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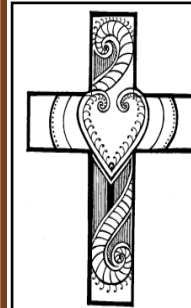
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

5th of July 2026— 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



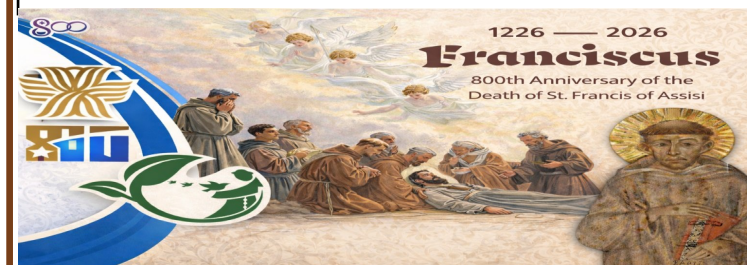
Responsorial Psalm Ps 145
Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God .

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".

Praying to the Father in the Son!
At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." - Matthew 11: 25-27

This passage presents the Christian life as a journey of praise, humility, and intimate union with God. Jesus openly glorifies the Father, acknowledging His sovereignty over heaven and earth, and invites us to join Him in that same attitude of worship. His prayer echoes the beginning of the Lord's Prayer, reminding us that our deepest purpose is to glorify God and become active members of His Kingdom. Through Jesus, the Father is revealed to us, and we are drawn into the loving relationship shared between the Father and the Son. Jesus then extends His compassionate invitation to all who are weary and burdened, promising rest and mercy. Ultimately, the passage reveals that our highest calling is to share in the love of the Most Holy Trinity and to glorify God forever, both in this life and eternally in Heaven. Reflect on whether your love for others flows from a heart that loves God above all else. When God is your first love, He transforms your heart so that you can love others with the selfless love of Christ, guiding them toward eternal life with Him.

Our Father, You who dwell in the heavens and within the souls of Your sanctified ones, may Your eternal essence, Your holy Name—the One who was, who is, and who is to come, the Great I AM—be honoured, praised, and glorified forever. May this glorification shine forth in my life and in the lives of all Your faithful, as we await with joyful hope the return in glory of Your Son, Jesus our Savior, when You, together with Him and the Holy Spirit, will establish the New Heavens and the New Earth.



Readings This Sunday

First: Zechariah 9: 9-10
Psalm: Psalm 145
Second: Romans 8: 9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Readings Next Sunday

First: Isaiah 55: 10-11
Psalm: Psalm 65
Second: Romans 8: 18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

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

Wednesdays 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment

Saturdays 9:30am to 10:30pm

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

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 145	Hosea 2: 16-22	Mat 9: 18-26
Tuesday	Ps 115	Hosea 8: 4-7, 11-13	Mat 9: 32-38
Wednesday	Ps 105	Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12	Mat 10: 1-7
Thursday	Ps 80	Hosea 11: 1-4, 8c-9	Mat 10: 7-15
Friday	Ps 51	Hosea 14: 2-10	Mat 10: 16-23
Saturday	Ps 93	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Mat 10: 24-33

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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 .

Holy Cross Parish Henderson Winter Camp will be held from 13–15 July, 9:00am to 3:00pm each day, led by Bro. Matthew Joy OFM Cap. and the Missionaries of Charity Sisters. Open to children aged 9–12, this year’s theme is “I Am a Child of God.” Give your children the opportunity to enjoy a faith-filled and enriching school holiday `experience with fun activities and spiritual growth. Please note that this is not an overnight camp, and children must be picked up at the end of each day. Scan the QR Code to get the form to register and email it to secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz. **Deadline for registration is the end of Friday 10th of July**



Finance committee—will meet on Thursday 9th of July at 10:30am. We are looking for a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer (Volunteer) with good accounting experience. If you are interested, please contact our Parish Priest—Fr Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap at hccparishpriest@gmail.com.

Secular Franciscan Order - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 11th of July 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

Commissioning Retreat for all Altar Servers on Thursday, 16 July 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish. The purpose of this gathering is to help our altar servers deepen their understanding of the sacredness of their ministry, strengthen their commitment to serving at the altar, and prepare them spiritually and practically for their service in the liturgy

Thank You from Holy Cross Youth! A massive THANK YOU to the Holy Cross Church Henderson community for supporting our recent Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale! Whether you purchased food or cheered us on, your generosity is deeply appreciated. We have raised \$646.56 and special shout-out to everyone who donated bread and beautiful baked goods—your kindness made the day a wonderful success. Thank you for investing in our youth and always backing our parish community. God bless!



WYD Auckland- 1 August 2026, 10am-8:30pm, Victory Convention Centre

World Youth Day Auckland is just around the corner, come along and join 1800 other Young Catholics for a joy-filled day of Faith. Please also contact Michael Kamson our Youth Coordinator if you want to go as we are trying to organise that we as a whole group from Holy Cross Parish and share in this experience together.

Email Michael at hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com.

