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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

09th of August 2026— 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 85 Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.	MASS TIMES Tuesday & Thursday 9am Wednesday Morning 9am Friday Morning 9am 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
	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!
"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
- Matthew 14: 27-31

Despair is the true enemy of faith. Though fear and the growing force of the wind weakened Peter's faith, he remained hopeful even in his weakness. And it was this hope—however trembling—that moved Jesus to stretch out His divine hand and save him.

Reflect today on any trial or suffering you endure that tempts you to fear. Confront that fear head-on. Rebuke it. Look for Jesus, who comes to you in the midst of the trial, walking on and through that very storm. Know that it is truly Him, drawing near. As you overcome fear, keep your eyes fixed on Him, not on the storm. This is what strengthens our faith and enables us to keep moving forward toward the goal: Jesus' hand of divine grace.

My saving Lord, though You permit trials in our lives, You always offer the grace we need to endure them patiently and to overcome them with trust and hope in You. Help me, Lord, to always see You in my suffering and confusion. May I never give in to despair, but instead grow in faith as I walk toward You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Readings This Sunday
First: 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a
Psalm: Psalm 85
Second: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Readings Next Sunday
First: Isa 56: 1,6-7
Psalm: Psalm 67
Second: Romans 11:13-32
Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Scripture Readings for the week
Monday Ps 112 2 Cor 9: 6-10 John 12: 24-26
Tuesday Ps 119 Eze 2: 8-3:4 Mat 18: 1-14
Wednesday Ps 113 Eze 9: 1-22 Mat 18: 15-20
Thursday Ps 78 Eze 12: 1-12 Mat 18: 21-19:1
Friday Isa 12 Eze 16: 1-63 Mat 19: 3-12
Saturday Ps 45 Rev 11: 19a-12: 10ab Luk 1: 39-56

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On 1st August, this Saturday, about 2,000 young Catholics gathered at the Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2026.



**WYD
Auckland 2026**

Holy Cross Parish Youth Group—Calling all HCC Youth (12-18 years old), come & join us on Friday, 21st August, 7-9pm in the Church Hall for our August Youth Games Night it promises to be an evening filled with Faith, Fun and Friends (and of course Free Food). For health and safety reasons registration is mandatory for this event. To register please scan the QR code found on the posters in the foyer on the noticeboards or email [Michael Kamson- hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.Kamson-hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com). Deadline for registrations is 19th August at 8pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you for your wonderful generosity in completing our Parish Census. We are grateful to share that we now have 525 registered families, with many already supporting our parish through Parish Pledge Giving. Your faithful generosity enables us to continue the mission of Holy Cross Parish and provide for the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. As we begin a new Pledge Giving renewal, we kindly invite every family to prayerfully reflect on your offering and **consider renewing or increasing your commitment**, according to your means.

The Parish Pledge Giving Renewal will take place from the weekend of 15–16 August until the last weekend of August. We ask that each family takes one pledge envelope, fill it up, and return it in the box provided.

Thank you for your continued kindness, generosity, and support. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant and welcoming parish community. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

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.

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 The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson would like to thank you for your ongoing support & prayers. Members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses next weekend. If you wish to donate online, 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 .

Secular Franciscan Order - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 9th of August 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

Finance Meeting (Second Thursday) will be held on **Thursday 13th of August**, 10:30am at the Parish Office.

Sacrament of the sick (Third Tuesday) **18th of August 11am**, followed by a Shared lunch. All are Welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Third Thursday) will be held on **Thursday 20th of August, 7pm** at the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Our Parish Hall is available for hire from the weekend of the 15th of August. To make a booking, please email the Parish Office to request a Hall Hire Form. Once the completed form has been received then we will discuss your preferred booking date and time. When the hire fee has been paid, we will confirm your booking subject to availability. Everything will be done through email and first received will be the first one served.

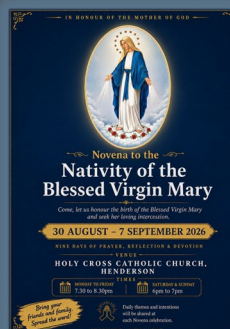
International Food Festival—Our parish will be organizing an international food festival to celebrate our feast day. This will be held on **Saturday the 12th of September**. All ethnicities are invited to put up a stall to showcase their cuisine and help in fundraising for the parish. If you are interested please contact [Anil Baptist on 0223649306](mailto:Anil.Baptist@0223649306) for further details

Catholic Caring Foundation Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Steve and the Caring Foundation team for the Caring Mass. Wednesday August the 12th at 11.30am at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. Everyone is most welcome!

Holy Cross Parish warmly invites all parishioners, families, and friends to join us in a 9-Day Novena to Our Blessed Mother Mary, from Sunday, 30 August to Monday, 7 September.

Over these nine days, we will gather in prayer and devotion, reflecting each day on a special theme and prayer intention. Together, we will seek the loving intercession of Our Lady for our families, our parish community, our nation, and the needs of the world. This novena offers a beautiful opportunity to deepen our faith, draw closer to Jesus through Mary, and unite as a community in prayer, hope, and trust. All are welcome. Come and experience the grace, peace, and blessings that flow from spending time with Our Blessed Mother in prayer.

The feast day mass of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Tuesday, 8th September at 7:30pm. Please refer to the poster in the church foyer for more details.



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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.

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8th & 9th August					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja ▾	Bonita Smith ▾	Janice Borsos ▾	Lourdes Fonoti ▾	Olympia D'Souza ▾
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja ▾	Frances Martinez ▾	Brigid Ann McGrath ▾	Joy Mati ▾	Gavin Colaco ▾
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno ▾	Sabrina Veatupu ▾	Cheryl Sinclair ▾	Sandy Mary Fonoti ▾	Kimberley Suan ▾
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Renante Alimagno ▾	Geraldine Sequera ▾	Frank Borsos ▾	Frances Ieremia ▾	Michael Eade ▾
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	Junho (L) ▾	Mikko Abalajen ▾	Lawrence Lolesio ▾	Lui Ali ▾	Francewill Mangahas ▾
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Offertory					
		Cleaning Siemsen Family Ahio & Veatupu Family	Flowers Ahio & Veatupu Family Tania Liagamatagi	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time 15th & 16th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera ▾	Bonita Smith ▾	Anil Baptist ▾	Vui Tai Asiata ▾	Anora D'Costa ▾
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo ▾	Anita Gupta ▾	Jane Thomsen ▾	Gemma Dominguez ▾	Sue Ivicovich ▾
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans ▾	Savieta Lea ▾	Yolanda D'Rosario ▾	Jacinta Lemana ▾	Maria de Hoog ▾
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