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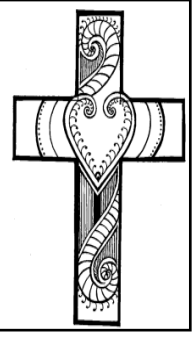
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## 14th of September 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

	<b>Responsorial Psalm Ps 78</b> <b>Response:</b> Do not forget the works of the Lord!	<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
	<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".	<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

### The Transforming Power of the Cross!

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him ."*  
*Luke 3: 16-17*

If Jesus would never have given His life on a cross for the salvation of the world, then a cross would never have been seen in "exultation." A cross, in and of itself, is an instrument of death, a horrific and violent death. It's also an instrument of humiliation and torture. Yet, today, the Cross is seen as a holy and blessed object.

The truth is that whatever your heaviest cross is, there is extraordinary potential for that cross to become an actual source of grace in your life and in the world. But this is only possible if you embrace that cross in faith and hope so that our Lord can unite it to His and so that your crosses can also share in the exaltation of Christ's Cross.

Reflect, today, upon your own crosses. As you do, try not to see them as a burden. Instead, realize the potential within those crosses. Prayerfully look at your crosses as invitations to share in Christ's Cross. Say "Yes" to your crosses. Choose them freely. Unite them to Christ's Cross. As you do, have hope that God's glory will come forth in your life and in the world through your free embrace of them. Know that these "burdens" will be transformed and become a source of exaltation in your life by the transforming power of God .

*My exalted Lord, I turn to You in my need and with the utmost faith in Your divine power to save. Please give me the grace I need to fully embrace every cross in my life with hope and faith in You. Please transform my crosses so that You will be exalted through them and so that they will become an instrument of Your glory and grace. Jesus, I trust in You .*

<b>CAPUCHIN FRIARS</b> <b>Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap.</b> —Parish Priest <b>Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap.</b> —Assistant Parish Priest <b>Fr. Praveen Lobo OFM Cap.</b> —Franciscan Priest <b>Capuchin Fraire Unmanned Mobile No.</b> —+64 22 171 5669 <b>Janice Borsos</b> — School Principal																											
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**Liturgical Feast:**  
Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.’ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him (Jn 3:13-17).



**Wonder and gratitude**  
Lifting up our gaze should not enkindle fear, but gratitude, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves His children, in His Son. It is the Mercy of God, therefore, which, as is the case with Nicodemus, illuminates the darkness of our lives and allows us to continue on our journey.

**There is no neutrality regarding the Cross**  
We cannot remain neutral regarding the Cross of Jesus. Either we are with Him or we are against Him. A choice is made before every action, for the actions of a Christian are none other than the testimony of how “God has love us so much that he gave His only Son, Jesus”.

**Prayers**  
We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout the whole world, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

**(Saint Francis of Assisi)**  
Most High glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart.  
Grant me an upright faith, secure hope and perfect charity. Fill me with understanding and knowledge that I may fulfil your command. Amen.

**(Prayer of Saint Francis before the Crucifix of San Damiano)**  
\*\*\**Vatican News*



“Happy Feast Day to all! Our parish is deeply grateful to each of you for your kindness and generosity—through your financial support, spiritual devotion, and active service.”

**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. ; **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.**

**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 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. Contact hendersonsvdp@gmail.com or Ph 022 687 4694 for your receipt.

**Marriage and Funerals**—if you want a marriage or a funeral celebrated in Holy Cross Church, 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.

**Chewing gums**—Chewing gum is strictly forbidden inside the church. This is a sacred place of worship and must be treated with reverence at all times. We ask everyone to show respect for God’s house by not chewing gum during Mass or while inside the church. Please also refrain from leaving your empty bottled water, there is a bin in the foyer.

**Health & Safety for children**—Children must remain under the supervision of a parent or guardian at all times. Please do not allow children to run or play inside the church, foyer, or car park. Take extra care when moving around before and after Mass, especially near candles, steps, and doorways. When crossing the car park, please hold children’s hands and watch for moving vehicles. Together, let us ensure that our children can participate in the celebration of the Mass in a safe, respectful, and peaceful environment.

**Columban Calendar 2026**—are now available for sale in the Parish Office for \$13 each. A nice Christmas gift.

**Finance Committee Volunteer**—are looking for a Finance Committee Treasurer volunteer for Holy Cross Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

**PPC Meeting**—next Thursday 18th of September at 7 PM.

**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.

**Youth Event – Don’t Miss Out!** Join us for an awesome afternoon of games, music, food, prayer, and an inspiring talk by Fr. Shenan Bouquet from the USA! He’ll be speaking about the dignity of the human person and what it means to live your faith as a Catholic teen today. Bring your friends and your questions. Come for the food and stay for something deeper! Ages 13–18. Sunday 21 September 2pm – 8pm at St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. For more info contact **Amie Franswah 027 350 8227. FLI.ORG.NZ/HUMAN-DIGNITY-YOUTH-EVENT"**stdominicsparish@xtra.co.nz" <stdominicsparish@xtra.co.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.**

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 13th & 14th September 2025					
Mass	<u>Vigil Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7am</u>	<u>Sun 9 am</u>	<u>Sun 10.30am</u>	<u>Betham Family</u>
<b>Leader :</b>	Margie D'Rozario	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Samoan Community	Catherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Mike Smith		Loretta Ahio
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Chris Mendes	Frances Ah Ken	Ann McGrath		Gavin Colaco
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Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 20th & 21st September 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Secular Franiscan	Bonita	Kiara Monteiro	Tai Asiata	Legion of Mary
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