12: 1-6a,10ab Luke 1: 39-56 Friday Josh 24: 14-29 Saturday Ps 16 Mat 19: 13-15

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Unauthorized parking hours (without Parish Permit Card): **Monday to Friday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, and Monday to Sunday: 10:00 pm - 6:00 am**.

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- **Feast of St Clare**—Monday the 11th of August, there will be Crown rosary at 8:25 am followed by Mass at 9:00 am in honour of St Clare of Assisi. Inspired by the teachings of St. Francis, she founded the **Order of Poor Ladies**, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition. The Order of Poor Ladies was different from any other order or convent because it followed a rule of strict poverty.
- The Solemnity Of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary-Friday the 15th of August, The Legion Of Mary Gate Of Heaven Praesidium invites you and your families to join us in honouring Our Blessed Mother on this Feast Day. We will begin with Rosary Prayer at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Let us all come together in Prayer this Holy Day. "O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us"

Sacrament of the Sick—Tuesday the 19th of August at 11 am followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Thursday the 21st of August at 7 pm at the Pastoral Centre.

#### Sacramental Program 2025

Reconciliation—Saturday the 16th of August at 10:30 am.

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion—** Saturday the 6th of September at 10:30 am (celebrated by Most Reverent Bishop Steve Lowe).

Let us pray for all 70 candidates that the Holy Spirit guide them and their families in this most special day in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

**SVDP HENDERSON** — The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson would like to thank you for your ongoing support & prayers. Members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses next weekend. If you wish to donate online, 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.

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- **Secular Franciscan Order** will meet Sunday, 10th of August in Holy Cross Pastoral Centre at 2:00pm. Visitors are welcome. (Every second Sunday of the month). For further details, please contact Jan Cherrington on 0211875176 or email jancherrington@gmail.com.
- 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: 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.

Divine Retreat Centre, New Zealand (DRCNZ) invites you to a Spiritual Retreat on the Healing Power of the Eucharist, led by Fr Joseph Edattu VC, Director, Divine Retreat Centre, UK. The retreat begins from 26th to 31st August 2025, across Auckland Hamilton and Wellington. All are welcome. No registration required. Koha gracefully accepted. Retreat dates and venues as below:

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.

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
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Frances Ah Ken	Maria Jose		Sue Ivicevich
Ministers of Holy Communion:			Frank Borsos		Michael Eade
	Jessica D'Silva	Francis Ah Ken	Sherry Smith		John Galingo
	Dominica Cowan	Winnie Veikoso	Teresa Malone		Neil Fernandes
			Sulieti Lesatele		
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Anthony & Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito & Amanda	Caroline, Lawrence	Suzainne, Jordan,	Ana, Feeba
		Isabel	Francheska	Niko & Joseph	Lui & Jacob
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Betham Family
Offertory					
		Cleaning Siemsen Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	Flowers Ahio & Veatupu Family Tania Liuagamatagi	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time 16th & 17th August 2025 Mass Vigil Sat 6pm Sun 7am Sun 9 am Sun 10.30am Sun 6pm Bonita Vicky Coakley Tai Asiata Leader: Reader 1: Jean Soniega Tina Turagabeci Maria Kumitau Reader 2: Savieti Lea Anil Baptist Jacinta Lemana Secular Franiscan Geraldine Seguera Paul Coakley Filemoni & Maria Legion of Mary Ministers of Selesitina Levave Jennifer Baptist Lucy Goldwyn Holy Noelene Earlly Communion: Bernadette B/Berll Phyllis, Mark, & Anthony & Men's Michael Eade / Filemoni & Celino Collector: Soniega Family Elridge Flocy Membrere Fellowship Tito & De Jesus Caroline & Renessa Feeba, Ana Joseph, Sephan Suzainne, Jordan Altar Servers: Savanna Lui & Jacob Music Ministry: Secular Franciscan Quiet Mass Lesatele Family Sr Ake & Choir Legion of Mary Offertory Cleaning

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