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25th of October 2026— 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Responsorial Psalm Ps 18
Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

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 Eternal Law of Love

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" - ***Matthew 22:34-36***

Jesus certainly perceived the testing nature of the question, but He also recognized the genuine desire for truth. In response, He gently and directly offered a comprehensive answer, presenting a twofold summary that encompasses the entire Law and the prophets: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

These two commandments do more than summarize the Law and the prophets, they also encapsulate the essence of the petitions in the Lord's Prayer. Once we acknowledge God as our Father, we pray, "Hallowed be Thy name" and "Thy Kingdom come." These are the highest petitions we can make.

Reflect today on the inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbour, and the eternal nature of these commandments. Does your life bear witness to these two great commands? Does your daily prayer arise from and lead to this twofold love? Hallow God's name not only with your lips, but also with your heart, soul, and mind. Allow that love to overflow to all people—especially those hardest to love—so that you show them the dignity and charity due to your neighbour, in anticipation of expressing that love forever in Heaven.

Lord of Heaven and earth, I thank You for Your holy commandments. I pray that I may live each one with full fidelity. Help me to hallow Your name in all things, to seek Your Kingdom above all, and to love all people with the love You have for them. May I see these commands, not as a burden, but the joy and direction of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

Readings Next Sunday

First: Revelation 7: 2-14
Psalm: Psalm 24
Second: 1 John3: 1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 1	Eph 4: 32– 5: 8	Luke 13: 10-17
Tuesday	Ps 128	Eph 5: 21-33	Luke 13: 18-21
Wednesday	Ps 19	Eph 2: 19-22	Luke 6: 12-16
Thursday	Ps 144	Eph 6: 10-20	Luke 13: 31-35
Friday	Ps 111	Phil 1: 1-11	Luke 14: 1-6
Saturday	Ps 42	Phil 1: 18b-26	Luke 14: 1, 7-11

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

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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.

ALL SOULS DAY—For the whole month of November, there will be a purple box placed in the foyer to put the names of your beloved who have gone to their rest. The box will come with the offering every weekend Mass on November. In commemoration of All Souls on the 2nd of November, we will have a Mass at 9am and 7:30pm

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 par take 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**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH GET-TOGETHER – Saturday, 14th November, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Glen Eden, warmly invites you to join us for our Parish Get-Together on Saturday, 14th November, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come and be part of a joyful celebration of our parish's rich cultural diversity, a day filled with traditional foods, vibrant cultural performances, music, and warm fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, share, and celebrate the many cultures that make our faith community so special. Don't miss our raffle draw at 1:00 p.m. for a chance to win a 4-burner BBQ and chilly bin or some gift vouchers! **We'd love for you to join us and share in this special celebration of faith, culture, and community.**

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:

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDY—Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2027. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 27 NOVEMBER 2026.

Parish Registration Form—We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer for your convenience. Keeping accurate records of all parishioners is important for future reference, such as the signing of any necessary documents by the priest. Thank you for being a part of our parish community.

Preference Card—Preference Card appointments are available by appointment only on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Applicants must be registered parishioners of Holy Cross Parish Henderson and provide the relevant Baptism Certificate: ***Option 5.2: A sibling's Baptism Certificate. Option 5.3: A parent's Baptism Certificate***. If no immediate family member is baptised Catholic, a ***grandparent, uncle or aunt*** may support the application by providing their Baptism Certificate and completing the required supporting documents. Applications and interview will be reviewed by the Parish Priest and forwarded to the Auckland Diocese with the Parish Priests comments for assessment. The Diocese will contact the family directly with the outcome. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.



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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
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Maria Alimagno	Michael Mckeown	Chantal Sieglaar	Noel Fermin	Kiara Monteiro
	Renante Alimagno	Ann Mckeown	Sione Vakauta	Tricia Pineda	Michael Eade
	Joisse Cueva		Tricia Pineda	Tess Fermin	Charmaine Monteiro
	Miguel Padilla		Teresa Malone	Suzette Orquejo	Danielle Monteiro
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Altar Servers:	Jovi	Amanda de Jesus (L)	Frencheska Perlas (L)	Sione Sakalia	Thomas Eade
	Junho (L)	Arden David Laki	Brayden	Jonny Kome	Ana Fernandes
	Johanna	Munachimso Edeh	Yuji Josue	Christian	Luis Alabastro (L)
	Ryan Jerom	Titoa Smith	Yuen Josue	Jordan Solomon (L)	Gab Zara
	Jezreel	Keisha Patero	Kirk	Puni Saka	Jacob Alabastro
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	

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time 31st Octover & 1st November (All Saints Day)

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	child	Bonita Smith	Anil Baptist	Katherine Tanginoa	Gafatasi Endemann
Reader 1:	child	Frances Martinez	Gemma Dominguez	Fisiilose Dolora Veatupu	Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	child	Anita Gupta	Jane Thomsen	Jane Edna Veehala	Sue Ivicevich
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	Martheena	Mikaela Abalajen	Yuen Josue	Antonio Solomon	Franzwill Mangahas
	Aroha	Munachimso Edeh	Noah	Puni Saka	Gab Zara
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