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4th of October 2026— 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 80 Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.	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".	

The New Vineyard of Grace

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - **Matthew 21: 42-43**

The vineyard itself represents the entire people of God. The fruit it produces is the grace-filled witness of lives transformed by faith. This includes all of us: clergy, religious, and laity alike. Every member of the Church is a laborer in the vineyard, called to work together, under the guidance of Christ, the true Son, and to offer to the Father a rich harvest of justice, mercy, and truth.

Reflect today on how to make this parable your personal calling. The Kingdom of God has been partly entrusted to you to be one who will labour for the salvation of souls—"people that will produce its fruit." The work of evangelization is an ongoing and urgent mission. In what ways is God calling you to work in His Divine Vineyard? Is it through faithful prayer, by which the vines of grace are pruned and nourished? Is it through the work of harvesting, where you draw others to Christ by your words, your witness, and your works of love? Is it through quiet perseverance in suffering, offered in union with the Crucified One? However God calls you, do not delay. Receive His trust with humility, and labour with joy. The vineyard is His, but the fruit depends, in part, on you.

My glorious King, You have called us to Yourself and made us members of Your Kingdom. You have also sent us forth to labour in the vineyard of Your Church and help draw many souls to Your Sacred Heart. Please reveal to me the role and mission You have entrusted to me. May I listen attentively to Your gentle commands and respond with a heart full of generosity and faith. May Your Church—of which I am a living member—continue to bear abundant fruit through the grace You pour forth.



1226 — 2026
Franciscus
800th Anniversary of the Death of St. Francis of Assisi

Readings This Sunday			
First:	Isaiah 5: 1-7	First:	Isaiah 25: 6-10a
Psalm:	Psalm 80	Psalm:	Psalm 23
Second:	Philippians 4: 6-9	Second:	Philippians 4: 12-20
Gospel:	Matthew 21: 33-43	Gospel:	Matthew 22: 1-14

Readings Next Sunday			
First:	Isaiah 5: 1-7	First:	Isaiah 25: 6-10a
Psalm:	Psalm 80	Psalm:	Psalm 23
Second:	Philippians 4: 6-9	Second:	Philippians 4: 12-20
Gospel:	Matthew 21: 33-43	Gospel:	Matthew 22: 1-14

Scripture Readings for the week			
Monday	Ps 111	Gal 1: 6-12	Luke 10: 25-37
Tuesday	Ps 139	Gal 1: 13-24	Luke 10: 38-42
Wednesday	Ps 117	Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14	Luke 11: 1-4
Thursday	LK 1	Gal 3: 1-5	Luke 11: 5-13
Friday	Ps 111	Gal 3: 7-14	Luke 11: 15-26
Saturday	Ps 105	Gal 3: 22-29	Luke 11: 27-28

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COLUMBAN CALENDAR—now available in the Parish office for sale \$14.99 as per poster in the Foyer. You can buy a copy at the end of all Weekend Masses and Eftpos is available.

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.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - Our Lady Help of Christians Fraternity, West Auckland will have their monthly meeting on Sunday the 11th of October 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

HAPPY FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI—Feast Day Mass: Sunday, 4 October at 11:00am. We celebrate St Francis known as the patron saint of animals and ecology, a 13th century Italian Friar that is often remembered for his deep humility, his life of prayer, and for founding the Franciscan Order. In 1224, while on retreat at Mount La Verna, Francis experienced a vision of a seraph bearing the image of Christ crucified. When the image ended, the wounds of Christ appeared on his body — piercings in his hands, feet, and side.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION & MASS on Friday 2nd October 7:00pm at St Mary’s Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina’s relic. All 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 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

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: Monsignor David Tonks. For details contact Laura Yap laura.yap@travelmanagers.co.nz or **021 390 055**.

Join us for the **ANCOP NATIONAL WALK 2026** and help make a difference in the lives of children and families experiencing poverty. ANCOP, which stands for Answering the Cry of the Poor, supports communities through education and other opportunities for a better future. We warmly invite our parish community, families, children and young people to walk with us in faith, solidarity and hope. Every registration and every step helps support ANCOP scholars and its ongoing mission. We hope to see you there! Date: October 10, 2026 Saturday. Time: 9:30am. Where: Barry Curtis Park, Flat Bush. Please visit www.tinyurl.com/ancopnzwalk2026. For any questions, [please contact 027 426 9399](tel:0274269399)

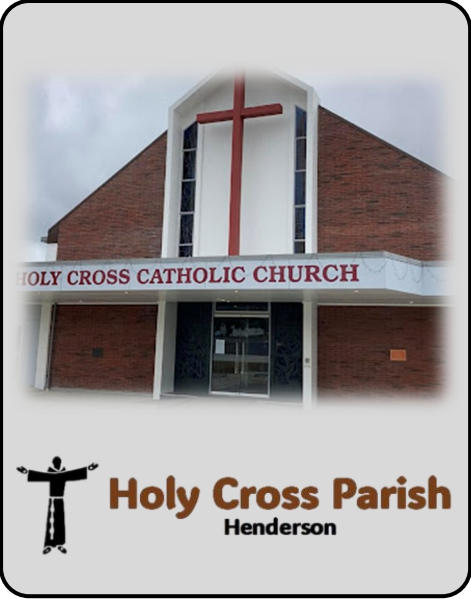
THE SISTERS OF COMPASSION are accepting applications from second-year tertiary students who need support with tuition fees in 2027. This scholarship supports students in the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who will be in their second year of tertiary studies in 2027. Applications close 14 October. Please follow the link for those who might be interested; <https://www.compassion.org.nz/compassion-news-events/call-for-suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship-applications-for-2027>

MISSION SUNDAY—will be on the 18th of October and marks the 100th anniversary of Mission Sunday being established as celebration for the whole Church. For this important occasion, Pope Leo XIV chose the theme, **“One in Christ, United in Mission”**. Your generosity and your solidarity make a real difference. We encourage you to support this cause that will help to embed a missionary outlook in every Catholic this Mission Sunday and beyond. For more details, please see the posters in the foyer along with the Pope’s message. Envelopes are available in the foyer for your donations.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2027—The next Confirmation celebration for children aged 9 years and above will be held on 20 June 2027. The Sacramental Programme will begin early next year. We will announce soon when registrations open and provide further details. In the meantime, please prepare your child’s Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate, as both documents will be required for registration.

We look forward to welcoming your children as they continue their journey of faith and prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PREFERENCE CARD—Preference cards will be signed only by appointment every Tuesday from 11am until 12:30pm. In order to complete a preference enrolment certificate, you need to be a parishioner registered with Holy Cross Parish Henderson. You also must present a copy of your child's baptism certificate or in the event the child is not baptized in the Catholic Faith, baptism certificate of the parent/guardian/aunt/uncle or God parent requesting the child's baptism in the Catholic Faith is needed.



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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.**

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time 3rd & 4th October 2026					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	child	Jean Soniega	Katherine Tanginoa	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	child	Nikolao Whyte	Yolanda D’Rosario	Fisilose Dolora Veatupu	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	child	Saviati Lea	Nikolao Whyte	Jane Edna Veehala	Sr Ake Nun Toon
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	Jovi	Munachimso Edeh	Nashon	Christian	Francewill Mangahas
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Offertory					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Family	Flowers Tongan Community	Children’s Liturgy	

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10th & 11th October					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Bonita Smith	Katherine Tanginoa	Junior Ioane	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Anita Gupta	Ann McGrath	Joy Mati	Anora D’Coata
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Frances Martinez	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Sandy Mary Fonoti	Sue Ivcevich
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