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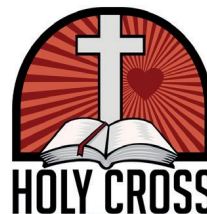
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11th of October 2026— 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 23 Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.	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 Wedding Feast of the Liturgy

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." - Matthew 22: 1-3

Ideally, we will attend Mass every Sunday—and more often if possible—willingly, joyfully, reverently, and with hearts prepared to encounter the Bridegroom. This requires that we remain in a state of grace. The parable ends with a sobering image: A man found at the feast without a wedding garment is cast out into the darkness. The "wedding garment" symbolizes the state of the soul, especially the presence of sanctifying grace, which is received in Baptism and restored through Confession. To approach the altar without this garment is to risk being cast out, as the man in the parable was. We must therefore examine our conscience, repent of sin, and prepare our hearts with devotion so that we may worthily partake of this Heavenly Meal.

Reflect today on the Mass as the true Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Do you approach this sacred celebration with joyful reverence, spiritual preparation, and genuine love for the Bridegroom? Strive to make your presence at Mass much more than physical; let it be the expression of a soul properly clothed, joyfully responding to the King's invitation. May our worthy participation in the Eucharist be a foretaste of the eternal banquet prepared for those who are invited and respond with all their hearts.

My King and Bridegroom of the Church, the Mass is Your Wedding Feast and a foretaste of the eternal Banquet of Heaven. You invite us to this Feast not only in body, but with hearts recollected, minds engaged, and souls prepared by grace. May I always respond to Your invitation with faith and love, and celebrate the Holy Mass with all my heart, clothed in the garment of sanctifying grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

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800th Anniversary of the Death of St. Francis of Assisi
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Readings This Sunday

First: Isaiah 25: 6-10a
Psalm: Psalm 23
Second: Philippians 4: 12-20
Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Readings Next Sunday

First: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
Psalm: Psalm 96
Second: Philippians 2: 15d, 16a
Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

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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.

MASS INTENTION—A gentle reminder: where possible, please submit Mass intentions to the Parish Office in advance. This gives our priests time to prepare and check names, and helps us record them correctly on the calendar. Please note that RIP intentions given just before Mass cannot be added to the PowerPoint during the Prayers of the Faithful. Thank you for your understanding.

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BACK TO SCHOOL—To those returning from the holidays, please travel safely and be considerate of your fellow road users.

PARISH FIRE WARDEN—If you would like to serve our church community, why not consider becoming a Fire Warden? You will still be able to sit with your family during Mass. Your responsibility will be to assist parishioners during an emergency evacuation and guide them safely to the assembly point. If you are interested, please email the Parish Office at secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz

COLUMBAN CALENDAR—Columban Calendars are now available for purchase at the Parish Office for \$14.99, as advertised on the poster in the foyer. You can also purchase a copy after any weekend Mass. EFTPOS is available.

PARISH PLEDGE GIVING — 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. Please 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 hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, 11 October, at 2:30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. If you would like to learn more about the Order, you are most welcome to come and meet us. For further details, please contact Jan Cherrington on 021 187 5176 or email jancherrington@gmail.com

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2026 (OCTOBER 10-11): This year's theme is “Living Peace”. It 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

SUPPORT LIFE—13 OCTOBER: A DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE — Let us unite in prayer to uphold the dignity of every human life and promote a culture of life, love, and peace.

REMEMBERING THE PROMISE OF FATIMA—Join us on Tuesday, 13 October, at Holy Cross Parish Henderson to commemorate the anniversary of the Fatima apparitions and the Miracle of the Sun. We will gather for Mass to renew our response to Our Lady's maternal plea for prayer, conversion, and peace in our world. For more information, please contact Maria Akenese Lafaele on 021 293 1807 or email aggielafaele@yahoo.co.nz.

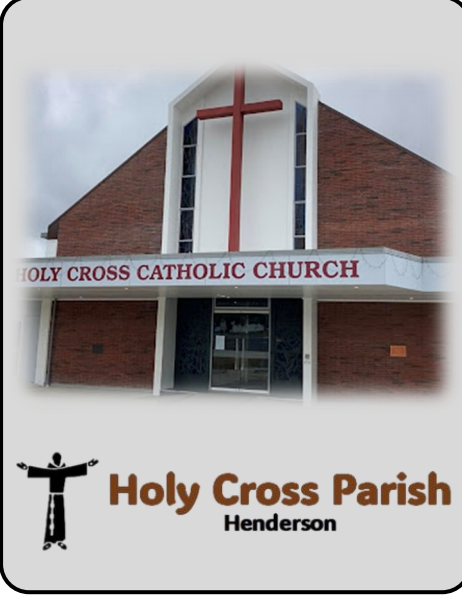
ANCOP NATIONAL WALK 2026 — Join us on Saturday, 10 October, at 9:30 am at Barry Curtis Park, Flat Bush, to support children and families experiencing poverty through ANCOP’s education and community programmes. Register at www.tinyurl.com/ancopnzwalk2026 or contact 027 426 9399 for enquiries

HOLY CROSS YOUTH SPORTS DAY! Join us on Saturday, 31 October, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Holy Cross School Sports Fields for a day of sports, fun, fellowship, and friendly competition, and dress as your favourite character from a book, movie, story, or series! Registration is mandatory; scan the QR code to register by Tuesday, 27 October!

BEING ONE WITH EARTH—Join us on Saturday, 31 October, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Mary MacKillop Centre, Mission Bay, for a reflective workshop exploring our connection to the Earth through Pope Francis’s Laudato Si’, facilitated by Mary-Ann Casanova rsj. Registrations close Thursday, 29 October; tickets cost \$40 for waged and \$30 for unwaged participants, and please bring your own lunch.



THE SISTERS OF COMPASSION 2027 TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP — The Sisters of Compassion are inviting applications from students entering their second year of tertiary studies in 2027 who need assistance with tuition fees in the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington or the Diocese of Palmerston North. Applications close 14 October 2026; for details and to apply, visit the scholarship website. ; [https:// www.compassion.org.nz/compassion-news-events/call-for-suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship-applications-for-2027](https://www.compassion.org.nz/compassion-news-events/call-for-suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship-applications-for-2027).



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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.**

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 Ivicevich
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	Summer de los Reyes	Matthew Abalajen	Izabel Mary Geo	Puni Saka	Feeba Corray (L)
	Aroha	Mikko Abalajen	Brayden	Jane	Ana Fernandes
	Jezreel	Keisha Patero	Yuji Josue	Erika	Luis Alabastro (L)
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Music Ministry:	Musica Christi	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Samoan Community	Legion of Mary
Offertory					
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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time 17th & 18th October					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera	Lydia Ah-kuoi	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Vui Tai Asiata	Kaira Monteiro
Reader 1:	Maria Elena Evans	Sabrina Veatupu	Michael Smith	Maria Kunitau	Danielle Monteiro
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