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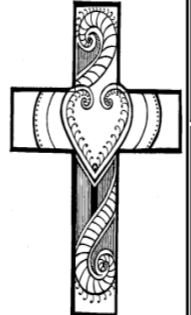
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

26th of April 2026— Fourth (Good Shepherd) Sunday of Easter (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 23
Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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 Voice of a Stranger!
"When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." John 10: 4-5

Young children naturally fear strangers and feel safe with those they know and trust, like their mother. This simple instinct helps illustrate Jesus' message about the Good Shepherd. Just as sheep recognize and follow their shepherd's voice, those who are close to God recognize and trust Jesus. In contrast, the Pharisees failed to recognize Jesus, not out of innocence but because of pride and wilful blindness. While the healed blind man responded with simple faith, the Pharisees rejected Jesus despite their knowledge. The message is that recognizing Jesus requires humility and openness. Like sheep to their shepherd, we are called to listen to His voice, trust Him, and follow Him to the fullness of life.

Reflect today on the fact that God calls out to you day and night. Do you recognize His voice? Or do you, like the Pharisees, turn away from Him? Following the Good Shepherd begins with an intimate familiarity with His divine presence in our lives. We must become as familiar with Him as an infant is with its mother or as sheep are with their faithful shepherd. Failure to recognize the Good Shepherd's voice leaves us lost and unable to care for ourselves. Jesus desires to lead us, care for us, and bring us to the abundant pastures of new life. Become familiar with Him and listen to His voice alone, and like the blind man, you will begin to see in ways you never have before, through the eyes of faith.

Jesus, my Good Shepherd, You call to me day and night, but so often I fail to hear and respond to Your gentle voice. Please free me from blindness caused by my own sin so that I can humbly turn to You and follow Your consoling and familiar voice. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, 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 Morning Tea every Tuesday after 9am Mass except 3rd Tuesday

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
 Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am, No Drop-in Morning Tea

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm: 33
Second: 1 Peter 2: 4-9
Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 42	Acts 11: 1-18	John 10: 11-18
Tuesday	Ps 87	Acts 11: 19-26	John 10: 22-30
Wednesday	Ps 67	Acts 12: 24-13: 5	John 12: 44-50
Thursday	Ps 89	Acts 13: 13-25	John 13: 16-20
Friday	Ps 2	Acts 13: 26-33	John 14: 1-6
Saturday	Ps 98	Acts 13: 44-52	John 14: 7-14

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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.

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.

The St Vincent de Paul Over the past month, your prayers & monetary support, helped create 32 food parcels - that's a smile on the dial of 58 adults & 83 children across Henderson & neighbouring communities. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, you can do so by way of 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](tel:0226874694) for your receipt .

Holy Cross Charismatic fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 27th of April at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will be reflecting on chapter 18 of the Acts of the Apostles. All parishioners of the parish are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible along with you. For further details please contact [Anil on 0223649306 or anilbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:Anil.on.0223649306@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. [\(A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative \)](#)

26th of April is Vocations Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday also known as Vocations Sunday. In his appeal, Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to take a moment to offer your support to our eleven Auckland seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your gift is one of the best ways to positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Your gift to the appeal ensures that our newly formed priests will be well-equipped to serve the faithful throughout their lives. If you are able to donate, please prayerfully consider a donation in support of our future priests. Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate or you can scan the QR code or use envelopes for this appeal are available in the Foyer. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.




Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st May 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Legion of Mary—The Legion of Mary invites you to join them in observing May as the Month of the Rosary. To encourage devotion to Our Lady, they'll be distributing Holy Rosaries, Brown Scapulars & Sacred Medal on Sunday 3rd May after 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.


Marist College—Enrolment applications are open for Year 7 and Year 9, 2027 with a limited spaces available. Please visit our website to enrol your daughter www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments

Sacerdotal Anniversary—We pray for our two priests, that as they celebrate their sacerdotal anniversaries, they may faithfully uphold the mission of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ as shepherds of this parish. We give thanks for our Parish Priest, Fr Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap, marking his 24th anniversary, and for Fr Praveen Lobo, celebrating his 14th. We warmly welcome him to Holy Cross Parish as our assistant Priest and to New Zealand. We pray that both priests may be strengthened in grace and guided always in their ministry.

Holy Cross Parish Henderson – Eucharistic Adoration
Come and spend time with the Lord in peace and silence. Join us for **Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday after the 9:00am Mass until 12:00pm at Holy Cross Parish Henderson.**
In the quiet presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we are invited to: Deepen our relationship with Jesus; Find rest, healing, and spiritual renewal; Offer our prayers for our families, parish, and the world. "Could you not watch with me one hour?" – (Matthew 26:40) All are welcome.
Come for a few minutes or stay longer—Jesus is waiting for you.



Holy Cross Parish Census.—We are delighted to have a good number of faithful attending the weekend Mass in our Holy Cross Parish. Since the rebuilding of the Church the faithful have steadily increased in number. In 2021 we were 1300 parishioners attending the weekend Masses but now according to the 2025 November Mass count we stand plus 2300. But Parish Registration does not reflect it. Therefore the parish council and Finance Committee decided to have a 3 weeks roll out census campaign and ask the faithful to register their family in the parish. This census will help us ascertain the number of people and families attending weekend Masses in our parish. Further, it will assist us to plan vision, with pastoral plans and improve facilities and cater for our parishioners.
We request your cooperation in this regard. Let each family fill the census form given out from the first week of May for three weekends and return it to the parish office or put it in a dedicated drop-box dedicated to it. We will secure your privacy as per New Zealand and Church Privacy law.
This will then be followed by a Parish Review. . . Please watch this space




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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.**

4th Sunday of Easter 25th & 26th April

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Anora D'Costa	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist	Margie del Rosario	Olympia D'Souza
Reader 1:	Pearl Debra Coelho	Saviati Lea	Michael Smith	Kimberley Suan	Tanya DSouza
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Martinez	Gemma Dominguez	Vui Tai Asiatia	Scarlet Baptista
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Michael Mckeown	Selestina Levave	Pearlie Judd	Melitta Cadelis	Michael Eade
	Jessica D'Silva	Geraldine Sequera	Colleen Aalbers	Frances Ieremia	Ngalo'afe Nau
	Maria Alimagno		Noelene Earlyly	Malia Veatupu	Jessica D'Silva
			Cheryl Sinclair	Maria Faleusu	Helan Roy
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membere
Altar Servers:	Liam Kim	Isabel de Jesus	Frencheska Perlas	Keyondre Uale	Ana Fernandes
	Joseph Seo	Amanda de Jesus	Lawrence Lolesio	Joseph Uale	Feeba Corray
		Lui Ali	Izabel Mary Geo		Gab Zara
			Caroline Cibi		
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Legion of Mary
Offertory		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Disciples	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters

5th Sunday of Easter 2nd & 3rd May

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	child	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Janice Borsos	Katherine Tanginoa	Kaira Monteiro
Reader 1:	child	Mary Turnwald	Cheryl Sinclair	Fisilose Dolora Veatupu	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	child	Frances Ah Ken	Yolanda D'Rosario	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Danielle Monteiro
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			Frank Borsos	Melitta Cadelis	Helan Roy
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Altar Servers:	Liam Kim	Amanda de Jesus	Knight Marques	Isaac Betham	Sky de los Reyes
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Offertory		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy	