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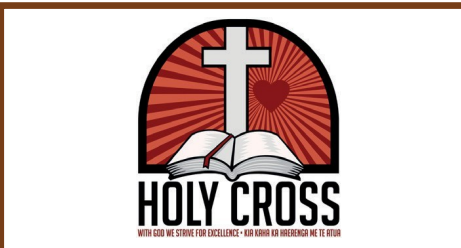
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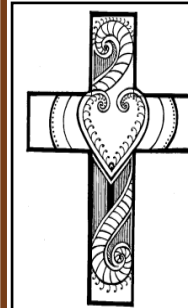
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

12th of July 2026— 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 65
Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

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".

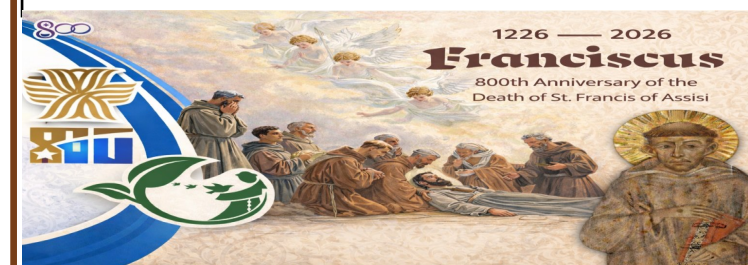
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"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up..." - **Matthew 13: 3-4**

The Divine Sower sows lavishly. He casts the seed everywhere—on the path, among the rocks, amidst thorns, and upon rich earth. This is not careless, but the work of Divine Mercy. God desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Even where the ground seems hardened, shallow, or choked with thorns, He still sows. He never ceases to speak, to reach out, to invite. He sows even in places we might deem hopeless—until the final moment, when the time for sowing is ended.

Reflect today on God's generous and continuous sowing in your soul. He never ceases speaking to you, calling to you, and planting His Word within you. How receptive are you? Which soil best describes your soul? It's never too late to respond in this life. God's Word can grow rapidly within us when our souls are fertile and receptive. Remove the rocks, cut down the thorns, and till the hardened path, so that the abundant seed will make its way into your heart.

Divine Sower, You ceaselessly send forth Your truth and grace to enlighten and strengthen us in the mission of building Your Kingdom. Please till the soil of my heart and make it fertile, so that Your Word may take root in me, growing and producing an abundance of good fruit. Jesus, I trust in You.



Readings This Sunday

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Wisdom 12: 13-19
Psalm: Psalm 86
Second: Romans 8: 26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

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

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Every **4th Sunday** of the month 2pm-3pm

PREFERENCE SIGNING

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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 50	Isaiah 1: 10-17	Mat 10: 34—11:1
Tuesday	Ps 48	Isaiah 7: 1-9	Mat 11: 20-24
Wednesday	Ps 94	Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13b-16	Mat 11: 25-27
Thursday	Ps 102	Isaiah 26: 7-19	Mat 11: 28-30
Friday	Isaiah 38	Isaiah 38: 1-22	Mat 12: 1-8
Saturday	Ps 10	Micah 2: 1-5	Mat 12: 14-21

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Secular Franciscan Order - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 12th 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

Sacrament of the sick (Third Tuesday) 21st of July 11am, followed by a Shared lunch. All are Welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Third Thursday) will be held on Thursday 23rd of July, 7:30pm at the Parish Pastoral Centre.

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. We are busy organising a group to go together and organising transport for the whole group. Should you want to join us please send an email to Bonita Smith, one of our Youth Leaders, at hccparishyouth@gmail.com by Wednesday, 15th July 2026, 5pm so we can include you in our group booking. If you do not let us know by this deadline date you will need to register yourself individually by scanning the QR code found on the poster in the foyer and will also need to find your own way there.



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 starting this weekend and will run until all tickets are sold. Be quick to avail as the tickets are limited.

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.

International Food Festival—Our parish will be organizing an international food festival to celebrate our feast day. This will be held on Saturday the 12th of September. All ethnicities are invited to put up a stall to showcase their cuisine and help in fundraising for the parish. If you are interested you need to attend a meeting on Monday the 13th of July at 6 pm in the parish meeting room. Please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306 for further details

Our car park has now been freshly marked to improve safety and accessibility. The updated layout includes additional Mobility Parking spaces, clearly marked pedestrian walkways, and yellow no-parking lines. We kindly ask everyone to observe these markings at all times, particularly by keeping emergency access areas clear, so that everyone can use the car park safely and emergency vehicles have unobstructed access if needed

Please support the Caring Foundation’s winter appeal – Caring Sunday July 19th. With one in seven children living in material hardship, and the cost of living continuing to impact families, the Caring Foundation’s Caring Sunday appeal 2026 is more important than ever. Funds raised from our major appeal will help support agencies throughout our diocese who are at the coal-face of need. To donate please scan the QR Code.

INVITATION You are warmly invited to the Caring Mass – 12th of August. Please join Bishop Steve and the Caring Foundation team for the Caring Mass on Wednesday the 12th of August at 11.30am at Christ the King Church, Owairaka.

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

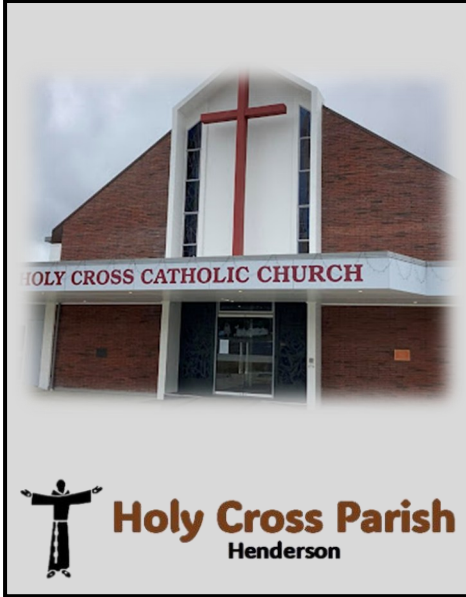
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Have you been thinking about joining the Catholic Church, learning more about the Catholic faith, or completing your Sacraments? We warmly invite you to take the next step in your faith journey with us.

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) have to be Catholics** (or at least one) must attend, **Sponsors/Godparents (or at least one) have to be Catholics** and 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.**

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
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Maria Alimagno	Geraldine Sequera	Cheryl Sinclair	Sandy Mary Fonoti	Sr Ake
	Renante Alimagno	Winnie Veikoso	Pearlie Judd	Matalena Sagote	Neil Fernandes
	Jessica D'Silva		Piet Bakker	Frances Ieremia	Beatrice Wilsor
	Jasmine Prem Kumar		Tricia Pineda	Malia Seufatu	Mary Sarunija Moh...
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge		Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Francisco del Rosario	Arden David Laki	Lawrence Lolesio	Funaki Ali (L)	Feeba Corray (L)
	Liam Kim	Amanda de Jesus (L)	Caroline Cibi (L)	Lui Ali	Ana Fernandes
	Junho (L)	Keisha Patero	Knight Marques	Jane	Juvan Gino
	Ryan Jerom	Jaden Nanol	Mishael Basabe	Erika	Thomas Eade
		Mikko Abalajen	Dioniel Basabe		
Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Siemsen Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	Flowers Ahio & Veatupu Family Tania Liuagamatagi	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time 18th & 19th July 2026					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera	Bonita Smith	Janice Borsos	Vui Tai Asiata	Kaira Monteiro
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Anita Gupta	Nikolao Whyte	Maria Kumitau	Sue Ivceovich
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Sabrina Veatupu	Ann McGrath	Yolanda D'Rosario	Danielle Monteiro
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