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12th of April 2026— Divine Mercy Sunday (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 118
Response: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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 Inexhaustible Depths of Divine Mercy!
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31

Today is the eighth day of Easter. The Church, in Her wisdom, celebrates the most important days of the liturgical year for eight days. Historically, there were a number of feasts celebrated with octaves: Easter, Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Ascension, All Saints, and in some locales, the Sacred Heart and various Marian feasts. After Vatican II, the Church focused on two—Christmas and Easter—so as to give greater emphasis to the core of the Paschal Mystery. In the year 2000, the Octave of Easter took on a new focus when Pope John Paul II instituted the Solemnity of Divine Mercy on the eighth day of Easter. This was done in response to Jesus' personal request, communicated to the Church through a humble cloistered Polish nun. Canonized in 2000, she is known as Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day on which we are to profess our belief in this Mercy. To do so, we must ponder these inexhaustible treasures, probe their depths with the aid of Saint Faustina's private revelations, and then allow our Lord to reveal them to us within the depths of our souls.

Reflect today on the infinite and inexhaustible treasures found in the Person of Christ and His Divine Mercy. His Mercy draws us into countless unrecorded and glorious graces that we are called to receive and rejoice in. Believe in His Mercy. Be open to it. Call upon it today, and receive it more abundantly.

Most Merciful Jesus, Your mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, I pray that You will pour out Your Mercy upon me and on the whole world. Fill us with the grace You won through Your Paschal Mystery so that all people will come to believe in You as their Lord and God. Jesus, I trust in You.

MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday 9am
Wednesday Morning 9am
Friday Morning 9 am
First Friday Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm
Saturday 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm

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

CARING COMMUNITY
Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass except 3rd Tuesday

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am

20 DECADE ROSARY
Wednesday After 9am Mass

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Wednesday 7:10pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

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

FAITH SHARING
Every 4th Sunday of the month at 12.15pm

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Every 4th Thursday of the month at 6pm

Readings This Sunday

First: Acts 2:42-47
Psalm: 118
Second: 1 Peter 1: 3-9
Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Readings Next Sunday

First: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm: 16
Second: 1 Peter 1: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-55

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 2	Acts 4: 23-31	John 3: 1-8
Tuesday	Ps 93	Acts 4: 32-37	John 3: 7b-15
Wednesday	Ps 34	Acts 5: 17-26	John 3: 16-21
Thursday	Ps 34	Acts 5: 27-33	John 3: 31-36
Friday	Ps 27	Acts 5: 34-32	John 6: 1-15
Saturday	Ps 33	Acts 6: 1-7	John 6: 16-21

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Jesus, I trust in You

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Every thing that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

The St Vincent de Paul 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 or Ph 022 687 4694 for your receipt.

Altar Servers—anyone who wants to be an altar Server or who are already serving, there will be a training session/funday on **Thursday 16th of April at 3pm in the church**

PPC meeting—Thursday 16th of April every third Thursday of the month), the Parish Pastoral Committee will meet at the Parish Pastoral Centre at 7pm.

Health & Safety Committee- Thursday 23rd of April (every 4th Thursday of the month), meets at the meeting room at 6pm

Legion of Mary (Gate of Heaven Praesidium) - meets every Tuesday in the meeting room at 7pm, please contact [Griselda 022 491 6393](tel:0224916393)

1st HCC Youth Event for 2026: Please come along and join our very first HCC Youth Event for the year on Saturday 25th April 2026 at 4pm to 6pm in Holy Cross Catholic Church Henderson where the theme is "I am a Child of God". **What to bring?** A willing & open heart to God's message for you. Notebook & Pen (if you want to take notes). This is our first event for the year and it is the perfect opportunity to meet other youth and young adults in our community. We will also have some special guests joining and leading us in praise and worship: The Auckland NET Team 2026. It is going to be a session filled with love and laughter and a way to refocus our attention back to Who God has made us to be, also did I mention there will be snacks. Hope to see you there. If you have **any questions** regarding this event please feel free to **contact Michael Kamson**, our Youth Coordinator at hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com

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Contact: Parish [Secretary – \(09\) 835 3355](tel:098353355) | secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz

Prayer Retreat for Women: 'Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 17th April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Registration: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz.

26th of April is Vocations Sunday. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our 11 seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate or you can scan the QR code or envelopes for this appeal are available in the Foyer. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.



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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 6:30 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.**

Divine Mercy Sunday 11th & 12th April					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Paul John Aalbers	Lana Ieremia	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Wayne Coelho	Anita Gupta	Brigid Ann McGrath	Joy Mati	Sue Ivceovich
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Sabrina Veatupu	Donalyn Dizon	Agnes Seiuli	Griselda Baptista
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jasmine Prem Ku...	Geraldine Sequera	Suzette Orquejo	Frances Ieremia	Charmaine Monteiro
	Prem Joseph	Paul Coakley	Celino Orquejo	Sandy Fonoti	Danielle Monteiro
	Miguel Padilla		Teresa Malone	Malia Seufatu	Sosephine Kim
	Joisie Cueva		Piet Bakker	Matalena Sagote	Mary Sarunija Moh...
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3rd Sunday of Easter 18th & 19th April					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera	Bonita Smith	Jane Thomsen	Kate Jariel	Kaira Monteiro
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Frances Ah Ken	Juliana Portugal	Marylou Malto	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Mary Turnwald	Maria Jose	Agnes Benavides	Maria de Hoog
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