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## 7th of June 2026— Solemnity of Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Year A)



**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147**  
**Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem !**

**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".

### Pange Lingua—Proclaim, O Tongue!

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarrelled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?."  
*John 6: 51-52*

Reflect today on Jesus' unwavering clarity: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Believe what He says. The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is the greatest Divine Mystery on earth. In the Eucharist, we kneel before God and consume Him—so that we may become what we eat: the Mystical Body of Christ.

Let us close by praying the opening verses of a hymn Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote at the request of Pope Urban IV for the newly instituted Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264—the Pange Lingua, meaning, "Proclaim, O Tongue.

**Down in adoration falling,  
 Lo! the sacred Host we hail;  
 Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,  
 Newer rites of grace prevail;  
 Faith for all defects supplying,  
 Where the feeble senses fail.  
 To the everlasting Father,  
 And the Son who reigns on high,  
 With the Holy Ghost proceeding  
 Forth from each eternally,  
 Be salvation, honour, blessing,  
 Might, and endless majesty. Amen.**



### Readings This Sunday

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

### Readings Next Sunday

**First:** Exodus 19: 2-6a  
**Psalm:** 100  
**Second:** Romans 5: 6-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 9:36—10: 8

### Scripture Readings for the week

|                  |        |                        |               |
|------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Ps 121 | 1 Kings 17: 1-6        | Mat 5: 1-12   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Ps 4   | 1 Kings 17: 7-16       | Mat 5: 13-16  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Ps 16  | 1 Kings 18: 20-39      | Mat 5: 17-19  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Ps 98  | Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 | Mat 5: 20-26  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Ps 103 | Deut 7: 6-11           | Mat 11: 25-30 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Ps 16  | 1 Kings 19: 19-21      | Luke 2: 41-51 |

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**The St Vincent de Paul** The St Vincent de Paul society meet in the Church meeting room on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the church meeting room at 7pm. New members are always welcome.

**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, starting this weekend and the following 2 weekends 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.

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

**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.

**Secular Franciscan Order** - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 14th of June 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](mailto:Jan.Cherrington@0211875176) or email [jancherrington@gmail.com](mailto:jancherrington@gmail.com)

**HCC Youth Event – 31 May 2026**—Our recent HCC Youth Event was a great success, with around 31 young people attending. Thank you to our dedicated Youth Ministry Team, music leaders Br Matthew, Joanna, Jana, and Teresa, and our kitchen team, Josh and Tristan, for helping make the evening such a positive experience. Most importantly, thank you to the young people who attended and to their parents and caregivers for their ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next youth event and sharing more exciting developments at HCC in the near future.

**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>

**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.

**Marriage Preparation Programme**—The Catholic Diocese of Auckland are looking for volunteers to facilitate the Marriage Preparation Programme; the training is starting soon. If you have been married for 5 years plus and feel drawn to helping engaged couples [please call Gerry on 0210 224 7442](#).

**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 Tuesdays (Correction from last week) 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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** celebrates the great gift of the Eucharist, in which Jesus Christ remains truly present body, blood, soul and divinity among His people through the Eucharist. The Church teaches that during the Mass, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of consecration spoken by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. This mystery was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper when He said, "This is my body, which is given for you" and "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood" (Luke 22:19–20). Through the Eucharist, Christ nourishes His Church and unites believers with Himself and with one another.

The biblical foundation of this solemnity is found throughout Scripture, especially in Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. In John 6:51, Jesus declares, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." He further teaches that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink (John 6:55), revealing the profound reality of the Eucharist. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, the Passover meal, and the sacrifice of Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18) all foreshadow this sacrament. As Catholics, we celebrate Corpus Christi and give thanks for Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist and are called to become what we receive—the Body of Christ in the world, living lives of faith, charity, and service.



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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 Bod & Blood of Christ 6th & 7th June**

| Mass  | Vigil Sat 6 pm           | Sun 7am  | Sun 9 am                 | Sun 11 am                | Sun 6 pm                      |
|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Leader :</b>                                   | child                    | Jean Soniega   | Anil Baptist             | Madalene Warren          | Gafatasi Endemann             |
| <b>Reader 1:</b>                                  | child                    | Anita Gupta  | Jane Thomsen             | Fisiflose Dolora Veatupu | Maria de Hoog                 |
| <b>Reader 2:</b>                                  | child                    | Sabrina Veatupu  | Nikolao Whyte            | Kate Jariel              | Sue Ivicevich                 |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> | Jasmine Prem Kumar       | Ann Mckeown  | Piet Bakker              | Ngalo'afe Nau            | Michael Eade                  |
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| <b>Collector:</b>                                 | Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge | Soniega Family   | Men's Fellowship         | Filemoni & Celino        | Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere |
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|   | Joseph Seo               | Isabel de Jesus  | Caroline Cibi            | Jordan Rajan             | Feeba Corray                  |
|   | Francisco del Rosario    | Jaden Nanol  | Ryan Jerom               | Jane                     | Francewill Mangahas           |
|   | Zephan Saldanha          | Lui Ali  | Lawrence Lolesio         | Joseph Uale              | Luis Alabastro                |
| <b>Music Ministry:</b>                            | Musica Christi           | Quiet Mass   | Sr Ake & Choir           | Tongan Community         | Couples for Christ            |
| <b>Offertory</b>                                  |                          | Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family | Flowers Tongan Community | Children's Liturgy       |                               |

**11th Sunday of Ordinary Time 13th & 14th June**

| Mass  | Vigil Sat 6 pm           | Sun 7am                                       | Sun 9 am   | Sun 11 am  | Sun 6 pm                      |
|---|--------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>Leader :</b>                                   | Margie del Rosario       | Lydia Ah-kuoi                                 | Janice Borsos                                    | Lana Ieremia                                       | Sr Ake Nun Toon               |
| <b>Reader 1:</b>                                  | Ingrid D'Silva           | Frances Ah Ken                                | Cheryl Sinclair                                  | Joy Mati   | Danielle Monteiro             |
| <b>Reader 2:</b>                                  | Stephanie Alimagno       | Mary Turnwald                                 | Brigid Ann McGrath                               | Agnes Seiuli                                       | Kiara Monteiro                |
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|   | Wayne Coelho             |   | Colleen Aalbers                                  |  | Michael Eade                  |
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|   | Joseph Seo               | Amanda de Jesus                               | Caroline Cibi                                    | Jordan Rajan                                       | Feeba Corray                  |
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