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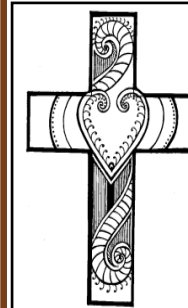
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

19th of July 2026— 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 86

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving .

Mission Statement of Our Parish

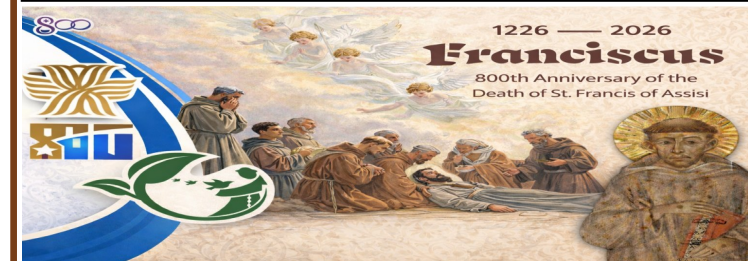
"We the Catholic Community of the Holy Cross Parish Henderson, empowered by the Holy Spirit, accept and proclaim the Good News and strive to be one in God's love and to be of service to others".

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He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened" - Matthew 13: 33

Reflect today on the quiet ways God is at work within you, within the Church, and throughout the world. Though you might not always perceive the movement of grace, trust that it is active—like yeast in dough—gently transforming, sanctifying, and preparing hearts for the glory to come. Resist the temptation to measure your spiritual growth by visible signs or immediate results. Instead, remain faithful to prayer, attentive to the Word, and docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God's Kingdom unfolds in time, and its rising is certain. Even when the world seems overwhelmed by sin or division, remember that the leaven is at work. The final loaf is being prepared for the eternal banquet—and you are being made ready, one hidden grace at a time, until you are fully prepared to share in the joy of the eternal feast.

Most Holy Word of God, speak to me, enter my heart, and transform me by Your grace. Send forth Your Word into Your Church on earth. Make Her holy, that She may reflect the beauty and strength of the Body of Christ. Use me and all the members of Your Body to witness to the world—especially to those who do not yet know You—so that they may be drawn into the wonder and awe of Your transforming power and come to partake in the superabundant Banquet to which we are all called. Jesus, I trust in You .



Readings This Sunday

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12
Psalm: Psalm 119
Second: Romans 8: 28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

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

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 50	Micah 6: 1-8	Mat 12: 38-42
Tuesday	Ps 85	Micah 7: 14-20	Mat 12: 46-50
Wednesday	Ps 63	Songs 3: 1-4b	John 20: 1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Ps 36	Jer 2: 1-13	Mat 13: 10-17
Friday	Jer 31	Jer 3: 14-17	Mat 13: 18-23
Saturday	Ps 126	2 Cor 4: 7-15	Mat 20: 20-28

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Holy Cross Parish Henderson Altar Servers (Padre Pio Servants of the Altar Holy Cross Henderson) - We delighted to have almost 60 Altar Servers committing themselves into this special ministry. We thank God for these young people who have generously offered their time and talents to serve the Lord and His people at the altar. May God continue to bless them and deepen their love for Him. May the fire of faith in their hearts burn ever more brightly as they grow in holiness, commitment, and joyful service to our parish community.

Holy Cross Charismatic fellowship will be meeting for their monthly fellowship on Monday the 20th at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible along. For further details please contact [Anil Baptist on 0223649306](tel:0223649306)

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

Holy cross men's fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 23rd 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](tel:0212080447).

Faith Sharing Sunday—Our next Faith Sharing Session for 2026 will be held on Sunday, 26th July 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: **“Are Catholics Idol Worshippers?”**. Scripture clearly forbids the making of graven images and idols for worship (Ex. 20 :3-6). Why then do Catholics have statues and crucifixes in their Church? Do we disobey God when we bow to statues of Saints? Do we not sin when we carry and recite the Rosary? Come and listen to Dcn. Adolf Goldwyn open up the Scriptures to respond to the accusation ‘Are Catholics Idol Worshippers?’. 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).

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.



Padre Pio Holy Cross Private Screening—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 over the next two weekends in the foyer. Be quick to avail as the tickets are limited.

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 please contact [Anil Baptist on 0223649306](tel: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.

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.

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Holy Cross Parish Henderson would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make our **Winter Camp** such a wonderful blessing for our parish children.

This retreat would not have been the success it was without the generosity, dedication, and loving service of so many volunteers. Thank you to everyone who donated food, cared for the children, assisted with activities, managed the technical support, worked tirelessly in the kitchen, helped with registration, prepared materials and activities, and quietly served behind the scenes. Every contribution, big or small, made a meaningful difference. A special thank you also goes to all the parents for entrusting your children to us, and to the children themselves for their enthusiasm, joy, and willingness to grow in their faith throughout the camp.



On behalf of **Holy Cross Parish Henderson, Br Matthew**, and the **Missionaries of Charity Sisters**, we offer our heartfelt appreciation and deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, kindness, and commitment to nurturing the faith of our young people.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40



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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.**

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 Asiat	Kaira Monteiro
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Anita Gupta	Nikolao Whyte	Maria Kumitau	Sue Ivceevich
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Sabrina Veatupu	Ann McGrath	Yolanda D’Rosario	Danielle Monteiro
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Dominica Cowan	Selestina Levave	Jennifer Baptist	Noel Fermin	Anna Manoharan
	Lloyd de Melo	Winnie Veikoso	Sulieti Lesatele	Suzette Orquejo	Charmaine Monteiro
	Josephina Kim		Clare Connoly	Maria Faleusu	Michael Eade
	Michael Mckeown		Frank Borsos	Celino Orquejo	Neil Fernandes
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge		Men’s Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Zephan Saldanha (L)	Isabel de Jesus (L)	Francheska Perlas (L)	Joseph Uale (L)	Gab Zara
	Summer de los Reyes	Matthew Abalajen	Izabel Mary Geo	Keyondre Uale	Luis Alabastro (L)
	Aroha	Miguel Abalajen	Isaac Betham	Jordan Solomon (L)	Jacob Alabastro
	Johanna	Mikaela Abalajen	Mishael Basabe	Puni Saka	Ana Fernandes
	Jovi		Brayden		
Music Ministry:	Secular Franciscan	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Sr Ake & Choir	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men’s Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Secular Franciscans Men’s Fellowship Legion of Mary	Children’s Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time 25th & 26th July 2026

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Margie del Rosario	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Madalene Warren	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Mary Turnwald	Katie-Ann Vaka’uta	Agnes Benavides	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Ah Ken	Edmosa Vaka’uta	Trixie Fermin	Gavin Colaco
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	Jessica D’Silva		Ngalo’afe Nau	Celino Orquejo	Kiara Monteiro
	Pearl Debra Coelho		Piet Bakker	Melitta Cadellis	Danielle Monteiro
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men’s Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
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	Junho (L)	Mikko Abalajen	Knight Marques	Lui Ali	Ana Fernandes
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	Francisco del Rosario	Keisha Patero	Judiel Basabe	Christian	Thomas Eade
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Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children’s Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	