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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

15th of November 2026— 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

Responsorial Psalm Ps 128
Response: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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 Capacity of Your Soul

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away."

- Matthew 25:14–15

This raises a profound question: Why are these gifts given in differing measures? Why does one soul receive five talents, another two, and another only one? Is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? The answer lies in the mystery that, although every soul has the capacity to receive the infinite God who dwells within, not all cooperate with His grace to the same degree.

Reflect today on the stark contrasts among these servants, and humbly consider which best represents you. God wants you to be spiritually rich. He desires that you use the interior treasure of grace flowing from His indwelling presence. He wants to multiply every spiritual gift you have and use them for His glory and the salvation of souls. Are you willing to work diligently to cooperate with all that God has given you? Do you desire spiritual riches in superabundance? Or are you lazy, ignoring God's invitations? Resolve to grow rich in grace—so that when Jesus returns in glory, it will be a day of great rejoicing, not one of darkness, wailing, and grinding of teeth.

Most generous Lord, You desire to bestow upon us Your graces in superabundance. I pray that I will always be open to Your generosity and will cooperate fully with Your graced presence in my life. May my cooperation be diligent, so that the capacity of my soul may increase and manifest Your glory in exponential ways. 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: Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm: Psalm 128
Second: 1 Thes 5: 1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Readings Next Sunday
First: Ezekiel 34: 11-17
Psalm: Psalm 23
Second: 1 Cor 15: 20-28
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 1	Rev 1: 1– 4; 2: 1-5	Luke 18: 35-43
Tuesday	Ps 15	Rev 3: 1-6, 74-22	Luke 19: 1-10
Wednesday	Ps 150	Rev 4: 1-11	Luke 19: 11-28
Thursday	Ps 149	Rev 5: 1-10	Luke 19: 41-44
Friday	Ps 119	Rev 10: 8-11	Luke 19: 45-48
Saturday	Ps 144	Rev 11: 4-12	Luke 20: 27-40

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ALL SOULS DAY—For the whole month of November, the purple box in the foyer will stay there 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. **Please also bring your own candle if you want to light it during Mass.**

BANANA SWALE COMPOSTING—Our first composting workshop was a wonderful success! It was beautiful to see everyone come together, dive into the basics of composting, and connect deeply with how we care for creation through the gentle teachings of St Francis. Because there is still so much to learn and grow into, we are hosting our 2nd Composting Workshop! When: 21st November | 10:30am – 12:30pm; Where: The Pastoral Centre.

We would absolutely love to have you join us as we take this next step together. To save your spot, simply scan the QR code to register. See you there!

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—for November will be held on Tuesday 24th of November and not on the 17th of November, followed by the ***Senior's Christmas Lunch***. ***Caring Community Christmas Raffle Tickets*** will be sold over the weekends leading to the Christmas Lunch. Raffle will be drawn on the 24th of November.

ITEMS FOR SALE—Looking for a rosary or a special gift? We have some rosaries and a selection of gift items available at the Parish Office. Feel free to drop by and have a look. Available while stocks last!

BIBLE DIARIES 2027—A few copies are still available! If you would like to have one, please drop by the Parish Office during office hours to buy your copy.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2027 – ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

Enrolments are now open for children who will be in Year 4 and at least ***9 years old by February 2027***. Forms are available in the foyer from this weekend. Parents/guardians are kindly asked to complete the form and attach photocopies of the child's ***Baptism and Birth Certificates*** to help keep parish records up to date.

Important Dates:

Registration closes: Friday, 5 February 2027
Parent/Guardian Meeting: Friday, 5 February 2027
Classes begin: Saturday, 13 February 2027, 4:30–5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall and School.
Confirmation: Sunday, 20 June 2027
First Holy Communion: Sunday, 5 September 2027

The full programme timetable will be provided at the Parent/Guardian Meeting. We look forward to journeying with our children and families as they grow in faith and prepare to receive these special Sacraments.

FAITH SHARING—Our next Faith Sharing Session will be held on Sunday, 22nd Nov. 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 II".

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 II will cover the Liturgy of the Eucharist up to the Concluding Rites. 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)**

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



The Solemnity of Christ the King (22nd of November) reminds us that Jesus is the King of all creation, whose kingdom is built not on power, wealth or earthly glory, but on love, mercy, humility and service. Jesus is a different kind of King. He leads us not with force, but with compassion. His crown is made of thorns, and His throne is the Cross. Through His life, death and resurrection, He shows us that true greatness comes from loving God and serving one another.

