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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

10th of May 2026— Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 66
Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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 Way to the Father!
"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." John 14: 18-20

The Gospel highlights how the human feeling of being "orphaned" points to a deeper spiritual longing for belonging. While earthly families provide identity and support, our true home is in God's family. Jesus reassured His disciples that although He would physically depart, He would not leave them orphaned but remain present to them. This promise extends to us today: through faith, we experience His presence and become part of the Church, God's family. Faith is not just belief but a lived relationship with God that unites us with Him and with one another, fulfilling our deepest longing to belong.

Reflect today on the desire in your heart to belong, to be loved, and to be part of a family. Recognize that this longing finds its ultimate fulfilment in the family of God. Though we await the fullness of this communion in Heaven, we can experience it even now. Commit yourself to respond to Jesus' invitation by embracing your place in His family through prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of love. Recognize that He is in the Father, we are in Him, and He is in us. Embrace this reality, allowing the gift of faith to draw you more deeply into the divine family to which we are called.

My revealing Lord, deep within my soul I long for You and desire to be one with You and Your Father through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Please reveal Yourself to me so that I can know You, live according to Your commandments, and flourish in Your grace. May my membership in Your family of faith, through the Church, begin now and become perfected in Heaven. 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 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 8:5-8, 14-17
 Psalm: 66
 Second: 1 Peter 3: 15-18
 Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Readings Next Sunday

First: Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm: 47
 Second: Ephesians 1: 17-23
 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 149	Acts 16: 11-15	John 15: 26—16:4
Tuesday	Ps 138	Acts 16: 22-34	John 16: 5-11
Wednesday	Ps 148	Acts 17: 15, 22 -18:1	John 16: 12-15
Thursday	Ps 113	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26	John 15: 9-17
Friday	Ps 47	Acts 18: 9-18	John 16: 20-23
Saturday	Ps 47	Acts 18: 23-28	John 16: 23b-28

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Planned Giving Envelope and Tax Receipts—will be available for collection from the Foyer, until the 17th of May. After this time, please contact Accounts in the Parish Office.

The St Vincent de Paul 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 .

Secular Franciscan Order - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 17th of May at 2.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. 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

HCC Youth May Event—Calling all HCC Youth who are 12-18 years old. You Asked for it and we are delivering. Come along and join us for our May Youth Event on the 31st May 2026 from 3-5pm. You can register for the event by either email Michael Kamson at hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com or scanning the QR code in the event poster which is in the Brown Robe and on the notice boards in the church foyer. See you there!



HCC Youth Music Ministry Recruitment—Any youth or young adults that would like to join the Youth Music Ministry, please contact Michael Kamson at hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com

Sacrament of the Sick will be on the 19th of May followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome. No signing of Preference form on this day.

Parish Pastoral Meeting—will be held on Thursday 21st of May at the Parish Pastoral Centre at 7pm.

Holy Cross Parish Hall— Please note that we are currently unable to accept any enquiries or forward bookings, as the hall has not yet been formally handed over to the parish by the school.

Sacramental Program 2026—On Pentecost Sunday, 24 May at 2:00pm, we will joyfully celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 50 candidates. Please keep them in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen them to live out all they have learned through our Sacramental Programme. May they continue to grow in faith and spiritual maturity as they prepare to receive their next Sacrament — the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Evangelion is proud to bring you Mike and Alicia Hernon, the hosts of the popular podcast from the USA; The Messy Family Project! Join us for an exciting event, diving into the intricacies of marriage and how family life can be chaotic, messy and sacred. Saturday 16th May 2026 - 11.00am - Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby

Thanks and appreciation from Monte Cecilia Housing Trust—Thank you for your generous donations of Easter eggs. Your kindness and compassion have truly reflected the true meaning of Easter, a time of hope, and sharing blessings with our families. Our children and families were able to experience joy, feel remembered and celebrate the gift of Easter together. Blessings and Peace to your all.

St. Francis Retreat Centre is a pilgrimage destination. Until June this year, weekday masses are celebrated at the friary from 5:30pm. We shall announce later the schedules after June. Saturday masses are at 7:00am. We encourage every to pre-arrange with the centre for confessions or any special group visitations.

As we mark the **800th anniversary of St. Francis' passing**, we are invited to rekindle our faith, renew our relationship with God, and deepen our bonds with our brothers, sisters and all of God's creations. A plenary indulgence is available to the faithful who fulfil these conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, interior detachment from sin, and the performance of a designated work—such as making a pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or institution, prayer and meditation in the Franciscan spirit. A plenary indulgence is, above all, an encounter with God's mercy, not a spiritual shortcut. You may read more about it from this Vatican news link <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-01/year-saint-francis-indulgence-assisi.html>.

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



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.



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Thank you for your loving care, your quiet sacrifices, and the countless ways you reflect God's compassion and strength. Today we give thanks for all mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers, and mother figures who nurture life, faith, and hope within our families and community. May God bless you abundantly with peace, joy, good health, and the love you so generously share with others.



Happy Mother's Day!!!

6th Sunday of Easter 9th & 10th May

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Margie del Rosario	Bonita Smith	Paul John Aalbers	Phoenix Fonoti	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Stephanie Alimagno	Savieta Lea	Maria Jose	Sandy Mary Fonoti	Sue Ivcevich
Reader 2:	Pearl Debra Coelho	Nikolao Whyte	Jane Thomsen	Peter Seiuli	Maria de Hoog
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Maria Alimagno	Winnie Veikoso	Colleen Aalbers	Sandy Fonoti	Michael Eade
	Renante Alimagno	Geraldine Sequera	Paul Coakley	Matalena Sagote	Sr Ake
	Wayne Coelho		Teresa Malone	Frances Ieremia	Helan Roy
	Jessica D'Silva		Noelene Early	Elizabeth Tofaeono Tanuvasa	Beatrice Wilsor
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membere
Altar Servers:	Liam Kim	Amanda de Jesus	Juvan Gino	Joseph Uale	Ana Fernandes
	Joseph Seo	Isabel de Jesus	Frencheska Perlas	Keyondre Uale	Feeba Corray
	Knight Marques	Arden David Laki	Lawrence Lolesio	Jane	Gab Zara
	Ryan Jerom	Funaki Ali	Izabel Mary Geo	Puni Saka	Juvan Gino
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Betham Family
Offertory		Cleaning Siemsen Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	Flowers Ahio & Veatupu Family Tania Liuagamatagi	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

7th Sunday of Easter 16th & 17th May

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist	Vui Tai Asiata	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Anita Gupta	Michael Smith	Maria Kumitau	Kimberley Suan
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Frances Martinez	Yolanda D'Rosario	Jacinta Lemana	Maria de Hoog
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Michael Mckeown	Geraldine Sequera	Jennifer Baptist	Maria Faleusu	Charmaine Monteiro
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