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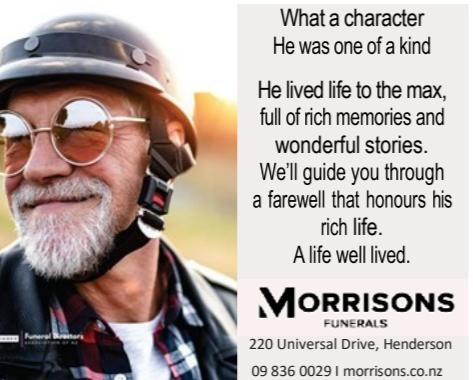
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on" -Padre Pio

## 8th of February 2026— Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



### Responsorial Psalm Ps 112

Response: The just man is a light in  
darkness to the upright!

### 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".

### Flavor, Preservation, and Purity!

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." Matthew 5: 13

Sodium chloride, also known as salt, is one of the most commonly used substances in the world, used for seasoning, preserving, and purifying. Sodium chloride is a very stable compound and cannot lose its flavour unless there is a chemical reaction or dissolution. By being the "salt of the earth," Jesus was calling His disciples to preserve the world from moral decay. Through their witness and proclamation of the Gospel, they were to act as a preservative against sin and spiritual ruin. If they were to "lose their taste," they would become indistinguishable from the rest of the world and ineffective in their mission. Hence, Jesus was exhorting them—and us—to avoid becoming watered down and bland in our witness to the Gospel. Reflect today on this powerful metaphor of being the salt of the earth. The world desperately needs the enriching "flavour" of God's grace. Without Him, the world is left to corruption and decay. With God, we, and those we serve, are preserved as pure and holy offerings, adding to His glory and growing in holiness. Be the salt of the earth. Do not become watered down in your faith. Remain steadfast in your fidelity to Christ and His Gospel, and you will transform the world around you. In doing so, you will not only glorify God but will also share in His eternal joy.

Most pure and enriching Lord, You alone enrich and enhance our lives, preserve us from sin, and make us a pure offering to Your Father. Please use me to be an instrument of Your grace to the world, making me the "salt" that remains pure and effective, to bring Your saving truth to the ends of the earth. Jesus, I trust in You.



### Readings This Sunday

First: Isaiah 58: 7-10

Psalm: 112

Second: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

### Readings Next Sunday

First: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm: 119

Second: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

### 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, 11am, 6pm

### CARING COMMUNITY

Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am

### 20 DECADE ROSARY

Wednesday –After 9am Mass back 11th Feb

### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday– After 9am Mass till12pm

### 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 11:00am Mass

### FAITH SHARING

Every 4th Sunday of the month at 12.15am

### 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

### Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 132	1 Kings 8: 1-7,9-13	Mark 6: 53-56
Tuesday	Ps 84	1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30	Mark 7: 1-13
Wednesday	Ps 37	1 Kings 10: 1-10	Mark 7: 14-23
Thursday	Ps 106	1 Kings 11: 4-13	Mark 7: 24-30
Friday	Ps 18	1 Kings 11: 29-32;12:19	Mark 7: 31-37
Saturday	Ps 106	1 Kings 12: 26-32;13:33-34	Mark 8: 1-10

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**Mass Time Change:** Sunday Mass 10:30 am is now moved to 11 am starting 1st of February

**Ministry work**—For those who are bringing communion to the sick, please contact the Parish as you need to inform the Parish as to **who** you are bringing communion to, **when** you are bringing communion to them, and you need to have a special training as well as police vetting and volunteer form signed.

**Secular Franciscans** will meet Sunday, 8th of February in Holy Cross Pastoral Centre at 2:30pm. Visitors are welcome. (Every second Sunday of the month).

**Sacrament of the Sick**—Tuesday the 17th of February at 11 am followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome!!! There will be no Preference signing on that day.

**Holy Cross Sacramental Program 2026**—deadline will be extended for one more week. The new deadline for submission of the required documents will now be the 14th of February 12:30pm.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society**, Henderson 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](mailto:hendersonsvdp@gmail.com) or Ph 022 687 4694 for your receipt.

**Ash Wednesday**—18th of February. As we prepare for the season of Lent, we kindly invite you to bring your blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday. These will be reverently burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

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

**St Mary's College** enrolments for 2027 are now open, and our Annual Open Day will be held on Thursday, 23 March.

**Marist College's** Open Day Tours for years 7-13 to be held on Thursday 26th February and Friday 27th February at 9.00am.

**St Paul's College's** Open Day Tours for years 7-9 to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am or 1:45pm.

**BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS** – Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th March 2026. **BOOKINGS** online REQUIRED (bookings open 9.00am Monday 23 February). Tour times: 9am and 10am each day. Book at [www.baradene.school.nz](http://www.baradene.school.nz) – 2026 Open Day Tours. Please refer to the website for booking closing times for each day. Enrolments for Year 7, 2027 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 13 March, 2026.

**Valentine's Day** reminds us that love is a gift from God.

At the heart of our Catholic faith is love—patient, self-giving, and faithful. Saint Valentine, a priest and martyr, witnessed to a love that was courageous and rooted in Christ.

On this day, we give thanks for all the ways love is lived among us: in marriage and family life, in friendships, in service to others, and in quiet acts of kindness. True love is more than a feeling—it is a choice to seek the good of the other, to forgive, to sacrifice, and to walk together in faith.

May this Valentine's Day renew our call to love as Christ loves us, with open hearts and generous spirits. Let us pray that our homes, our parish, and our world may be filled with God's love, today and always.

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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.**

**5th Sunday of Ordinary Time 7th & 8th February**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Margie del Rosario	Jean Soniega	Tai Asiata	Elizabeth Tofeano Tanuvasa	Kaira Monteiro
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Anita Gupta	Jane Thomsen	Sandy Mary Fonoti	Gavin Colaco
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Chris Mendes	Frances Martinez	Gemma Dominguez	Joy Mati	Danielle Monteiro
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Pearl Debra Coelho	Ann McKeown	Josephina Kim	Frances Ieremia	Mary Sarunija Mohan
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**6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 14th & 15th February**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
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