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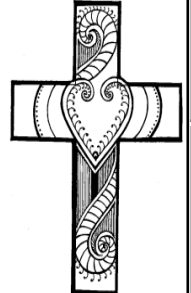
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"If you should fail, be humble, make a resolution to be submissive to God's will and then get up, and carry on"-Padre Pio

20th of September 2026— 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 145
Response: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

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".

Divine Equity
Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. - Matthew 20: 1-2

Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term "equity" is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is something altogether different. It flows from God's perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul's interior life—not according to a purely external standard.

Reflect today on your own place among the laborers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right.

My Divine Judge, You rule with perfect equity, justice, and mercy. Your ways are flawless and overflow with generosity. Please govern my soul and judge me according to Your Wisdom, so that I may receive all that You long to bestow. Grant me the grace to remain faithful to the end, persevering and deepening my service to You for the building up of Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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



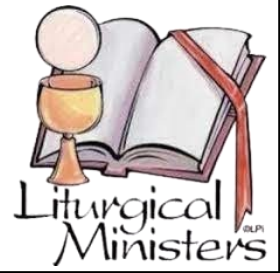
Readings This Sunday	Readings Next Sunday	Scripture Readings for the week		
First: Isaiah 55: 6-9 Psalm: Psalm 145 Second: Philippians 1: 20c-247, 27a Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a	First: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 Psalm: Psalm 25 Second: Philippians 2: 1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32	Monday Ps 19	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13	Mat 9: 9-13
		Tuesday Ps 119	Pro 21: 1-6, 10-13	Luke 8: 19-21
		Wednesday Ps 119	Pro 30: 5-9	Luke 9: 1-6
		Thursday Ps 90	Eccl 1: 2-11	Luke 9: 7-9
		Friday Ps 144	Eccl 3: 1-11	Luke 9: 18-22
		Saturday Ps 90	Eccl 11: 9- 12: 8	Luke 9: 43b-45

Church Office: 9:30am-12:30pm (Tue-Fri) **Tel:** (09) 835 3355 **Address:** 2 Lavelle Road, Henderson Auckland 0612
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Minister of the Word and Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Old and New)

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 mass. Fr Ephrem will be doing the Practical training on how we should do things as per GIRM (General Instructions of the Roman Misal) 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 3pm for the Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharists. Registered Ministers on these training days will be referred to the Diocese Training Day.





Faith Sharing Sunday

Our next Faith Sharing Session will be held on Sunday, 27th Sept. 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: “SIN in the Light of God’s Mercy & Forgiveness”. Join Dcn. Adolf for a short and engaging reflection on SIN, God’s infinite Mercy and the healing grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and discover the freedom that awaits us when we turn back to God. 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)

We sincerely thank all families who faithfully support Holy Cross Parish Henderson through **PARISH PLEDGE GIVING**, helping us continue our mission and serve our parish community. We kindly invite families to renew or increase their pledge according to their means and to collect one **renewal envelope** per family from the basket outside the foyer; if you cannot find your name, please take a blank envelope. Thank you for your generosity and continued support—may God bless you and your families abundantly.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL
CARING COMMUNITY RAFFLE WINNER—A big congratulation to Philip Da Silva, and we would like to thank everyone who generously supported the raffle. The parish would like to thank the organisers, participants, and other stakeholders who made our International Food Festival a great success raising a total of \$12,015.50.

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.

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 and 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).

THE PADRE PIO SERVANTS OF THE ALTAR (ALTAR SERVERS) warmly invites you to celebrate with them the Feast of Padre Pio on Wednesday 23rd of September (this Wednesday) at 7pm confession will be at 6:15 followed by Novena and Mass at 7pm join us for dinner at 8pm followed by a short program.

NOVENA FOR THE 800TH YEAR OF ST FRANCIS MEETING SISTER DEATH—All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in prayer as we commemorate the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi’s meeting with Sister Death.
Novena Masses: 25 September – 3 October. During our normal morning Masses, including Monday, 28 September.
Feast Day Mass: Sunday, 4 October at 11:00am
Mass with OFM Friars & Priests: Monday, 5 October at 11:00am
Come and join us as we celebrate the life, faith and legacy of St Francis.

THE TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS—from earthly life to heavenly banquet on Saturday 3rd of October at 7:30pm, here at Holy Cross Parish. All are welcome.

ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE (50 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH, AUCKLAND 1042)
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi falls on October 4, and a number of special activities are planned at the St. Francis Retreat Centre and across the community. All are warmly invited to join our three day Triduum of prayer and celebration:
Oct 2 – Opening Mass with Fr. Steve Bliss OFM, Franciscan Provincial
Oct 3 – Transitus at the St. Therese Parish, Three Kings, Auckland
Oct 4 - Feast Day Mass to be celebrated by The Most Reverend Peter Brown, Bishop Emeritus of Samoa-Pago Pago at the St. Therese Parish
Oct 4 – Blessing of Animals at St Francis Retreat Centre

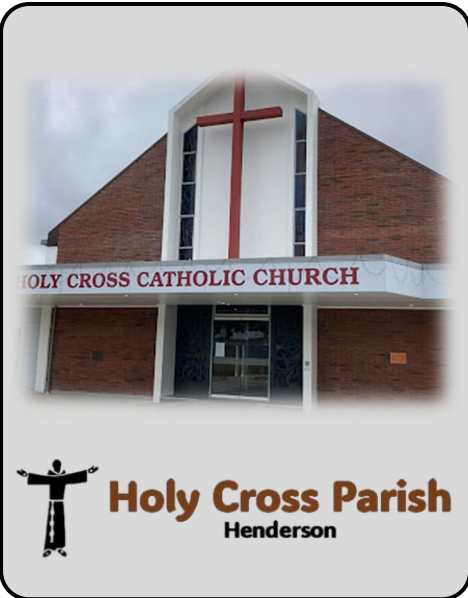
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY was established 100 years ago to draw every Catholic into the Church’s great missionary mandate and to support the Pope’s missionary endeavours. This missionary focus takes on particular intensity throughout October, reaching its high point on World Mission Sunday, celebrated on the penultimate Sunday of the month. This year it falls on 18 October, the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Pope’s Letter is on the Foyer board. You can also access the above at: <https://missio.nz/resources-for-mission-sunday/>

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2026 (OCTOBER 10-11): This year's theme is "Living Peace" and calls us to reflect on a fundamental Christian conviction: every human person possesses an inherent, God-given dignity and is welcomed by God to the banquet of life

2027 PILGRIMAGE FROM FATIMA TO ROME – including Salamanca, Lourdes, Paris, Venice and Assisi. 11 April to 3 May 2027. Chaplain: Mon signor David Tonks. For details contact [Laura Yap laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz](mailto:laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz) or 021 390 055

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—next Sunday 27th of September at 2am do not forget to put your clock forward 1 hour.



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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.**

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 Asiatia	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Savieti Lea	Nikolao Whyte	Maria Kumitau	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	Maria Elena Evans	Sabrina Veatupu	Juliana Portugal	Yolanda D'Rosario	Tanya DSouza
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lloyd de Melo	Winnie Veikoso	Piet Bakker	Malia Veatupu	Neil Fernandes
	Prem Joseph	Geraldine Sequera	Celino Orquejo	Maria Faleusu	Charmaine Monteiro
	Josephina Kim		Tautaiolefue Sulieti...	Melitta Cadelis	Helan Roy
	Dominica Cowan		Chantal Sieglar	Malia Veatupu	Michael Eade
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Zephan Saldanha (L)	Matthew Abalajen	Caroline Cibi (L)	Jordan Solomon (L)	Luis Alabastro (L)
	Jezreel	Mikko Abalajen	Nashon	Lui Ali	Juvan Gino
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	Johanna	Arden David Laki	Lawrence Lolesio	Puni Saka	Munachimso Brother
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	

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time 26th & 27th September					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Janice Borsos	Margie del Rosario	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Anita Gupta	Cheryl Sinclair	Trixie Fermin	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	Ingrid D'Silva	Jean Soniega	Maria Jose	Tanya Fermin	Sue Ivcevich
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jessica D'Silva	Michael Mckeown	Frank Borsos	Noel Fermin	Kiara Monteiro
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	Liam Kim	Matthew Abalajen	Mishael Basabe	Joseph Uale (L)	Jacob Alabastro
	Francisco del Rosario	Keisha Patero	Isaac Betham	Lui Ali	Ana Fernandes
	Martheena	Miguel Abalajen	Astrid	John DCosta	Francewill Mangahas
	Ryan Jerom	Selemena Smith	Knight Marques	Funaki Ali (L)	
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Legion of Mary
Offertory			Vakauta Family		
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	