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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

31st of May 2026— Solemnity of Most Holy Trinity (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3
Response: Glory and praise for ever!

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".

God is Love and Loving!

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. *John 3: 16-18*

Reflect today on the Most Holy Trinity. We were made to share in Their Life and Love. Though the fullness of the Trinity remains a mystery beyond human grasp, it is not beyond human encounter. Through grace, revelation, and contemplative union, God draws us to Himself—not to explain Himself, but to be consumed by Him. Celebrate this day by repeatedly praying one of the most ancient and simple prayers of the Church:

**Glory be to the Father,
 Who by His almighty power and love created me,
 making me in the image and likeness of God.
 Glory be to the Son,
 Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
 and opened for me the gates of heaven.
 Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
 Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
 and continues to sanctify me
 by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.
 Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
 now and forever.
 Amen.**

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Deut 8: 2-3,14b-16a
Psalm: 147
Second: 1 Cor 10: 16-17
Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 91	2 Pet 1: 2-7	Mark 12: 1-12
Tuesday	Ps 90	2 Pet 3: 12-15a, 17-18	Mark 12: 13-17
Wednesday	Ps 123	2 Tim 1: 1-3, 6-12	Mark 12: 18-27
Thursday	Ps 25	2 Tim 2: 8-15	Mark 12: 28-34
Friday	Ps 119	2 Tim 3: 10-17	Mark 12: 35-37
Saturday	Ps 71	2 Tim 4: 1-8	Mark 12: 38-44

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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.

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

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.

First Friday Mass - First Friday Mass will be celebrated on Friday 5th of June, Blessed Adoration will begin at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

Parish Review: The Parish council is looking to tap on your talents and grace for the improvement of our parish life. Hence the Parish Council seeking your inputs. Therefore, from the first 3 Sundays of June a "**Parish Review**" form will be handed over to you to be filled and returned to the parish office/put in the box provided at the foyer.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 5th June 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.

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 6th June at 6pm. This Mass is specifically tailored for the children, and we encourage you to bring your little ones along.

Choirs—Fr Ephrem wishes to meet the music master/choir leaders on Wednesday evening 6.30pm on 10th June, to come and walk together on the "Guidelines for musicians" provided by the diocese and more. Looking forward to your presence on the given date and time.

WYD27 Launch Event—Join us for the official launch of the Auckland & Hamilton diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. This is your chance to get all the details! The Launch will take place at Holy Family Korean Parish (28-32 Bishop Dunn Pl, Flat Bush) on Sunday 7 June, starting at 2:30pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve Lowe. Registrations are essential! Secure your spot here: <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-2027-launch>

Watch this Space— One of the suggestions that emerged from our Faith Sharing last Sunday was that the topic discussed is very important and should be shared with the wider Parish community, especially through the Brown Robe. In response to this, Deacon Adolf will be writing an article which will be published as an insert in the Brown Robe.

"Monte Cecilia Housing Trust Annual Winter Woollies Appeal. As the colder months approach, Monte Cecilia Housing Trust requests your support for our families in need through our annual Winter Woollies Appeal. We are seeking donations of new warm Clothing and Blankets to help keep everyone warm this winter. You can help, please bring your donations to our main office: **30 Windrush Close, Mangere, Auckland Mon – Fri 9am-4pm**. If you'd rather make a financial contribution, you can do so through Monte Cecilia's website. Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of the families we support.

Holy Cross Parish Henderson AGM 2026—This will be held on the 21st of June. All are welcome. Venue TBC.

PREFERENCE FORM—When parent(s)/guardian(s) apply to enrol a child in a Catholic school, they are required to obtain a Preference Certificate. This is done by meeting with their parish priest or another person designated by the Bishop, in accordance with the Education and Training Act 2020, Schedule 6, Clause 26. At Holy Cross Parish Henderson, preference signing is available on the **1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of each month from 11:00am to 12:00pm**. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are asked to bring the completed Preference Form together with the necessary supporting documents listed below:

- **Option 1:** Student's Baptism Certificate
- **Option 2:** Parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student Baptism Certificate
- **Option 3:** Sibling(s) of the student Baptism Certificate
- **Option 4:** With the agreement of the child's parent(s)/guardian(s), a significant familial adult may undertake to support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church. This person is expected to be actively practising their faith in their local parish. They may be a grandparent, aunt, or uncle who is actively involved in the child's upbringing. The significant familial adult must bring: Their Baptism Certificate and Supporting documents relevant to the application.

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity celebrates the central mystery of the Christian faith: one God in three Divine Persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Though the word "Trinity" does not appear directly in the Bible, the truth of the Trinity is revealed throughout Sacred Scripture. At the Baptism of Jesus, the Father speaks from heaven, the Son is baptized, and the Holy Spirit descends like a dove (cf. Matthew 3:16–17). Before His Ascension, Jesus commanded His disciples to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19), revealing the unity and equality of the three Persons.

According to Catholic teaching, the Trinity is not three gods, but one God in three Persons, perfectly united in love and essence. The Father is the Creator, the Son is the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier, yet all are one God working together for the salvation of humanity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the mystery of the Trinity is the source of all other mysteries of faith and the model of perfect communion and love. As Christians, we are called to live in that same unity, love, and relationship with God and with one another.



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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 the Most Holy Trinity 30th & 31st May					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Bonita Smith	Janice Borsos	Fiona Tufts (Pua)	Olympia D'Souza
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Frances Ah Ken	Brigid Ann McGrath	Gemma Dominguez	Tanya DSouza
Reader 2:	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Colleen Aalbers	Yolanda D'Rosario	Kimberley Suan
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Prem Joseph	Selestina Levave	Clare Connoly	Celino Orquejo	Danielle Monteiro
	Jasmine Prem Kumar	Winnie Veikoso	Sione Vakauta	Suzette Orquejo	Mary Sarunija Moh...
	Miguel Padilla		Jennifer Baptist	Ngalo'afe Nau	Michael Eade
	Joisie Cueva		Teresa Malone	Malia Veatupu	Charmaine Monteiro
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	Ana Fernandes
	Joseph Seo	Amanda de Jesus	Caroline Cibi	Jordan Rajan	Jacob Alabastro
	Francisco del Rosario	Jaden Nanol	Ryan Jerom	Jane	Francewill Mangahas
	Zephan Saldanha	Lui Ali	Lawrence Lolesio	Joseph Uale	Luis Alabastro
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Evelyn Pereira	Sr Ake & friends	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Solemnity of the Bod & Blood of Christ 6th & 7th June					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	child	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist	Madalene Warren	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	child	Anita Gupta	Jane Thomsen	Fisilose Dolora Veatupu	Maria de Hoog
Reader 2:	child	Sabrina Veatupu	Nikolao Whyte	Kate Jariel	Sue Ivceovich
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Offertory					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy	