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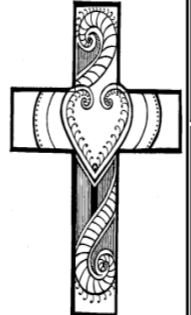
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

19th of April 2026— Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 16
Response: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

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".

Dispelling Confusion!
That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.
 Luke 24:13-16

These two disciples were overwhelmed by grief and bewildered by the events that had taken place. As they walked the seven-mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus, they expressed their sadness and confusion. Jesus, Whom they had hoped "would be the one to redeem Israel," was brutally tortured and crucified before their eyes. The two did not know what to think.

Reflect today on the initial confusion of these two disciples, filled with sorrow and bewilderment as they grappled with recent events. Contrast this with the growth in faith they likely experienced in the months and years ahead. Little by little, they grew in understanding and belief, allowing their misconceptions about who the Messiah would be—not a political leader, but the Savior of the World—to be dispelled. Whenever you face confusion, turn to the example of these disciples and learn from the lessons taught through them. Seek Christ in His Word and Sacraments, trusting that He will dispel doubts and guide you to greater faith.

Ever-present Lord, please humble me so that I turn more fully to You, hearing Your voice and recognizing Your presence. When I am confused or uncertain, please intervene and open my mind to You and to Your Truth so that I will believe with all my heart and follow wherever You lead. 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 2:14, 22-33
 Psalm: 16
 Second: 1 Peter 1: 17-21
 Gospel: Luke 24: 13-55

Readings Next Sunday

First: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Psalm: 23
 Second: 1 Peter 2: 20b-25
 Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 119	Acts 6: 8-15	John 6: 22-29
Tuesday	Ps 31	Acts 7: 51-60	John 6: 30-35
Wednesday	Ps 66	Acts 8: 1b-8	John 6: 35-40
Thursday	Ps 66	Acts 8: 26-40	John 6: 44-51
Friday	Ps 117	Acts 9: 1-20	John 6: 52-59
Saturday	Ps 89	1 Peter 5: 5b-14	Mark 16: 15-20

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Children's Mass—We would like to extend a special invitation to all guardians & parents with children to attend our monthly Children's Mass on Saturday 2nd May at 6pm. This Mass is specifically tailored for the children, and we encourage you to bring your little ones along.

Parish Registration Form—We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer for your convenience. Keeping accurate records of all parishioners is important for future reference, such as the signing of any necessary documents by the priest. Thank you for being a part of our parish community.

Donations—The Capuchin Friars extend their sincere thanks to the parishioners of Holy Cross for their generous Easter donation of \$1,100 to the Capuchin Friary. On behalf of [Fr. Daniel, Fr. Praveen, and Bro. Matthew, Fr. Ephrem](#) expresses his heartfelt gratitude to everyone. He also takes this opportunity to thank the parish community, on behalf of the Holy Land, for the Good Friday collection of \$2,143.80.

Planned Giving Envelope and Tax Receipts—will be available for collection from the Foyer, at the weekend of 2nd and 3rd of May. Please contact the office if you need your Plan Giving Envelope before the 3rd of May.

Adoration at Holy Cross Parish Henderson—You are warmly invited to join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday after Mass until 12:00 PM at Holy Cross Parish Henderson. Adoration is a sacred time to be in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It offers us an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection, and deepening our relationship with God. In this stillness, we bring our intentions, seek peace, and receive spiritual strength and grace. All are welcome to come and spend time with the Lord, even if only for a few moments.



The 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.

Secular Franciscans Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 19th of April at 2.30pm in the parish meeting room. If you would like to know more about our Order you are most welcome to come and meet us. For further details, please contact Jan Cherrington on 0211875176 or email jancherrington@gmail.com

Sacrament of the sick Tuesday the 21st of April 11am, followed by a Shared lunch, there will be no Drop in morning tea. EVERY 3RD Tuesday of the month. There will be no Preference signing on this day. All are Welcome.

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

Holy Cross men's fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 23rd of April at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For further details please contact [George Schuster on 0212080447](mailto:George.Schuster@hccparish.org.nz) or [Anil Baptist on 0223649306](mailto:Anil.Baptist@hccparish.org.nz).

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

Faith Sharing Sunday Our next Faith Sharing Session for 2026 will be held on Sunday, 26th April 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: Deacon Adolf Goldwyn Topic: "The Silent Language of the Liturgy". Come and listen to Deacon. Adolf speak on "Entering the Heart of Sacred Liturgy and what the Church means by Full, Conscious and Active participation in it." All are most welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355.

[\(A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative\)](#)

Everyone is invited to a 7 week Seminar, **The Holy Spirit-our Helper**. Tuesday evenings, Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby, 7.30pm, with cuppa from 7.15pm. Starts April 21st. No charge. Register at <https://forms.gle/pDameRsdUYnhrrb7A>.

For more info email aucklandccr@gmail.com.

Holy Cross Catholic Church – Donation Request: Large TV for Choir Seating Area. We need a large-screen TV to use as a monitor for the choir seating area, as the projector screen is difficult to see from those seats. If you have a TV of 50 inches or larger that you no longer use—or you are planning to upgrade—please consider donating it to the church. Please contact the Parish Secretary to arrange drop-off or pick-up if you are unable to deliver [Secretary – \(09\) 835 3355](mailto:Secretary-(09)8353355) | secretary@hendersoncatholic.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.



ANZAC Day 2026 falls on Saturday, 25 April, with the public holiday observed on Monday, 27 April in New Zealand.

It is a national day of remembrance in both Australia and New Zealand, honouring all who have served and sacrificed in wars, conflicts, and peace-keeping operations.

The day marks the 1915 landing at Gallipoli, the first major engagement of the **Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC)** during World War I.

Across the country, commemorations typically include dawn services, marches, and civic ceremonies, with memorial services held at places such as the Auckland War Memorial Museums and cemeteries.



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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.**

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
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lloyd de Melo	Ann Mckeown	Clare Connoly	Tess Fermin	Suzette Orquejo
	Michael Mckeown	Michael Mckeown	Chantal Sieglar X...	Noel Fermin	Jessica D'Silva
	Josephina Kim		Frank Borsos	Jennifer Baptist	Neil Fernandes
	Dominica Cowan		Malia Seufatu	Danielle Monteiro	Kiara Monteiro
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Altar Servers:	Joseph Seo	Isabel de Jesus	Frencheska Perlas	Keyondre Uale	Francewill
	Zephan Saldanha	Amanda de Jesus	Lawrence Lolesio	Lui Ali	Lui Alabastro
	Liam Kim		Caroline Cibi	Joseph Uale	Gab Zara
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Leader :	Anora D'Costa	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist	Margie del Rosario	Olympia D'Souza
Reader 1:	Pearl Debra Coelho	Savieta Lea	Michael Smith	Kimberley Suan	Tanya DSouza
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Martinez	Gemma Dominguez	Vui Tai Asiatia	Scarlet Baptista
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