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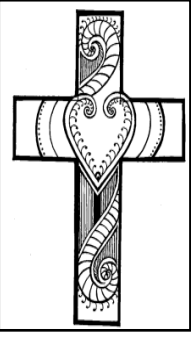
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5th of October 2025 Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 95 Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts!	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".	

Nourished by Faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." *Luke 17: 5-6*

Is it possible to completely uproot a tree and plant it in the sea? It's certainly hard to imagine how. How much faith is equal to a mustard seed? A mustard seed is small, very small. It measures only about one millimetre in length. People who worked the soil at that time would have known that it was among the smallest of seeds they planted. For that reason, Jesus uses this familiar image to teach the apostles that faith, even a little faith, is powerful.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of the apostles: "Increase our faith." Some of the greatest mystics taught that faith darkens the intellect. By this darkening, they mean that, by faith, God will lead us into the unknown, on a path that He alone is aware of. We will become instruments of His transforming grace in ways that are completely beyond our natural abilities. Pray for an increase of faith. When our Lord hears your humble prayer, by which you also confess your lack of faith, He will increase that faith, uproot sin and evil, and plant your soul in places in which you become nourished in ways that you could have never imagined possible.

Most glorious Lord, Increase my faith. Give me a pure faith—a faith that enables You to lead me down the unknown path to Your glory. With this gift of faith, please use me to bring forth Your miraculous power by which sin is uprooted and souls are nourished by You alone. Jesus, I trust in You.




Readings This Sunday		Readings Next Sunday		Scripture Readings for the week			
First: Hab 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4	Psalm: 95	First: 2 Kings 5: 14-17	Psalm: 98	Monday	Jonah 2	Jonah 1:1, 2: 1-2, 1	Luke 10: 25-37
Second: 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14	Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10	Second: 2 Tim 2: 8-13	Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19	Tuesday	Ps 130	Jonah 3: 1-10	Luke 10: 38-42
				Wednesday	Ps 86	Jonah 4: 1-11	Luke 11: 1-4
				Thursday	Ps 1	Neh 3: 13-18, 4: 1-2b	Luke 11: 5-13
				Friday	Ps 9	Joel 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2	Luke 11: 15-26
				Saturday	Ps 97	Joel 4: 12-21	Luke 11: 27-28

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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 9:00 am, Holy Eucharist will be at 10:30 am in St. Patrick’s Cathedral and a light refreshment will be served 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. **Unfortunately there are only 150 people that we can accommodate to go to Liston Hall** for a light refreshments. So be quick and get your tickets now. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for the bus and \$5 for the light refreshments). Only the people who bought the ticket will be able to go to have a light refreshments, so this will be a first **come first serve basis**. People can still go to the Cathedral to join our Eucharistic Celebration.

A choir is being set up for this Holy Mass, so if you are interested please contact Tai at 0210 815 3015. Only those who are buying a ticket can join the choir.

For more details please see the posters on the door or the inserts in this bulletin.



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.**

Columban Calendar 2026— is now on sale in the Parish office for \$13. Avail of your limited copy now, before it is sold out. It is a good gift for Christmas.

St. Vincent de Paul—The St Vincent de Paul Society 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.

Secular Franciscans will meet this Sunday, 12th of October in Holy Cross Pastoral Centre at 2:30pm. Visitors are welcome. (Every second Sunday of the month)

Legion of Mary invites you to join them in observing October as the Month of The Holy Rosary. To encourage devotion to Our Lady, they'll be distributing Holy Rosaries, Brown Scapulars & Miraculous Medals on Sunday 19th October after the 6pm mass. All are welcome to receive these sacred items. May this initiative bring spiritual growth and devotion to Our Lady among parishioners and their families.

Sacrament of the Sick— Tuesday the 21st of October at 11 am followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome!!! There will be no Preference signing.

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.

World Apostolate of Fatima—We are blessed to offer the opportunity for parishioners to welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their homes. For more info, please contact: Agnes Lafaele, WAF President, Diocese of Auckland, mobile no. 021 293 1807.

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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 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		Sr Ake Nun Toon
Reader 1:	child	Jean Soniega	Delores Lesatele	Tongan Community	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		Kiara Monterio
	Grace Padilla		Josephine Kim		Neil Fernandes
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Tito, Isabel	Caroline, Frencheska	Suzainne, Jordan,	Feeba, Juvan
	Liam	Amanda	Lawrence	Tino & Joseph	Lui & Jacob
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	

Twenty Eighth Week of Ordinary Time 11th & 12th October 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Betham Family
Leader :	Margie D'Rozario	Bonita	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Samoan Community	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Mike Smith		Kim Suan
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Frances Ah Ken	Danielle Monteiro		Loretta Ahio
Ministers of Holy Communion:					Michael Eade
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