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17th of May 2026— Solemnity of Ascension Sunday of Easter (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 27
Response: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

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 Hour of Glory!
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him."
John 17: 1-2

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer in John 17 marks the conclusion of His public ministry and the beginning of His Passion. In this sacred moment, Jesus turns to the Father in prayer, speaking of His "hour," the moment for which His entire earthly mission was leading—the hour of His suffering, death, and glorification. From the wedding feast at Cana to this final prayer, Jesus had spoken of this appointed time, and now He embraces it with complete trust and obedience. Though fully aware of the suffering ahead, He does not approach the Cross with fear or hesitation, but with love and confidence, knowing that His sacrifice will glorify the Father and bring salvation to the world.

This prayer reminds us that sacrifice is not something to resist or resent, but an opportunity to draw closer to God when united to Christ. Every challenge, disappointment, or act of self-giving in our daily lives can become part of Jesus' own offering to the Father. Christ teaches us that the Cross is not the end, but the path to glory and new life. As we reflect on His prayer, we are invited to face our own struggles with faith, courage, and trust, asking God for the grace to embrace our crosses with the same love and surrender that Jesus showed in His "hour."

Most glorious High Priest, when Your hour of suffering had arrived, You embraced that Sacrifice with unwavering resolve. That resolve revealed the glory You shared with the Father. Please draw me into Your sacrificial love and help me to prayerfully choose every sacrifice to which I am called with the same determination modelled in Your High Priestly Prayer. 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 1:1-11
Psalm: 47
Second: Ephesians 1: 17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Readings Next Sunday

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Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 68	Acts 19: 1-8	John 16: 29-33
Tuesday	Ps 68	Acts 20: 17-27	John 17: 1-11a
Wednesday	Ps 68	Acts 20: 28-38	John 17: 11b-19
Thursday	Ps 16	Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11	John 17: 20-26
Friday	Ps 103	Acts 25: 13b-21	John 21: 15-19
Saturday	Ps 11	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31	John 21: 20-25

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Planned Giving Envelope and Tax Receipts—this will be the last week that planned giving envelope and tax receipts will be available for collection from the Foyer. After this time, please contact Accounts in the Parish Office.

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 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 EVENT
DATE: 31st MAY 2026, SUNDAY
TIME: 3-5PM
VENUE: HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HENDERSON
THEME: ALL IN FOR GOD!
RSVP: MICHAEL KAMSON
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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 forms 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.

Pentecost Sunday—Next week is Pentecost Sunday and we are inviting people to wear their own ethnic clothes during Mass. We will also say the Prayers of the Faithful in different languages so if you want to volunteer for this, kindly see or contact Sr Akenese nun toon at akeholycross@gmail.com.

The Week of Prayer For Christian Unity The 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls on 17-24 May. Bishop Steve, the Diocesan staff, Fr John Fitzmaurice of Owairaka parish, invite you to the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity 7:00pm on Friday 29 May 2026 at St John Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill. Let us respond to Christ' call, "that may they all be one," joining in unison with our brothers and sisters from the wider Christian communities to a time of worship. Light refreshments after the service.

Ministry Groups could organise ecumenical prayers using the "Eight Days" resources provided in the link, or organise ecumenical services with your nearby Church communities around this time. Adapt to suit using the resources. Organise prayer groups to reflect on this year's theme of Ephesians 4:4 - "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations Commission (ADCEIR)

Catholic Diocese of Auckland <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/ecumenism/>

World Youth Day Auckland 2026—10:00am-8:30pm Saturday 1st August at Victory Convention Centre. Join over 1,800 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2026 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community and WITNESS.

Inspired by the Scripture chosen for the 40th World Youth Day, "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). This year's event is about fixing our gaze on Jesus and becoming courageous witnesses of Christ in our world.

For more info and to register go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

Faith Sharing Sunday

Our next Faith Sharing Session for 2026 will be held on Sunday, 24th May 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. Speaker: Deacon Adolf Goldwyn; Topic: "The Silent Language of the Liturgy – Part II". Come and listen to Dcn. Adolf speak on "Entering the Heart of Sacred Liturgy and what the Church means by Full, Conscious and Active participation in it.". Due to popular demand, Dcn. Adolf has kindly agreed to present a second session on this topic, following the very positive response to Part I last month. We anticipate another engaging and enriching session and look forward to welcoming everyone. For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355 (**A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative**)



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. 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 are delighted to say that we have a good response of families filling up the Census Form. For those who have not done so kindly let each family fill the census form given out. This weekend will be the last week that we will be handing out this form. The last day of submission will be on Friday 22nd of May, please 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.**

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 Asiatia	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
	Dominica Cowan	Selestina Levave	Cheryl Sinclair	Ngalo'afe Nau	Mary Sarunija Mohan
	Lloyd de Melo		Pearlie Judd	Melitta Cadelis	Anna Manoharan
	Josephina Kim		Chantal Sieglaar X...	Malia Seufatu	Michael Eade
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Liam Kim	Isabel de Jesus	Knight Marques	Isaac Betham	Luis Alabastro
	Joseph Seo	Amanda de Jesus	Caroline Cibi	Jordan Rajan	Jacob Alabastro
	Francisco del Rosario	Jaden Nanol	Ryan Jerom	Jane	Francewill Mangahas
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		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	

Solemnity of Pentecost 23rd & 24th May

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Katie-Ann Vaka'uta	Madalene Warren	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu	Edmosa Vaka'uta	Kate Jariel	Griselda Baptista
Reader 2:	Wayne Coelho	Anita Gupta	Donalyn Dizon	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Kiara Monteiro
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Prem Joseph	Michael Mckeown	Cheryl Sinclair	Tricia Pineda	Charmaine Monteiro
	Jasmine Prem Kumar	Ann Mckeown	Sione Vakauta	Suzette Orquejo	Danielle Monteiro
	Pearl Debra Coelho		Chantal Sieglaar XXX	Celino Orquejo	Anna Manoharan
			Piet Bakker	Malia Veatupu	Michael Eade
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