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4th August 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 78**  
**Response:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**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."

**Communion Reflections**  
 How easily familiarity breeds contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in his hometown because the people who were familiar with him were closed-minded and despised his claim to speak and act in the name of God. If people come together to hate and refuse to understand others different than themselves, then they will see no other point of view than their own and they will refuse to love and accept others. How do you view those who are familiar to you? With kindness and respect or with a critical and judgmental spirit? The Lord Jesus offers us freedom from sin, prejudice, contempt, and fear. His love and grace sets us free to love others with the same grace and mercy which he has shown to us. Only Jesus can truly set us free from the worst tyranny possible - slavery to sin and the fear of death. His victory on the cross brings us pardon and healing, and the grace to live holy lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you know the joy and freedom which Christ's love brings to our hearts?

"Lord Jesus, your love conquers every fear and breaks the power of hatred and prejudice. Flood my heart with your mercy and compassion, that I may treat my neighbor with the same favor and kindness which you have shown to me."

**CAPUCHIN FRIARS**  
 Fr. Ranjit Ekka OFM Cap.—Parish Administrator  
 Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Parish Priest  
 Fr Praful Kerketta OFM Cap— Assistant Parish Priest

Janice Borsos— School Principal

**MASS TIMES**  
 Tuesday & Thursday - 9am  
 Wednesday Morning - 9am  
 Wednesday Evening Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 7:10pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm  
 Friday Morning - 9 am  
 First Friday of the month: Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm  
 Saturday - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass  
 Sunday - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

**CARING COMMUNITY**  
 Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
 Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch

**20 DECADE ROSARY**  
 Wednesday –After 9am Mass

**RECONCILIATION**  
 Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm. Also by appointment

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
 Thursday– After 9am Mass until 12pm

**MEDITATION**  
 Last Friday of the month at 10am

**BAPTISM SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday 10:30am—12:30pm

**HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS**  
 Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm

**HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS**  
 Every Sunday 10:30am –11:30am

**FAITH SHARING**  
 Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY**  
 Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm

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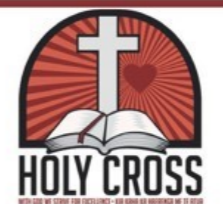
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**A Thanksgiving Mass for Br Matthew Apuda's First Profession** will be celebrated next Sunday at 10.30am followed by a shared lunch. Please bring a plate and all are welcome.

**A special thank you to the Tongan community** for organising the Parish Hall blessing on Friday 26th July. Thank you to all who participated in this celebration \$2310 Koha was raised from all the variety acts performed.

**Sacrament of the sick** Tuesday the 20th of August 11am, followed by a Shared lunch. All are welcome.

**Secular Franciscans** will meet next Sunday 11th of August in Holy Cross Parish meeting Room at 2:30pm. Visitors are welcome.

**Hall Update-** Please wait for further announcements from the parish office regarding the availability of the hall for private hire. Due to ongoing health and safety concerns, the hall still requires some repairs before it can be rented out. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Planned Giving Envelopes**—New sets of envelopes will be available in the foyer on the 17th and 18th of August. If you have run out of envelopes or wish to donate online, please contact the parish office.

**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 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.

**Health & Safety**—Holy Cross Parish seeks volunteers, especially those in the medical field or with first aid training, to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations. Your expertise is vital for maintaining a safe environment. To volunteer, please contact the parish office.

**Safeguarding— Parental Supervision:** For the safety of all, please accompany your children in the church at all times. We prioritize everyone's well-being, especially the vulnerable. Please refrain from using the sacristy toilet. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Parking Reminder**-Please refrain from parking on the grass, yellow lines and neighbours' driveways. Additionally, double parking is strictly prohibited, and the staff parking area is reserved for priests, staff, and choir members needing to transport musical equipment for the Mass.

**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is holding its fifth lecture in the series, A Taste of Theology. Topic is titled "What is Philosophy? A short introduction to the fascinations and frustrations of philosophical questioning", with Rev Dr John Owens, sm, on Tuesday, 06 August 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology) to register.

**The Diocesan Faith Formation Team** are offering refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the **Ministries of 1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation**. This is open to all educators and volunteers involved in these Ministries. Sessions will be occurring through August and early September.

West | Sunday 18 August 1-3pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden

East | Saturday 31 August 1-3pm St Pius X, Glen Innes

Northshore | 15 September 1-3pm St Joseph's, Takapuna

Please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/formation/> to attend for your parish, or any of the other session that may suit you.

For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) or 021439407

**World Youth Day Auckland** |Saturday 17th August 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay. Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us for an unforgettable celebration of our Catholic faith. Registrations opening soon! Go to [facebook.com/AKCYM](https://facebook.com/AKCYM) for updates or email [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) for more info.

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Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August | Holy Family Parish Hall, Te Atatu Peninsula

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**Readings This Sunday**  
 First: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15  
 Psalms 78: 3-4, 23-24, 25, 54  
 Second: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24  
 Gospel: John 6: 24-35

**Readings Next Sunday**  
 First: First Kings 19: 4-8  
 Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 Second: Ephesians 4: 30 - 5: 2  
 Gospel: John 6: 41-51

**Scripture Readings for the week**  
 Monday Ps 119 Jeremiah 28: 1-17 Matthew 14: 13-21  
 Tuesday Ps 97 Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Second Peter 1: 16-19 Mark 9: 2-10  
 Wednesday Jeremiah 31 Jeremiah 31: 1-7 Matthew 15: 21-28  
 Thursday Ps 51 Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Matthew 16: 13-23  
 Friday Deuteronomy 32 Nahum 2: 1, 3; 1-3, 6-7 Matthew 16: 24-28  
 Saturday Ps 112 Second Corinthians 9: 6-10 John 12: 24-26

**Sunday Children's Liturgy** is conducted during the Sunday 9am and 10:30am masses, specifically catering to children who have not yet received Holy Communion. We encourage children who have received their Holy Communion to participate in the Mass.

**ROSTER FOR 3rd & 4th AUGUST 2024 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Janice Borsos	Tongan Community	Catherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	child	Jean Soniega	Mike Smith		Gavin Colaco
<b>Reader 2:</b>	child	Frances Martinez	Savieta Lea		Sue Icevich
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<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Co	Renessa & Caroline	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Tongan Community	Musica Christi
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**ROSTER FOR 10th & 11th AUGUST 2024 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Margie D'Rozario	Jean Soniega	Vicky Coakley	Samoan Community	Catherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Loretta Ahio	Frances Martinez	Delores Lesatele		Maria Kumitau
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Savieta Lea	Berna Fernandes		Maria de Hoog
<b>Ministers of</b>	Alice Sue	Selesitina Levave	Paul Coakley & Piet		Sina Patolo
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<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Joseph & Zephan	Tito, Co	Caroline	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
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