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18th of October 2026— Mission Sunday



Responsorial Psalm Ps 96
Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

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".

100th World Mission Sunday

Pope Leo XIV's papal motto is In Illo uno unum — "In the One, we are one". Belonging to the Augustinian Order, it is no surprise that his motto was inspired by St Augustine's reflections on Psalm 127, which express the truth that although Christians are many, "in the one Christ we are one... We are many, yet one — because we are united to Him." It is equally fitting that in the centenary year of World Mission Sunday becoming a global observance, Pope Leo chose a theme that reflects both his motto and his missionary background:

One in Christ, united in Mission.

In his letter for World Mission Sunday 2026 — which falls on 18 October, the penultimate Sunday of October — he writes: "The more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that He entrusts to us."

Providentially, this Sunday's Gospel gives us Jesus' well-known challenge: 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' Yet even when we take up that challenge, we often keep certain things for ourselves. We may give something to God, and at times even a great deal, but we still hold back parts of our lives. Jesus calls us to something deeper: a total gift of ourselves. To 'render to God what is God's' means daring to oUer back to God what God has given us — our life, our time, our talents, our relationships, our material resources, all that we are and all that we have. It means treating God not merely as one part of our life but as its source, summit, root, and centre. It means living in the image of the Trinity: a loving communion of persons with God and with our brothers and sisters — not only in our homes and parishes, but across our global family. This is the very heart of the Church's mission, a mission entrusted to every baptised person.

As we mark the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo reminds us again — through his motto and through this year's theme — that we are one in Christ, united in mission. He invites us to support his missionary endeavours through The Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS*). We can give a little, regularly, or leave a bequest as part of responding to Jesus' challenge to 'render to God what belongs to God.' Every act of generosity strengthens the mission we share: to sow the Good News of the Gospel in the heart of every person.

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 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

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Exodus 22: 20-26
Psalm: Psalm 18
Second: 1 Thes1: 5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 100	Eph 2: 1– 10	Luke 12: 13-21
Tuesday	Ps 85	Eph 2: 12-22	Luke 12: 35-38
Wednesday	Ps 12	Eph 3: 2-12	Luke 12: 39-48
Thursday	Ps 33	Eph 3: 14-21	Luke 12: 49-53
Friday	Ps 24	Eph 4: 1-6	Luke 12: 54-59
Saturday	Ps 122	Eph 4: 7-16	Luke 13: 1-9

Church Office: 9:30am-12:30pm (Tue-Fri) **Tel**: (09) 835 3355 **Address**: 2 Lavelle Road, Henderson Auckland 0612

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 FORM—Preference forms will be signed every Tuesday from 11am until 12pm. 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 or siblings requesting the child's baptism in the Catholic Faith is needed. **Signing is every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 11am to 12pm**

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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—Tuesday 20th of October we will have the Sacrament of the sick and Mass will be celebrated at is at 11am. This is followed by lunch. All are welcome.

FAITH SHARING SUNDAY - Our next Faith Sharing Session will be held on Sunday, 25th Oct. 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: Fr. Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap. - Parish Priest. Topic: "A walk through the Mass - Part I".** Come and listen to Fr. Ephrem as he takes us through the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and explains their profound significance. Part I will cover the Introductory Rites up to the Liturgy of the Word. Do not miss this opportunity to understand what we SAY and DO in the Liturgy. We look forward to welcoming everyone. For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355. **(A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative)**

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES LECTURES - The Mass, consisting of Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are one act of worship…Just as Jesus did with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, he first opens their minds to the scriptures, and then proceeds to feed them afterwards. We recognise the same shape taking place within our Roman Rite liturgy: the Word of God is proclaimed, and then we partake as one in the Body and Blood of Christ. As we approach the beginning of the new liturgical year, the Liturgy Centre is hosting its next series of Liturgical Ministries Lectures. These will cover basic theological foundations for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To register, please get in touch with your parish office who will then complete a group registration on your behalf. **Registration is mandatory for all participants. Ministers of the Word: 10am-12pm. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 1pm-3pm. Dates and Deaneries (exact parish location will be made available to those registered) November 7 – City & Central, November 14 – Western**

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE—Remembering pre-born children lost to abortion, and praying for those who have died by euthanasia. When? All Saints Day evening - Sunday 1 November at 7:30 p.m. Where? Potter's Park – corner of Dominion & Balmoral Roads (opposite KFC). Bring family and friends. Candles provided. The vigil is a family-friendly event. For more information go to www.fli.org.nz/vigil-for-life/ (or contact Simon at FLI: 021 400 729 – simon@fli.org.nz)

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT- As the General Election nears, Catholic are encouraging to read the bishops' 2026 election statement, Discerning our nation's future through a Gospel lens. It invites Catholics and people of good will to consider voting as a moral and civic responsibility, not just a matter of personal preference. The bishops urge people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' and parties' positions across a range of key issues, and they also encourage people to pray for the country.

Access the election statement at: https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26

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.



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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**.

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 Kumitau	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	Michele de Melo	Savieti Lea	Donalyn Dizon	Gemma Dominguez	Maria de Hoog
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Michael Mckeown	Selestina Levave	Tautaiolefue Sulieti Lesatele	Celino Orquejo	Charmaine Monteiro
	Josephina Kim	Geraldine Sequera	Jennifer Baptist	Suzette Orquejo	Michael Eade
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	Junho (L)	Arden David Laki	Isaac Betham	Isaac Betham	Ana Fernandes
	Zephan Saldanha (L)	Jaden Nanol	Mishael Basabe	Noah	Francewill Mangahas
	Ryan Jerom	Mikaela Abalajen	Kirk	Erika	Juvan Gino
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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	

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time 24th & 25th October

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Margie del Rosario	Jean Soniega	Katie-Ann Vaka'uta	Madalene Warren	Griselda
Reader 1:	Stephanie Alimagno	Mary Turnwald	Edmosa Vaka'uta	Trixie Fermin	Anora D'Coata
Reader 2:	Ingrid D'Silva	Frances Ah Ken	Chris Mendes	Tanya Fermin	Gavin Colaco
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Offertory			Vakauta Family		
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	