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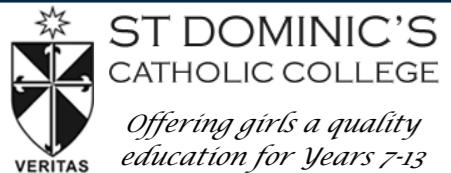
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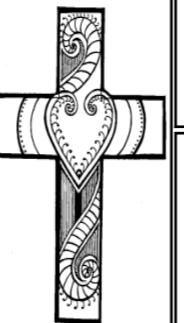
## HOLY CROSS CHURCH - Henderson

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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

## 15th of February 2026—Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



**Responsorial Psalm Ps 119**  
**Response: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord !**

### 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".

### The Law and the Prophets!

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place."

*Matthew 5: 17-18*

In today's Gospel, after declaring that He came to fulfil the Law and the Prophets, Jesus provided three examples of how He brings the Old Testament moral law to its fulfilment.

Though not included in today's Gospel, Jesus also brings the ceremonial laws to fulfilment by becoming the Lamb of God, offering Himself as the definitive High Priest on the new altar of the Cross. Furthermore, our Lord fulfills the prophets by establishing the New Covenant in His blood, as seen in Isaiah's vision of the Suffering Servant Who bears the sins of many (Isaiah 53), Jeremiah's promise of the new covenant written on hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34), and Micah's prophecy of a ruler born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Reflect today on God's Eternal Law, established before the foundation of the world and brought to fulfilment in Christ. The human life of the Son of God is the centre of time and eternity. Everything converges on Him, and new life flows from Him. Just as our Lord fulfills the Old Testament, He also is the only source of true fulfilment in our lives. Ponder His mission and renew your choice to accept His New Covenant, written on your heart by grace. Doing so is an exercise in Divine Wisdom, giving you a share in the new life of grace, made possible by His blood.

Glorious Lawgiver and Messiah, Your Wisdom is perfect, eternal, and transforming. All things came to be through You and find their fulfilment in You. I thank You for the gift of Your Eternal Law and pray for the grace to live it to perfection, with the aid of Your saving grace.



### Readings This Sunday

First: Sirach 15:15-20  
Second: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10  
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

### Readings Next Sunday

First: Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-7  
Second: Romans 5: 12-19  
Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

### 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

### RECONCILIATION

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

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday After 9am Mass till 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 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 119	James 1: 1-11	Mark 8: 11-13
Tuesday	Ps 94	James 1: 12-18	Mark 8: 14-21
Wednesday	Ps 95	James 2: 12-18	Mark 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Ps 1	Deut 30: 15-20	Luke 9: 22-25
Friday	Ps 51	Isa 58: 1-9a	Mat 9: 14-15
Saturday	Ps 86	Isa 58: 9b-14	Luke 5: 27-32

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**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.

**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.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society**, 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.

**Youth Ministry**— We welcome Michael Kamson who will be coordinating with the communities regarding youth activities and projects for our parish.

**Stations of the Cross**—will be prayed starting Ash Wednesday before the Daily Morning Mass.

**Faith Sharing Sunday**— Our first Faith Sharing Session for 2026 will be held on Sunday, 22nd February 2026 at 12.15pm (following the 11.00am Mass). The session will begin with a talk on the topic of the day, followed by a shared lunch. This Month's Session. **Speaker: Sr. Adriana M.C. Regional Superior, Missionaries of Charity** (New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia & East Timor). **Topic: "Portrait of the Life of Mother Teresa"**. Sr. Adriana M.C., who is currently visiting New Zealand, will share her first-hand experiences of living and working closely with Mother Teresa for many years. You will hear personal stories and insights not found in books, witnessed and lived by Sr. Adriana herself. **All are most welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355**

**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.

**Open Days** for St Mary's College, Marist College, St Paul's College, and BARADENE COLLEGE, for school year 2027 are on the Notice Board in the Foyer.

**Registering as a parishioner** is more than just putting your name on a list — it is a way of belonging. When you register, you become a recognised member of our parish family and help us care for you better.

**Registration allows the parish to:**

- **Support you with sacraments such as Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, and funerals**
- **Keep you informed about Mass times, parish events, and ministries**
- **Provide pastoral care and support in times of need**
- **Plan effectively for the parish's future and serve the community more faithfully**

Being registered also helps the parish understand who we are as a community and strengthens our ability to grow, welcome others, and continue the mission of the Church.

If Holy Cross Parish is your spiritual home, we warmly encourage you to register and be an active part of our parish life. Together, we journey in faith, service, and fellowship

**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.

**Chewing gum** in church is generally considered **disrespectful, distracting, and inappropriate**, as it violates the solemnity and decorum of a sacred space. It is considered poor etiquette and is advised against in most religious traditions, including Catholic services, where it can interfere with fasting requirements for communion.

**Key Reasons to Avoid Gum in Church:**

- **Disrespect and Disruption:** It is seen as rude and distracting to others, signalling a lack of reverence for the service.
- **Fasting Rules (Catholicism):** Before receiving Holy Communion, Catholics are required to fast for one hour. Chewing gum and swallowing its flavours can be considered breaking this fast.
- **Focus:** It detracts from the focus on prayer, worship, and the liturgy.
- **Etiquette:** Similar to not wearing hats or using cell phones, removing gum is part of proper church behaviour.

**IT IS BEST TO DISPOSE OF GUM BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH BUILDING.**



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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.**

#### 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 14th & 15th February

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Warren Herrera	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Katie-Ann Vaka'uta	Gafatasi Endemann	Kaira Monteiro
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Michele de Melo	Sabrina Veatupu	Edmosa Vaka'uta	Maria Kumitau	Kimberley Suan
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Maria Elena Evans	Savieti Lea	Donalyn Dizon	Gemma Dominguez	Griselda Baptista
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Josephina Kim	Selestina Levave	Sione Vakauta	Tricia Pineda	Anna Manoharan
	Dominica Cowan	Geraldine Sequera	Ngalo'afe Nau	Tess Fermin	Charmaine Monteiro
	Michael McKeown		Piet Bakker	Noel Fermin	Michael Eade
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membere
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Zephany Saldanha	Titoa Smith	Caroline Cibi	Jordan Solomon	Feeba Corray
	Joseph Seo	Amanda de Jesus	Frencheska Perlas	Joseph Uale	Ana Fernandes
	Liam Kim	Isabel de Jesus	Lawrence Lolesio	Keyondre Uale	Lui Alabastro
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Secular Franciscan	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family		Legion of Mary
<b>Offertory</b>		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	

#### 1st Sunday of Lent 21st & 22nd February

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Julia Macuja	Bonita Smith	Janice Borsos	Madalene Warren	Anora D'Costa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Amy Macuja	Frances Martinez	Cheryl Sinclair	Jacinta Lemana	Kiara Monteiro
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Stephanie Alimago	Anita Gupta	Maria Jose	Maria Kumitau	Sue Iviechich
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Maria Alimago	Winnie Veikoso	Frank Borsos	Melitta Cadelis	Michael Eade
	Renante Alimago	Selestina Levave	Pearlie Judd	Sandy Fonoti	Anna Manoharan
	Prem Joseph		Jennifer Baptist	Frances Jeremia	Neil Fernandes
	Jasmine Prem Kumar		Noelene Early	Maria Faleusu	Charmaine Monteiro
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<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family		Legion of Mary
<b>Offertory</b>		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	