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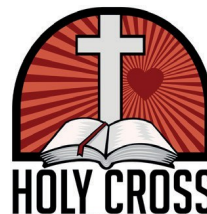
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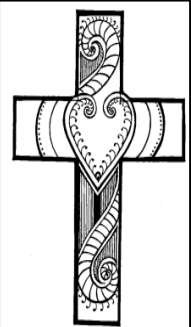
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28th of September 2025 Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 146 Response: Praise the Lord my soul!	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 PREFERENCE SIGNING Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesday from 11 am to 12 pm only
	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".	

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Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham." Luke 16:19-22

Reflect, today, upon the stark contrast between Lazarus and the rich man. One dined sumptuously every day, was clothed in fine linen and purple garments and then spent eternity in the netherworld where he was tormented. The other longed to eat the scraps from another's table, had no home, was covered in sores, but spent eternity in Heaven after being carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. Choose to imitate Lazarus rather than the rich man. If you have many material possessions, work hard at being detached from them. Live simply, be generous, and never neglect those in need. If you have very little, do not covet more. Eliminate envy, don't despair, trust in the providence of God, and rejoice that, like Lazarus, you are able to build up eternal riches within your soul that will remain with you forever.

Lord of true riches, the spiritual wealth of true virtue, charity, faith and hope are all that matters in life. Material possessions mean little in this life and are a source of many temptations. Please free me from the desire for wealth. Free me from greed, selfishness and envy. Fill me with a spirit of detachment and generosity, and help me to build up true treasure in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You .




Scripture Readings for the week			
Monday	Ps 138	Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14	John 1: 47-51
Tuesday	Ps 87	Zech 8: 20-23	Luke 9: 51-56
Wednesday	Ps 137	Neh 2: 1-8	Luke 9: 57-62
Thursday	Ps 19	Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	Mat 18: 1-5, 10
Friday	Ps 79	Bar 1: 15-22	Luke 10: 13-16
Saturday	Ps 69	Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29	Luke 10: 17-24

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Holy Cross AGM 2025—The Parish would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in our recent AGM held on the 21st of September at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. We are grateful to all who worked hard in preparing their reports, and to our priests—Fr. Ephrem (Parish Priest), Fr. Daniel (Assistant Parish Priest), and Fr. Praveen (Assistant Capuchin Priest)—for their presence and support. Special thanks also to Tai, our PPC Chairperson; Madelene, our Vice Chairperson; Lose, our PPC Secretary, for their dedicated service; and to Florita, our out going Finance Treasurer, for her amazing Finance presentation. We deeply appreciate the efforts of Phyllis, Chairperson of the Caring Community, and Michael, Chairperson of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, for helping in the kitchen; the leaders of our groups and communities; and Janice, our Holy Cross School Principal, for her continued support. Most of all, we thank our parishioners for always supporting our parish activities and for offering valuable feedback that helps us grow and improve in our service. May the Holy Trinity continue to guide us as we work together to build a welcoming, vibrant, and faith-filled parish community.

Faith Sharing Sunday - Our next session will be held on Sun. 28th Sept. at 11.45am (after the 10.30am Mass)
We will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day, followed by a shared lunch.
Speaker: Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap. (Assistant Parish Priest – Holy Cross Parish). Topic : ‘Synodality in the Year of Jubilee 2025’. Come and listen to Fr. Daniel speak to us about Synodality and how we manifest it in the Year of Jubilee 2025.....All are welcome!
For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355
(*A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative*)

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope—Holy Cross Parish Henderson, together with the OFS (Secular Franciscan Order), is preparing something truly special! This 22nd of November, we are planning a Parish Pilgrimage to St Patrick’s Cathedral as part of our Jubilee celebrations.

A bus will depart from Holy Cross Henderson at 9:15 am (tickets will be on sale soon) to go to St Patrick’s Cathedral, Mass will be at 10:30 am and a shared lunch after Mass at Liston Hall. A bus will depart St Patrick’s Cathedral at 2 pm.

All parishioners are warmly invited to take part in this grace-filled journey of faith and fellowship.



Ministry work—For those who can not attend the seminar due to having the training at night we will have one last session in the afternoon. **Only those who have attended the refresher training will get a certificate and be commissioned to serve.**

Samoan Community Youth Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Sunday 28th September after the 10.30am mass, to help with end of year activities. Thank you for your support.

St. Vincent de Paul—Over the past month, your prayers & monetary support, helped create 39 food parcels - that's a smile on the dial of 66 adults & 12 children across Henderson & neighbouring communities. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, you can do so by way of 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 at Holy Cross Parish Church Henderson, please email the office and before setting up a date, you will need to speak to the Parish Priest before the celebration will be scheduled. By emailing the Parish Office, we can send you the requirements needed.

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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 Sixth Week of Ordinary Time 27th & 28th September 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Jean Soniega	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Sabrina Veatupu			Neil Fernandes
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Martinez			Jannielle Vafior
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva	Mike Mckeown			Maria Seufatu
	Maria Alimagno	Ann Mckeown			Sagato Matau,
	Renante Alimagno				Michael Eade
					John Garingo
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito, Amanda	Caroline,	Tino, Joseph	Francis, Juvan
	Liam	& Isabel	Frencheska, Lawrence	Suzaine & Jordan	Lui & Jacob
Music Minister:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Vakauta Family	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Twenty Seventh Week of Ordinary Time 4th & 5th October 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Anil Baptist	Tongan Community	Kiara Monteiro
Reader 1:	child	Jean Soniega	Delores Lesatele		Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	child	Savieti Lea	Yollando D'Rozario		Gavin Colaco
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Litto Padilla	Selesitina Levave	Jennifer Baptist		Michael Eade
	Jossie Cueva	Geraldine Sequera	Piet Bakker		Pearlie T. Judd
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	Liam	Amanda	Lawrence	Tino & Joseph	Lui & Jacob
Music Minister:	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	