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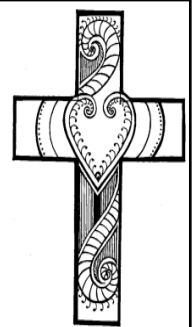
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7th of September 2025 Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 90 Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been not refuge!	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 PREFERENCE SIGNING Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesday from 11 am to 12 pm only

Motivations of Love!

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."
Luke 14:25-26

Why would Jesus exhort the "great crowds" to hate their families? In fact, Jesus went even further than that. He said they must also hate their own lives. If they do not, then they cannot be His disciples. One thing that this shocking teaching did was to shake people out of their lukewarm faith. Sometimes we think of Jesus only as a kind and gentle soul Who always brightens people's days. We see images painted of the smiling Jesus Who always made people feel welcomed and loved. And though these images have truth, it is also true that one way He brightened their days was by challenging them to the core of their being to convert. And that is what Jesus does today in our Gospel. Reflect, today, upon the passion that you must have to reject all forms of sin. This includes sin that tempts you through the mediation of your family and friends. It also includes every form of temptation that arises within you on account of your disordered human nature. This holy hatred is an act of love in that it seeks to eliminate everything that keeps you from true love. Choose, today, to be a faithful disciple of Jesus and commit yourself to reject all that seeks to interfere with this choice. Doing so will not only increase your love for God, it will also increase your love for others, and even your love for your own soul.

My passionate Lord, You exhorted the crowds to reject every form of temptation that interfered with their love of You. Please fill my soul with a holy hatred for sin and all temptation so that I can reject them with passion. May I love You above all things and from that love, love others and even my own soul with Your Sacred Heart. Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Readings This Sunday	Readings Next Sunday	Scripture Readings for the week		
First: Wis 9: 13-18b Psalm: 90 Second: Phil 1: 9-10, 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33	First: Num 21: 4b-9 Psalm: 78 Second: Phil 2: 6-11 Gospel: John 3: 13-17	Monday Ps 13 Tuesday Ps 145 Wednesday Ps 145 Thursday Ps 150 Friday Ps 16 Saturday Ps 113	Mic 5: 1-4a Col 2: 6-15 Col 3: 1-11 Col 3: 12-17 1 Tim 1: 1-2, 12-14 1 Tim 1: 15-17	Mat 1: 1-16, 18-23 Luke 6: 12-19 Luke 6: 20-26 Luke 6: 27-38 Luke 6: 39-42 Luke 6: 43-49

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Legion of Mary—In honour of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, the Legion of Mary (Gates of Heaven Praesidium) warmly invites everyone to join them in celebration at the 6:00pm Mass this Sunday, 7th September.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—A Mass will be celebrated in commemoration of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 8th of September Monday at 7 pm.

Ministry work—For those who have missed the Parish Training for the Ministers and Altar Server, please make sure that you attend the below refresher training, in order to serve as a minister in our Parish. **Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister**—12th of September Friday at 7 pm; **Minister of the Word**—19th of September Friday at 7 pm. Commissioning will be on the 28th of September on all Masses. **Only those who have attended the refresher training will get a certificate and be commissioned to serve.**

Secular Franciscan Order - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 14th of September at 2 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. If you would like to know more about our Order you are most welcome to come and meet us. For further details, please contact Jan Cherrington on 0211875176 or email jancherrington@gmail.com.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—will be celebrated on Sunday the 14th of September. Please expect to have the principal Mass at 10:30 am to be a bit longer than usual as

Sacrament of the sick— Tuesday the 16th of September at 11am, followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome! There will be no **Preference signing** during this time.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul—would like to invite anyone who is lonely and in any kind of need to our Welcoming and Listening group on the Second Saturday of the month after the 8am Mass in the church meeting room. Hot drinks and biscuits provided.

Marriage and Funerals—if you want a marriage or a funeral done in Holy Cross Church, please email the office and before setting up a date, you will need to speak to the Parish Priest. By emailing the Parish Office, we can send you the requirements needed.

Feast Auckland Catholic community presents: JEWELS Conference 2025: She Will Not Be Moved (Jesus in Every Woman Empowered to Love & Serve) Women of all ages, this is our sacred space. Let's gather for heart-and-soul-nourishing talks, fun, & faith-filled fellowship! 13 Sep 2025, 9am-4pm, 6 Rockridge Ave, Penrose. Tickets: www.jewelsconferenceauckland.com

Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network—We invite all young adults to Made for More. Please join us for a morning of fellowship, praise, teaching and food. This is your chance to get to know others who share your faith. Sept 13th, 9.00am -1pm at Chinese Community Centre, 84 Kelmarna Rd, Herne Bay. Numbers are limited. Please register at REGISTRATION:[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/3A5XN34T](https://tinyurl.com/3A5XN34T)

Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network—are conducting a retreat for young adults, on Saturday 13th of September. Please see poster for more details.

Holy Cross Seminary would like to invite all parishioners to the Diaconate Ordination of Ryan Sy, Emilio Capin, Linh Cao Friday, 26 September 2025, 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding.

Season of Creation—caring for our environment, please join me to ponder Pope Francis message in “Laudato Si”, his letter to us all on our relationship with Creation. Zoom sessions: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th September & 3rd October at 7 – 7.30 pm. Please contact Dianna Fouhy: diannaf@cda.org.nz



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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.**

Twenty Third Week of Ordinary Time 6th & 7th September 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Janice Borsos	Tongan Community	Legion of Mary
Reader 1:	child	Sabrina Veatupu	Cheryl Sinclair		
Reader 2:	child	Nikolao Whyte	Yollando D'Rozario		
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Angel Cueva	Ann Mckeown	Frank Borsos		
	Jossie Cueva	Mike Mckeown	Pearlie Tomas	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
	Grace Padilla		Piet Bakker		
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship		
Altar Servers	Joseph & Sephan		Caroline. Lawrence,	Suzainne, Jordan,	Feeba, Lui, Ana
	Liam		Frencheska	Tino & Joseph	Jacob
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Choir	Tongan Community	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy	

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 13th & 14th September 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Betham Family
Leader :	Margie D'Rozario	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Samoan Community	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Mike Smith		Loretta Ahio
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Frances Ah Ken	Ann McGrath		Gavin Colaco
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Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Betham Family
Offertory					
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