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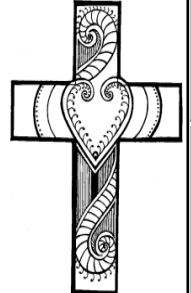
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26th of July 2026— 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 119

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

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".

A Priceless Discovery Awaits!

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." - Matthew 13: 44-46

We will only be willing to let go of everything that keeps us from God when we truly discover the priceless value of His Kingdom. Once we recognize the gift of God's presence now and the promise of eternal life in Heaven, nothing else compares .

Reflect today on this invaluable treasure, waiting to be discovered. Consider where you are on that journey of discovery. Have you heard about the priceless treasure of coming to know, love, and serve God? Have you read about the radical response made by many saints? Have you discovered God for yourself, through prayer and moments of profound enlightenment? If you have not, keep searching—the Kingdom is near. If you have made this discovery, then consider all your attachments, and willingly surrender them to God, acknowledging that nothing is too much to offer to our loving God in exchange for the untold riches of the life of grace to which we are called.

My Lord and King, so often I seek the fleeting treasures of this world, including the illusion of treasures found in sin. Please open my eyes and help me to see You as You truly are—and to recognize the priceless value of Your Kingdom in my life. As I discover this Pearl of Great Price, grant me the courage and wisdom I need to surrender all that You ask of me, so that I may fully attain Your reign in my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

Readings This Sunday

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Isaiah 55: 1-3
Psalm: Psalm 145
Second: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

Scripture Readings for the week

	Deut 32	Jer 13: 1-11	Mat 13: 31-35
Monday	Ps 79	Jer 14: 17-22	Mat 13: 36-43
Tuesday	Ps 59	Jer 15: 10, 16-21	John 11: 19-27
Wednesday	Ps 146	Jer 18: 1-6	Mat 13: 47-53
Thursday	Ps 69	Jer 26: 1-9	Mat 13: 57-58
Friday	Ps 69	Jer 26: 11-16, 24	Mat 14: 1-12
Saturday			

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Fire Wardens—Holy Cross Parish are in need for volunteers to be a Fire Wardens for each Mass. This will double down to be ushers in our church to sit people who are standing at the back. Basic training will be provided. Please email the office if your interested.

The St Vincent de Paul Henderson Over the past month, your prayers & monetary support, helped create 5 food parcels - that's a smile on the dial of 82 adults & 2 children across Henderson & neighbouring communities. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, you can do so by way of Bank transfers can be made to St Vincent de Paul Holy Cross: 12-3020-0488780-00. Please add your full name as reference. Tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year. Contact hendersonsvdp@gmail.com or **Ph 022 687 4694** for your receipt .

Parish Registration Form—We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer for your convenience. Keeping accurate records of all parishioners is important for future reference, such as the signing of any necessary documents by the priest. Thank you for being a part of our parish community.

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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).

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 1st of August at 6pm. This Mass is specifically tailored for the children, and we encourage you to bring your little ones along.

Sacramental 2026—On the 2nd of August at 2pm, we joyfully celebrate as our Sacramental Programme children receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers, that this special day may deepen their love for Christ and inspire them to continue growing in faith, hope, and love. May the Eucharist always be the source and summit of their Christian life.

First Friday Mass - First Friday Mass will be celebrated on Friday 7th of August, Blessed Adoration will begin at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

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. This is the last week of the sale of the tickets in the foyer. Limited number of tickets will just be available for sale in the office.

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](mailto:Anil.Baptist@hccparish.org.nz) for further details

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.

Divine Retreat Centre, New Zealand (DRC-NZ) is organising an Inner Healing Retreat led by Fr (Dr) Antony Prankimalil VC, Director, Divine Retreat Centre, Rwanda. The retreat is being held in Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington from 28th August to 4th September 2026. All are welcome. No registration required. Koha gracefully accepted. Auckland - Christ the King Church, Owairaka 28th August – Friday from 6.00pm. to 9.00pm. 29th August – Saturday from 11.00am. to 5.00pm. 30th August – Sunday from 1.00pm to 5.00p.m. 31st August to 3rd September – Monday to Thursday from 6.00p.m. to 9.00p.m.

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.



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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.**

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
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Maria Alimagno	Michael Mckeown	Jennifer Baptist	Noel Fermin	Anna Manoharan
	Renante Alimagno	Ann Mckeown	Sione Vakauta	Suzette Orquejo	Charmaine Monteiro
	Jessica D'Silva		Ngalo'afe Nau	Celino Orquejo	Kiara Monteiro
	Pearl Debra Coelho		Piet Bakker	Melitta Cadells	Danielle Monteiro
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Liam Kim	Amanda de Jesus (L)	Caroline Cibi (L)	Funaki Ali (L)	Feeba Corray (L)
	Junho (L)	Mikko Abalajen	Knight Marques	Lui Ali	Ana Fernandes
	Ryan Jerom	Arden David Laki	Lawrence Lolesio	Joseph Uale (L)	Juvan Gino
	Francisco del Rosario	Keisha Patero	Judiel Basabe	Christian	Thomas Eade
	Jezreel	Jaden Nanol			
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	

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time 1st & 2nd August					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	child	Jean Soniega	Fiona Tuffs (Pua)	Katherine Tanginoa	Sr Ake Nun Toon
Reader 1:	child	Anita Gupta	Michael Smith	Jane Edna Veehala	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	child	Nikolao Whyte	Maria Jose	Fisiifose Dolora Veatuou	Sue Ivicevich
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva	Selestina Levave	Teresa Malone	Ngalo'afe Nau	Neil Fernandes
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	Jovi		Dioniel Basabe	Erika	
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