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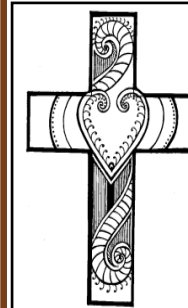
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

16th of August 2026— Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Responsorial Psalm Ps 67
Response: O God, let all the nations praise you.

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".

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

...by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.
Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith.
~Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII, 1950

As we honor the Mother of God, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate her life, the completion of her time on earth, and her glorious entrance into Heaven, body and soul. We hope to follow where she has gone. From Heaven, she loves each one of us with her perfect maternal love. Her prayers and mediation of grace are certain. We should seek her intercession today. Doing so with great confidence, we should know that a mother so loving would never deny her children all good things granted in accord with God's will.

Dearest Mother, assumed into Heaven, you are the Immaculate Conception, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we honor your glorious Assumption into Heaven, please pray for me and for all your children. In Heaven, you are honored by your Son and your prayers are most effective. I believe this with all my heart and entrust myself, my family, our Church, and the entire world to your motherly care and intercession. Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



Readings This Sunday

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Isa 22: 19-23
Psalm: Psalm 138
Second: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

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 10:30am

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	Deu 32	Eze 24: 15-23	Mat 19: 16-22
Tuesday	Deu 32	Eze 28: 1-10	Mat 19: 23-30
Wednesday	Ps 23	Eze 34: 1-11	Mat 20: 1-16
Thursday	Ps 51	Eze 36: 23-28	Mat 22: 1-14
Friday	Ps 107	Eze 37: 1-14	Mat 22: 34-40
Saturday	Ps 85	Eze 43: 1-7ab	Mat 23: 1-12

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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!

We are grateful to the many families already supporting our parish through Parish Pledge Giving. Your faithful generosity enables us to continue the mission of Holy Cross Parish Henderson 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 this weekend 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. **Please take one envelope per family, fill it in over the coming weekends, and return it to the designated collection box. Some families will find their names listed alphabetically in the basket outside the foyer. Please check for your family name and collect your envelope.**

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 A reminder that St Vincent de Paul members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend. 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 for your receipt or **Ph 022 687 4694**.

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.

Faith Sharing Sunday Our next Faith Sharing Session will be held on Sunday, 22nd Aug. 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: “Heaven Hell and Purgatory – What does the Church really Teach”.** What happens after we die? Is heaven simply ‘a place in the sky?’ Is Hell real? Why does the Church teach about Purgatory - and is it really a second chance? Come and listen to Dcn. Adolf Goldwyn as he clarifies what the Catholic Church really teaches about Heaven, Hell and Purgatory- and why these truths matter for how we live today. 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)

Applications to be a participant at Lifeteen Summer Camp 2027 are open now. Holy Cross Church, Henderson has been allocated 21 places for our HCC Youth to attend in Week 1 of Lifeteen Summer Camp (12-16th January 2026), cost is \$380 pp. Please send Michael Kamson an email ASAP if you would like to attend the Lifeteen Summer Camp so that he can register you or if you would like more information about it. Registrations close on the 11th September 2026 at midnight, if we do not fill our allocated places they will be given to other parishes across New Zealand. [Michael's email address hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Michael's_email_address_hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com).

EOI - Lifeteen Summer Camp Missionaries for either Week 1- 10-17 January 2027 or Week 2- 17-24 January 2027 or both weeks of the Lifeteen Summer Camp. This role is a volunteer role and requires you to be at least 18 yrs old and be able to commit fully to the week(s) you have chosen to assist at, as you will be staying at the camp site and assisting with set-up and pack-down of the event for your chosen week as well as the day-to-day running of the event throughout your chosen week. Please email your EOI to Michael Kamson hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com by 10th September 2026 the latest.

HOLY CROSS PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL Saturday, 12 September 2026. We invite any community or parish group interested in putting up a stall to sell food at our International Food Festival to book their stall. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your community's food and culture and share in a day of fellowship and celebration. Final date to book your stall: Friday, 21 August 2026; To book your stall, please contact: Anil Baptist – 022 364 9306.

We look forward to celebrating the rich diversity of our parish community through food, fellowship and fun!



