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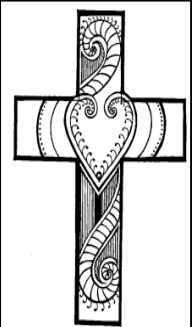


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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

### 19th of October 2025

	<p><b>Responsorial Psalm Ps 121</b> <b>Response:</b> Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!</p>	<p><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</p>																								
	<p><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".</p>	<p><b>CARING COMMUNITY</b> Drop-in every <b>Tuesday</b> after 9am Mass <b>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK</b> Every <b>3rd Tuesday</b> of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch <b>20 DECADE ROSARY</b> <b>Wednesday</b> -After 9am Mass <b>RECONCILIATION</b> <b>Wednesday</b> - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> <b>Thursday</b>- After 9am Mass until 12pm <b>MEDITATION</b> Last <b>Friday</b> of the month at 10am <b>BAPTISM COURSE</b> Every 3rd <b>Friday</b> of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre <b>BAPTISM SCHEDULE</b> <b>Saturday</b> 10:30am, 11:30am, and 12:30pm <b>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS</b> Every <b>First Saturday</b> of the Month at 6pm <b>HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS</b> Every <b>Sunday</b> 9:00am and 10:30am Mass <b>FAITH SHARING</b> Every <b>4th Sunday</b> of the month at 11.45am <b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA &amp; ROSARY</b> Every <b>4th Sunday</b> of the month 2pm-3pm <b>PREFERENCE SIGNING</b> Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesday from 11 am to 12 pm only</p>																								
<p><b>Justice Through Mercy!</b> <i>Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary! " Luke 18: 1</i></p> <p>In our parable for today, we have the witness of a widow who came to a dishonest judge and continuously begged him for a just judgment. Though the judge did not care about the woman, he eventually rendered a just decision for her because she was so persistent. It's interesting that Jesus used the image of a "dishonest judge" to teach us about persistent prayers being answered. He does so because He wants us to understand that if even those who are dishonest respond to persistence, then so much more will the Just Judge of Heaven respond to persistence .</p> <p>In our own lives, whenever we are wronged by another, we are often tempted to anger and to desire revenge in the name of justice. We want them to pay for what they did. If you ever feel that way, know that the greatest form of justice is mercy. Know that your free embrace of injustice brings forth the transforming power of God in a way that punishment or retribution could never accomplish. This is the form of justice we must pray for night and day.</p> <p>Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers.</p> <p><i>Most just Judge, You desire to transform every injustice into mercy by calling us to freely embrace those injustices out of love. This is a high calling, dear Lord, but it is also a glorious one. Please give me the grace I need to follow Your example and to persevere in this form of prayer always. Jesus, I trust in You .</i></p>																										
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**Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope**—Join Our Parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Patrick and St. Joseph! Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Year 2025. Step into this sacred journey of faith! On Saturday, 22nd November, our parish community will travel together to the Cathedral of St. Patrick and St. Joseph for a special Pilgrimage of Hope as part of the Jubilee Year celebrations.

We’ll journey by bus to the Cathedral, process through the Holy Door together, and celebrate a beautiful Mass as one family of faith. After Mass, we’ll share in fellowship with light refreshments before returning home — renewed, grateful, and filled with grace.

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**Tickets are nearly sold out and only \$15 per person (including bus transport and refreshments).** Don’t miss this grace-filled opportunity to walk together as Pilgrims of Hope and experience the blessings of this Jubilee Year! You can still attend the Mass but will not be accommodated in the Hall if you do not have a ticket. Discounted parking is available at Wilsons Hobson Street Car Park uses Pay by Plate machines or Wilsons Durham Lane Car Park To reduce the \$15 parking fee to \$3.50 for 3hrs by validation. You can download the Cathedral Car park map by scanning this QR Code.

**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**—A reminder that St Vincent de Paul members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend. 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 for your receipt or Ph 022 687 4694.

**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.

**All Souls Day**—There is a purple box to put the names of your beloved who have gone to their rest. The box will come with the offering every weekend Mass on November.

**Last trainings for the Leaders and readers**—will be on the Thursday of the 30th of October at 6 pm. For those who wish to be a Minister of the Word, please do not miss this training session as this will be the last training. Anyone who has not attended any of the courses will not be rostered even on the community Masses.

**Last trainings for the Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist and to the sick**— will be announced soon. Again, please do not miss this training session as this will be the last training. Anyone who has not attended any of the courses will not be rostered even on the community Masses.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE – 14 FEBRUARY 2026 | 4 PM – 6 PM | PRAISE IN THE PARK**—Join us for a free two-hour Catholic event beside the fountain at Mission Bay Beach with Praise and Worship, personal testimonies and Eucharistic Adoration. If you can assist with sponsorship or practical help on the day, please email aucklandccr@gmail.com.

**Faith Sharing Sunday** - Our next session will be held on Sun. 26th October 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: Sam Brebner (Manager of the Diocesan Ministries to Young People). Topic: ‘Light in the Dark: Living our Catholic faith in the face of peer pressure, bullying and the challenges of today ’. Come and listen to Sam speak to us the challenges of the youth coping with the pressure of standing up and bullying.....All are welcome!

For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355

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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 Ninth Week of Ordinary Time 18th & 19th October 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Paul John Aalbers	Kiara Monteiro	Olympia D'Souza
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Anita Gupta	Maria Jose	Maria Kunitau	Griselda Baptista
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Seprina Veatupu	Donalyn Dizon	Gemma Dominguez	Scarlet Baptista
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lloyd de Melo	Selestina Levave	Colleen Aalbers	Charmaine Monteiro	Anna Manoharan
	Michael Mckeown	Geraldine Sequera	Celino Orquejo	Maria Faleusu	Helan Roy
	Josephina Kim		Suzette Orquejo	Danielle Monteiro	
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	Joseph Seo	Amanda de Jesus	Carolyn Sibi	Joseph Uale	Feba Corray
	Zephan Saldanha	Titoe Smith			Lawrence Jacob Alabastro
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		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time 25th & 26th October 2025					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Anora D'Coata	Bonita Smith	Janice Borsos	Katherine Tanginoa	
Reader 1:	Gavin Colaco	Mary Turnwald	Cheryl Sinclair	Maria Kunitau	
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Frances Ah Ken	Maria Jose	Agnes Benavides	
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Miguel Padilla	Winnie Veikoso	Chantal Sieglar	Melitta Cadelis	
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