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## 24th of May 2026— Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday of Easter (Year A)



**Responsorial Psalm Ps 104**  
**Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**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 Wind and Fire of Pentecost!**  
*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."*  
*John 20: 21-23*

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection, when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles with signs of wind and fire, filling them with courage and strength to proclaim the Gospel. In the Gospel, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon His disciples, recalling God giving life to Adam and showing that Christ brings new spiritual life and grace to His Church. The disciples, once fearful and hidden, were transformed into bold witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit is given to us, especially in the Sacrament of Confirmation, to guide, strengthen, purify, and empower us to live our faith and continue Christ's mission in the world.

Reflect today on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced the Spirit's presence in your life? Like the first disciples, have you allowed the Holy Spirit to fill you with power from on high, emboldening you, purifying you, and setting you on fire with zeal to fulfil the mission God has entrusted to you? The Holy Spirit will transform us—if we let Him—setting our feet on the path to eternal glory.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, I trust in You 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 2:1-11  
**Psalm:** 104  
**Second:** 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
**Gospel:** John 20: 19-23

**Readings Next Sunday**

**First:** Exodus 34: 4b-6,8-9  
**Psalm:** Daniel 3  
**Second:** 2 Cor 13: 11-13  
**Gospel:** John 3: 16-18

**Scripture Readings for the week**

<b>Monday</b>	Ps 87	Gen 3: 9-15, 20	John 19: 25-34
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ps 98	1 Pet 1: 10-16	Mark 10: 28-31
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ps 147	1 Pet 1: 18-25	Mark 10: 32-45
<b>Thursday</b>	Ps 100	1 Pet 2: 2-5, 9-12	Mark 10: 46-52
<b>Friday</b>	Ps 96	1 Pet 4: 7-13	Mark 11: 11-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Ps 63	Jude 17, 20b-25	Mark 11: 27-33

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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](mailto: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](mailto:hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com)

**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.

**Holy Cross Charismatic Fellowship** will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 25th of May 2026 at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will be reflecting on Chapter 19 of the Acts of the apostles. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible along. For further details please contact [Anil Baptist on 0223649306 or anilbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:Anil Baptist on 0223649306 or anilbaptist@gmail.com)

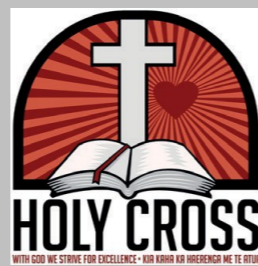
**Holy Cross Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 28th of May 2026 at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For further details please contact [George Schuster on 0212080447 or Anil Baptist on 022 3649306](mailto:George Schuster on 0212080447 or Anil Baptist on 022 3649306).

**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>.

**JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship – North Shore** Join us for an evening of fellowship and praise and worship. Topic: A Journey of Hope - Combating Pornography on the Internet. Presenter: Fr Robert Steele, priest and author helping people find healing, freedom and hope in Christ. Date: Wednesday, 27th May 2026. Venue: St Thomas More Church, Glenfield. Time: 7:00 pm – Fellowship - 7:30pm – Praise & Worship followed by talk. All men are warmly invited. Enquiries: [Tet-Woo 021-038 0196](tel:021-038 0196) & [Dominic 021-100 3694](tel:021-100 3694).

**Congratulations to Holy Cross Catholic School Henderson** on the opening and blessing of the new St Francis Building. This is a truly momentous occasion in the life of the school community and a testament to the shared vision, dedication, and hard work of everyone involved. May this new building become a place of learning, faith, growth, and inspiration for generations of students to come.

Special congratulations to Principal Janice Borsos, the teachers, staff, and teacher aides for your commitment and service to Catholic education. Your care, passion, and dedication continue to nurture young minds and hearts in the spirit of Christ and St Francis. May God bless this new chapter for the school and all who will learn and work within its walls.



**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** )



**Pentecost** is one of the most important celebrations in the Catholic Church because it marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary, fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the Book of Acts (Acts 2:1–11), the Holy Spirit came upon them like tongues of fire, giving them courage to preach the Gospel in different languages. Because of this event, Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church," when the Apostles began their mission of spreading Christ's message to the world.

According to Catholic teaching, Pentecost fulfils Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen His followers. The Holy Spirit continues to work in the Church today through the Sacraments, especially Confirmation, giving believers the gifts needed to live holy and faithful lives. Pentecost reminds Catholics to live with faith, unity, and courage as witnesses of Christ in the world.



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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.**

**Solemnity of Pentecost 23rd & 24th May**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Katie-Ann Vaka'uta	Madalene Warren	Katherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu	Edmosa Vaka'uta	Kate Jariel	Griselda Baptista
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Wayne Coelho	Anita Gupta	Donalyn Dizon	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Kiara Monteiro
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Prem Joseph	Michael Mckeown	Cheryl Sinclair	Tricia Pineda	Charmaine Monteiro
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<b>Offertory</b>		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 30th & 31st May**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Julia Macuja	Bonita Smith	Janice Borsos	Fiona Tufts (Pua)	Olympia D'Souza
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Amy Macuja	Frances Ah Ken	Brigid Ann McGrath	Gemma Dominguez	Tanya DSouza
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