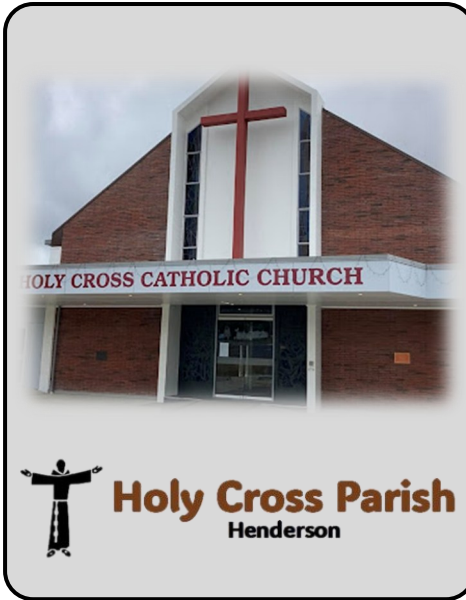
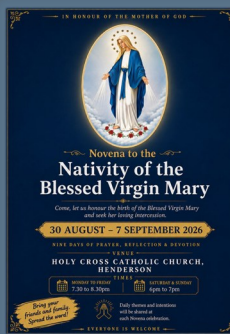
The Reuben O’Neill Bursary has been established by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to assist in making Catholic education available to some families and their children who otherwise would be unable to receive a Catholic education. The Reuben O’Neill Bursary has been established to honour Reuben O’Neill, who was an exceptional volunteer and supporter of Catholic education throughout his life-time. Reuben O’Neill (1932-2025) was a husband, parent and grandparent and was recognised by Pope John Paul II in 1989 receiving a papal knighthood for his services to the Catholic Church of New Zealand. Reuben was proud of his own Catholic education and worked faithfully to make Catholic education accessible to as many people as possible, through building the Common Fund Cooperative, developing new schools, and improving the standard of existing schools across the Diocese of Auckland.

Whānau/families can apply at primary or secondary levels. Eligibility criteria include a desire for Catholic education for their child, and financial benefit to their family. Students of any year level can apply for the scholarship.

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.**

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 Asiatia	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Anita Gupta	Jane Thomsen	Gemma Dominguez	Sue Ivcevich
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Savieti Lea	Yolanda D'Rosario	Jacinta Lemana	Maria de Hoog
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Michael Mckeown	Selestina Levave	Jennifer Baptist	Malia Veatupu	Helan Roy
	Lloyd de Melo	Winnie Veikoso	Sulieti Lesatele	Malia Seufatu	Michael Eade
	Dominica Cowan		Noelene Earlyly	Maria Faleusu	Beatrice Wilsor
	Josephina Kim		Pearlie Judd	Ngalo'afe Nau	Neil Fernandes
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Summer de los Reyes	Miguel Abalajen	Knight Marques	Jordan Solomon (L)	Gab Zara
	Junho (L)	Mikko Abalajen	Nashon	Lui Ali	Juvan Gino
	Liam Kim	Keisha Patero	Brayden	Isaac Betham	Francewill Mangahas
	Francisco del Rosario	Jaden Nanol	Frencheska Perlas (L)	Keyondre Uale	Ana Fernandes
	Jovi	Amanda de Jesus (L)	Lawrence Lolesio	Joseph Uale (L)	Jacob Alabastro
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	

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time 22nd & 23rd August

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	Olympia D'Souza
Reader 1:	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Frances Ah Ken	Edmosa Vaka'uta	Marylou Malto	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	Ingrid D'Silva	Mary Turnwald	Katie-Ann Vaka'uta	Trixie Fermin	Anora D'Coata
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva	Michael Mckeown	Sione Vakauta	Noel Fermin	Charmaine Monteiro
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Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Aroha	Isabel de Jesus (L)	Caroline Cibi (L)	Funaki Ali (L)	Feeba Corray (L)
	Martheena	Miguel Abalajen	Lawrence Lolesio	Puni Saka	Ana Fernandes
	Zephan Saldanha (L)	Selemena Smith	Izabel Mary Geo	Erika	Luis Alabastro (L)
	Ryan Jerom	Titoe Smith	Judiel Basabe	Christian	Thomas Eade
	Johanna	Arden David Laki	Mishael Basabe	Chana Domnina Joseph	
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family		Legion of Mary
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		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	