Upcoming Parish Activity—Join us on Saturday, 8 August at 2:00 pm for a private screening of the inspiring film Padre Pio at Event Cinemas West City, hosted by Holy Cross Parish Henderson. This special event is presented through the Franciscan Film Fellowship and the Secular Franciscan Order as part of the celebrations marking the Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi and the 50th anniversary of the Capuchin Friars’ presence at Holy Cross Church. Tickets are just \$10 per person, with all proceeds supporting parish projects. Come and enjoy an uplifting afternoon while contributing to the life and mission of our parish community. Tickets will be available for the weekend of the 11th of July.

Men of Holy Cross Parish, you are warmly invited to join us for a transformative Men's Fellowship Retreat from 9–11 October 2026 at the peaceful and prayerful Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru. Places are strictly limited, and previous retreats have filled quickly. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to secure your place as soon as possible. Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your faith and connect with fellow brothers in Christ. For further details please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306.



Public Talk with Br. William Short OFM We are blessed to welcome Br Bill Short OFM, a renowned American Franciscan author and speaker, professor of Christian spirituality, and Director of the Collegium Bonaventura. He will give a talk on: St Francis: Friend of the Poor, Lover of Peace, Brother to all Creatures Thursday, 9 July at 7:00pm St Therese Parish Hall 463 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings Entrance is free. Koha is most welcome.

This Matariki, 9th of July give the gift of life by donating blood. NZ Blood will be at the Waitākere Netball Centre, 31–35 Te Pai Place, and every donation can make a life-changing difference to someone in need. Please remember to bring a physical photo ID.

Open Circle Markets. Free, family-friendly food-truck nights popping up in community parks right across Auckland. We're bringing it to Hart Domain, Henderson on Fri 23 Oct 2026, 5–9pm — free entry, great kai and a relaxed community night out for the whole whānau.

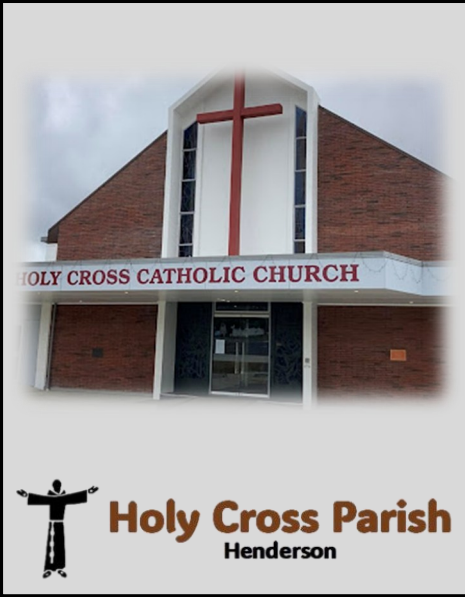
Prayer Retreat for Women: 'Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday 9th October 6pm to Sunday 11th October 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Register: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Demolition and construction works for the school—will start on the 3rd of July to the 6th of August with working hours of 7:30am to 5pm please be aware of the disruptions.

Have you been thinking about joining the Catholic Church, learning more about the Catholic faith, or completing your Sacraments? We warmly invite you to take the next step in your faith journey with us.

Our **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** programme will begin on the **7th July at 6pm** and is open to adults who wish to become Catholic, as well as those who have been baptised in another Christian tradition and are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. For children and young people, our **Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC)** programme will be organised in collaboration with the **Missionaries of Charity Sisters**, providing a supportive and faith-filled environment for them to learn about Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church.

Whether you are exploring the faith for the first time, returning to the Church after many years, or seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion, we would be delighted to accompany you on your journey. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the Parish Office at secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz. We look forward to welcoming you into our parish family.



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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 12:30pm. For any inquiries, please contact the Parish Office.**

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time 4th & 5th July 2026					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	child	Bonita Smith	Katherine Tanginoa	Fiona Tuffs (Pua)	Kaira Monteiro
Reader 1:	child	Frances Ah Ken	Jane Thomsen	Fisilose Dolora Veatupu	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	child	Mary Turnwald	Juliana Portugal	Jane Edna Veehala	Sue Ivicevich
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva	Ann Mckeown	Noelene Earlyly	Ngalo'afe Nau	Charmaine Monteiro
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	Maria Alimagno		Paul Coakley	Maria Faleusu	Anna Manoharan
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membere
Altar Servers:	Izabel	Isabel de Jesus (L)	Lawrence Lolesio	Christian	Feeba Corray (L)
	Zephan Saldanha (L)	Matthew Abalajen	Frencheska Perlas (L)	Funaki Ali (L)	Ana Fernandes
	Summer de los Re...	Mikko Abalajen	Dioniel Basabe	Lui Ali	Juvan Gino
	Aroha	Mikaela Abalajen	Mishael Basabe	Jordan Solomon (L)	Luis Alabastro (L)
	Johanna				
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Sr Ake & Choir	Tongan Community	Couples for Christ
Offertory					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Tongan Community	Children's Liturgy	

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time 11th & 12th July 2026					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Phoenix Fonoti	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Savieti Lea	Michael Smith	Joy Mati	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	Ingrid D'Silva	Frances Martinez	Maria Jose	Agnes Seiuli	Kimberley Suan
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	Junho (L)	Keisha Patero	Knight Marques	Jane	Juvan Gino
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