As we celebrate this special feast, let us reflect on whether Christ truly reigns in our hearts, our families and our community. May we follow His example by bringing kindness, forgiveness, peace and love to those around us. May Christ our King guide our lives and reign forever in our hearts!

Before the 11 am Mass, we will be having Adoration from 10:15 am for 30 minutes and the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 10:45 am from the church.

CHRISTMAS EVE
- FAMILY MASS AT 6 PM
- CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT 10:15 PM
- EVENING MASS AT 11 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
- MORNING MASS AT 7 AM
- MORNING MASS AT 9 AM
- MORNING MASS AT 11 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE
- ADORATION AT 10 PM
- EVENING MASS AT 10:30 PM



NEW YEAR'S DAY 2027
- MORNING MASS AT 9 AM

OTHER SERVICES
- MORNING MASSES - WILL CONTINUE DURING HOLIDAYS
- NOVENA MASS - FINISHES 16TH DEC & STARTS 3RD FEB
- ADORATION - FINISHES 17TH DEC & STARTS 4TH FEB
- SACRED HEART DEVOTION - FINISHES 4TH DEC & STARTS 5TH FEB
- RECONCILIATION - SATURDAYS 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE
- LAST DAY - 23RD DECEMBER 2026
- START DAY - 26TH JANUARY 2027



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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 14th & 15th November

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Warren Herrera	Jean Soniega	Paul John Aalbers	Vui Tai Asiata	Anora D'Costa
Reader 1:	Maria Elena Evans	Sabrina Veatupu	Yolanda D'Rosario	Maria Kumitau	Kimberley Suan
Reader 2:	Michele de Melo	Frances Martinez	Nikolao Whyte	Jacinta Lemana	Maria de Hoog
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lloyd de Melo	Selestina Levave	Pearlie Judd	Maria Faleusu	Michael Eade
	Michael Mckeown	Winnie Veikoso	Tautaiolefue Sulieti…	Melitta Cadelis	Neil Fernandes
	Josephina Kim		Teresa Malone	Ngalo'afe Nau	Beatrice Wilsor
	Dominica Cowan		Paul Coakley	Malia Veatupu	Helan Roy
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark, & Elridge	Soniega Family	Men's Fellowship	Filemoni & Celino	Michael Eade / Flocy Membrere
Altar Servers:	Junho (L)	Isabel de Jesus (L)	Caroline Cibi (L)	Funaki Ali (L)	Feba Corray (L)
	Liam Kim	Selemena Smith	Knight Marques	Jordan Solomon (L)	Juvan Gino
	Francisco del Rosario	Arden David Laki	Sarah	Joseph Uale (L)	Andrea
	Jovi	Mikaela Abalajen	Yuji Josue	Sione Sakalia	Jacob Alabastro
	Martheena	Titoa Smith	Lawrence Lolesio	Keyondre Uale	Ana Fernandes
	Gianna	Munachimso Edeh	Noah	Antonio Solomon	Gab Zara
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	

Christ, the King 21st & 22nd November (Hope)

Mass	Vigil Sat 6 pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 11 am	Sun 6 pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Bonita Smith	Katie-Ann Vaka'uta	Madalene Warren	Kaira Monteiro
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Frances Ah Ken	Edmosa Vaka'uta	Agnes Benavides	Danielle Monteiro
Reader 2:	Amy Macuja	Mary Turnwald	Cheryl Sinclair	Kate Jariel	Griselda Baptista
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Rebecca James	Geraldine Sequera	Chantal Sieglaar	Tricia Pineda	Michael Eade
	Jessica D'Silva	Selestina Levave	Noelene Earlly	Tess Fermin	Michael Eade
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	Francisco del Rosario	Jaden Nanol	Nahshon	Isaac Betham	Luis Alabastro (L)
Altar Servers:	Gianna	Matthew Abalajen	Judiel Basabe	Christian	Franzwill Mangahas
	Ryan Jerom	Mikko Abalajen	Mishael Basabe	Lui Ali	Jacob Alabastro
	Martheena	Miguel Abalajen	Dioniel Basabe	Don Ali	
	Aroha	Nnamdi Edeh	Yuen Josue		
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Offertory					
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) St. Vincent de Paul Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	