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18th August 2024 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm Ps 34
Response: Taste and see the goodness of 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."

Communion Reflections
 Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
 whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my
 flesh for the life of the world." [John 6:51](#)

Reflect, today, upon how you approach Holy Communion each week. Start by
 thinking about the last few times you went forward to receive our Lord in this
 way. From there, think about how deeply you understand that moment. Is it
 transforming for you? Are you among those who hunger and thirst for Jesus?
 Do you notice the spiritual effects that take place within you as a result of your
 reception of the Eucharist? If so, then deepen your faith by committing yourself
 to a more prayerful participation in the Mass the next time you attend. If not,
 then try to step back and examine that which you actually believe, are confused
 about or do not believe. There is no greater gift we will ever receive in life than
 the Eucharist. Believe it with all your heart, and the Eucharist will change your
 life..

*"My Eucharistic Lord, I do believe; help my unbelief. I thank You for the very gift
 of Yourself, given to me in the reception of Holy Communion. Please continue
 to teach me about this Gift, dear Lord. Open my mind to understand so that I
 will always come forward to receive with the utmost faith, love and hope. Jesus,
 I trust in You."*

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 9:00am –10:00am
 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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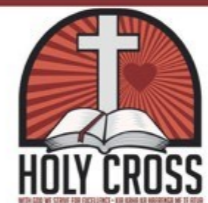
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Faith Sharing Our next session will be held on Sun. 25th Aug. at 11.45am (after the 10.30am Mass). We will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day followed by a shared lunch. For our session this month : Speakers: Ann & Michael Mckeown. Topic : RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Come and listen to Ann and Michael speak about the RCIA program and share their experiences as Facilitators for over 25 years.

Sacrament of the Sick Tuesday the 20th of August 11am is cancelled due to the funeral of our dear parishioner Jack Beresford.

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Over the past month, your prayers & monetary support, helped create 12 food parcels - that's a smile on the dial of 34 adults & 20 kids across Henderson & neighbouring communities. Every dollar counts & each of you have the power to make a difference. If you can help, visit: givealittle.co.nz/org/svdp-henderson OR donate to St Vincent de Paul Holy Cross: 12-3020-0488780-00. Please add your full name as reference. Tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year. Members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend.

Children's Mass—We would like invite parents with children to attend the Children's Mass on the 31st of August, Saturday at 6:00pm

Holy Cross Feast Day—Our Feast Day will be celebrated on the 14th of September, Saturday. There will be a Food Fair, more details to come.

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.

Office Administrator / Parish Secretary—We are happy to announce the appointment of our new Office Administrator / Parish Secretary Warren Herrera.

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 or 021439407

PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE: Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture

Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August | Holy Family Parish Hall, Te Atatu Peninsula. Join us for an informative conference discussing foundational pro-life principles and life and family issues of concern today. Keynote speaker is Fr. Shenan Boquet (USA), an engaging and knowledgeable pro-life missionary who travels the world training seminarians, clergy, and lay persons. For more info contact Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz or visit fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024

2024 Vailankanni Novena Celebrations from 30 August to 8th September. Daily at 6.30pm (5.30pm on Sundays)

We invite all our friends and family to join the Marian Devotion to our Mother Mary at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale, Auckland. We will recite the Rosary, Novena followed by Holy Mass. Many Priests, choirs, communities, prayer groups have been invited to participate each evening. So come along and place your heartfelt prayers to our Mother Mary. She will intercede on our behalf to her Son Jesus. Welcome to our 2024 Novenas.

Catholic 30s & 40s Meetup—On 14 September, the Catholic 30s & 40s singles group is meeting at Dice & Fork. Starting at 6:30pm, we will have dinner and drinks over a board game or two. From the classic, fight-inducing monopoly to the strategic challenge of Catan, Dice & Fork has a huge range of fun for everyone. All who are interested should email akcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com as there is space for only so many because of the booking limit.

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 6-8 September. **The Beginning Experience** is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350. For further information please phone Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz



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Mass Collection For Last Week
 1st Collection \$ 1,804.20
 2nd Collection \$ 1,619.80
 Building Fund Envelope \$ 285.00
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 Other offering: \$136.00
 Monthly parish Receipts and Disbursements Report is posted regularly on the church foyer board. Thank you for your kind support and generosity. All tax receipts have been sent via email. For those without email or those that haven't been collected from the parish office, they have been sent via post.

Readings This Sunday
First: Proverbs 9: 1-6
Psalms 34: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Second: Ephesians 5: 15-20
Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Readings Next Sunday
First: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalms: 34: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23
Second: Ephesians 5: 21-32 or Ephesians 5: 2a, 25-32
Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Deut 32:18-21	Ezekiel 24:15-23	Matthew 19: 16-22
Tuesday	Deut 32:26-28	Ezekiel 28: 1-10	Matthew 19: 23-30
Wednesday	Ps 23	Ezekiel 34: 1-11	Matthew 20: 1-16
Thursday	Ps 51	Ezekiel 36: 23-28	Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	Ps 107	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	Matthew 22: 34-40
Saturday	Ps 145	Revelation 21: 9-14	John 1:45-51

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 17th & 18th AUGUST 2024 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :		Lydia Ah Kuoi	Madelene Warren	Tai Asiata	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:		Savioti Lea	Anne McGrath	Maria Kunitau	Janielle Vafloor
Reader 2:		Sabrina Veatupu	Mariafe Lobez	Kimberley Suan	Loretta Ahio
Ministers of Eucharist	Secular Franciscan Order	Ann Mckeown Michael Mckeown	Clare Connelly Pearlie Tomas	Celino Orquejo Suzette Orquejo	Sagato Matau Maria Faleusu
Collector	Phyllis, Mark & Alridge	Jean Soniega	Piet Bakker, Jane	Flor Skinner	Valerie Pua
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Tito & Co	Men's fellowship	Willie	Michael Eades
Music Ministry:	Secular Franciscan Order	Quiet Mass	Renessa & Caroline	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Offertory:	Secular Franciscan Order	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Disciples Choir	Legion of Mary
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	Flowers Sagote Family	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

ROSTER FOR 24th & 25th AUGUST 2024 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Bonita	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Mary Turnwald			Danielle Monterio
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Frances Ah Ken			Kiara Monterio
Ministers of Communion	Alice Sue Miguel Padilla	Francis Ah Ken Geraldine Sequera			Sagato Matau Valerie Pua
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Alridge	Jean Soniega			Men's fellowship
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Titoo & co	Chana & Hezekia	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community Madelene & John	
Offertory:		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) Filipino Community Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

PROLIFE FACTS
 An Auckland VFL committee member recently met with the current CEO of Right to Life in Britain, Kiwi Alasdair Hungerford-Morgan. Right to Life works across education, politics and the media, and has many supporters in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. **For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

The Christian Churches of Auckland Celebrate Christian Unity

2024 Day of Prayer for Christian Unity

Join us at this Prayer Service
 5:00 PM Sunday 25th August 2024
 St Elias Melkite Catholic Church
 5 Mt. Lebanon Crescent
 The Gardens Manurewa
 Light Refreshments provided

"Kia aroha koe ki te Ariki tō Atua...
 Kia aroha hoki ki tōu hoa tata, anō ko koe." - Luka 10:27