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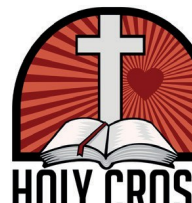
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13th of September 2026— 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 103 Response: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.	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 10:30am EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Thursday After 9am Mass until 12pm MEDITATION Last Friday of the month at 10am BAPTISM COURSE Every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN Scheduled with the Missionaries of Charity Sisters (8-wk course) BAPTISM SCHEDULE Saturday 10:30am, 11:30am, and 12:30pm ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS Thursdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm 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".	

Exponential Mercy <i>"That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt." Matthew 18: 23-25</i> In Jewish tradition, to forgive seven times was seen as more than sufficient. The rabbinic teaching often suggested forgiving up to three times, based loosely on interpretations of the Prophet Amos (cf. Amos 1:3). So when Peter offered seven, he was doubling that and adding one for good measure—a symbolic act of exceeding piety. The parable Jesus then taught illustrates this clearly: Because God has shown us immeasurable mercy, we must extend mercy to others. Unless we extend limitless mercy to others, we will be held accountable for our own unpayable debt before God. But if we imitate God's mercy and forgive from the heart, that enormous debt will be entirely wiped away. Reflect today on the mercy you have received from God. Has He not been patient with you, gentle with your faults, and generous with His grace? Now consider someone in your life whom you have found difficult to forgive. Does that person's offense compare to the debt God has forgiven you? Let this parable challenge you to a deeper conversion of heart, one that forgives as it has been forgiven, not seven times, but seventy-seven times, and more. Only then will the kingdom of Heaven truly reign in you. Most generous Lord, You forgive more than seventy-seven times—more than seventy times seven. Your mercy is unconditional in its origin and limitless in its reach, yet it bears one condition: that I, too, show mercy to others. Grant me, dear Lord, a heart that is merciful like Yours, one that participates in and reflects Your Divine Mercy. May I forgive as I have been forgiven, so that the full debt of my sin may be wiped away and that others may be drawn to You through the witness of mercy in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Readings This Sunday	Readings Next Sunday
First: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Psalm: Psalm 95 Second: Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20	First: Sirach 27: 30-28: 7 Psalm: Psalm 103 Second: Romans 14: 7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Scripture Readings for the week			
Monday	Ps 5	1 Cor 5: 1-8	Luke 6: 6-11
Tuesday	Ps 13	Mic 5: 1-4a	Mat 1: 1-16, 18-23
Wednesday	Ps 45	1 Cor 7: 25-31	Luke 6: 20-26
Thursday	Ps 139	1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13	Luke 6: 27-38
Friday	Ps 84	1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27	Luke 6: 39-42
Saturday	Ps 116	1 Cor 10: 14-22	Luke 6: 43-49

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There will be mouth-watering dishes, tasty treats, music and a vibrant atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. Whether you come to sample something new, enjoy a favourite dish, or simply spend time with fellow parishioners, there will be something for everyone. So bring your family, invite your friends and come hungry!

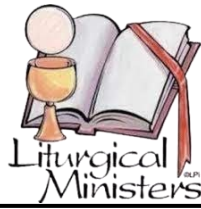
All proceeds will go towards the parish for operating and capital expenditure.

Practical trainings will be given to Old and New Ministers as per Holy Cross Parish Henderson Ways. We will make our service uniform to each and every. Fr Ephrem will be doing the Practical training on how we should do things as per GIRM (General Instructions of the Roman Missal) and as per approved by the NZCB (New Zealand Catholic Bishop) Conference

Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharists
Training Day is Sunday 27th of September 2pm
for the Ministers of the word and Leaders and
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Registered Ministers on these training days will be referred to the Diocese Training Day.



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SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 13th of September 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](mailto:Jan.Cherrington@0211875176)

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (THIRD TUESDAY) 15th of September 11am, followed by a shared lunch, there will be no drop-in morning tea.
All are Welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (THIRD THURSDAY) will be held on Thursday 17th of September, 7:00pm at the Parish Pastoral Centre.

WYD27-Seoul- Calling all Young Adults (18-35 year olds) of Holy Cross Church Henderson. The Auckland and Hamilton Diocese have combined forces to offer an amazing World Youth Day- South Korea Pilgrimage, applications are currently open but close on the 30th September 2026. For more information scan the QR Code on the posters in the foyer, visit the website wyd27.org.nz or contact Michael Kamson our Youth Co-ordinator via [email \[hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com\]\(mailto:hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com\)](mailto:hccyouthcoordinator@gmail.com).

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY, PONSONBY would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Rich and Laurenson will be the principal celebrant. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 21 September 2026 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

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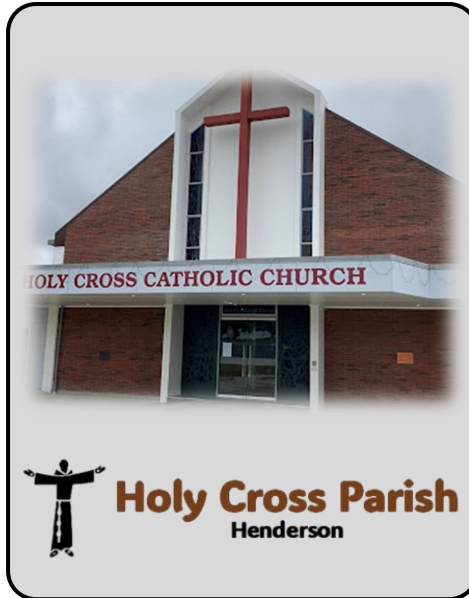
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You are warmly invited to join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday, immediately after the 9:00am morning Mass, until 12:00 noon at Holy Cross Parish. Take some quiet time to pray, give thanks, seek guidance, or simply rest in the presence of Our Lord.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28

Everyone is welcome. Come and be renewed in His presence.



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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time 12th & 13th September 2026					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Margie del Rosario	Jean Soniega	Anil Baptist	Lana Ieremia	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	Pearl Debra Coelho	Anita Gupta	Donalyn Dizon	Tuala Elisabeth Tanuvasa	Anora D'Coata
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Frances Martinez	Jane Thomsen	Muliagatele Agnes Seiuli	Griselda Baptista
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Renante Alimagno	Selestina Levave	Paul Coakley	Muliagatele Frances Ieremia	Michael Eade
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	Jessica D'Silva		Pearlie Judd	Theresa Fonoti	Neil Fernandes
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membreere
Altar Servers:	Junho (L)	Keisha Patero	Frencheska Perlas (L)	Funaki Ali (L)	Feeba Corray (L)
	Liam Kim	Titoe Smith	Lawrence Lolesio	Christian	Ana Fernandes
	Ryan Jerom	Miguel Abalajen	Brayden	Keyondre Uale	Francewill Mangahas
	Francisco del Rosario	Jaden Nanol	Astrid	John DCosta	Gab Zara
	Jovi	Amanda de Jesus (L)	Helen	Isaac Betham	Luis Alabastro (L)
	Martheena		Tina	Joseph Uale (L)	
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 Liugamatagi	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time 19th & 20th September					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera	Bonita Smith	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Vui Tai Asiata	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Saviet Le	Nikolao Whyte	Maria Kumitau	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Sabrina Veatupu	Juliana Portugal	Yolanda D'Rosario	Tanya DSouza
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