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22nd September 2024 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Responsorial Psalm Ps 54**  
**Response:** The Lord upholds my life

**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**  
*They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Mark 9:33-34*

*That desire must not become as it was among the disciples who saw each other as competitors. Instead, it must be directed to the deepest desire for holiness and charity. In Heaven, we will all be in awe of those holy souls who are filled with the greatest depths of glory forever. Most likely, they will be widely unknown on earth, but loved and admired in Heaven for the greatness of their holiness. Reflect, today, upon the desire within your own soul for greatness. Pray that this desire will not fall into selfishness or lead you to see others as competitors. Instead, pray that your desire for greatness will lead you to holiness so that you will be able to store up for yourself the most abundant treasures in Heaven and radiate that glory forever.*

*Most glorious Lord, You are Greatness Itself. You are our eternal glory. I thank You for the natural desire for greatness that has been instilled within my soul. Please purify that desire, and help me to direct it toward holiness so that I will be able to store up in Heaven the many treasures You wish to bestow. 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

**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

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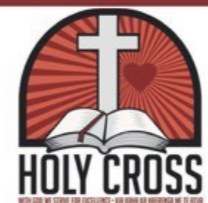
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**Holy Cross Charismatic Fellowship** will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 23rd of September at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will be reflecting on the 2nd chapter of St Paul's letter to the Colossians. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible along. For further details please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306.

**Holy Cross Men's Fellowship Meeting**—will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 26th of September at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For further details please contact George Schuster on 0212080447.

**The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi**

A very ancient tradition draws Franciscans worldwide on the eve of the Feast of St. Francis to celebrate his Transitus: the final stage of his journey home to God.

A Vigil Memorial Service celebrating St. Francis' "passing over" from this life to the glory of heaven will be held on Thursday 3rd Oct. at 7.00 pm in the Church. We will begin with Silent Eucharistic Adoration at 6.00 pm. All are invited to join the Friars and Secular Franciscans in prayer, to mark this special event.

**Sacramental Program**—On **September 28th**, we will hold our Reconciliation from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, followed by a Day of Prayer from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. All children candidates are required to attend these sessions before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents are encouraged to join their children. Please bring your own lunch; afternoon tea will be provided. We need the Saints name of the candidates for Confirmation.

Additionally, on **September 29th**, there will be a final practice for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place after the 10:30 am Holy Mass. Both the children candidates and their sponsors are required to attend.

**Columban Art Calendar 2025**—is now available in the Parish Office for \$13.00. It will be a blessed gift for someone you know. So please avail while stock last.

**Planned Giving Envelopes**—New sets of envelopes will be available in the foyer. If you have run out of envelopes or wish to donate online, please contact the parish office. Please take your planned giving envelope from the Foyer. If you cannot find yours, then please contact the Parish Office and will make a set for you.

**Parish Office Administrator**—We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jennifer Hernandez for her dedicated service as Parish Administrator of Holy Cross. Join us for a small farewell gathering on Tuesday, 24th September, following the morning mass.

**Food Feast Festival**—We extend our sincere thanks to the stall organizers, helpers, and the community members who donated to make the Food Feast Festival a resounding success. Together, we raised a total of \$9,821.70.

**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. The volunteer will only be to the mass times they attend and only in case that there is an emergency during the mass. Kindly approach your mass coordinator.

The chewing gum problem have resurfaced, please refrain from chewing gum in the church or pastoral centre.

For the safety of the children, power outlet switches are to be turned off and the plastic guarding to be put in once you finish using the outlet.

**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 especially** . 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.

**Ecumenical Church Service**—On Saturday 19th October Holy Cross Parish will host an ecumenical interfaith service with other Churches in our area. The purpose is to come together between 2pm and 4 pm to pray for peace in our world and in our lives. Please support this important gathering.

**Positions available St Joseph's Takapuna**—Following restructuring of the parish staff, two positions have become available: Executive assistant, a 25 hours per week role; and (b) Property manager, 10-15 hours per week. For position descriptions and to apply for a position, contact Fr Mark Napa [frmark@stjoseph.org.nz](mailto:frmark@stjoseph.org.nz) Applications close 27 September 2024.

**A One-day Men's Retreat**, directed by Bishop Steve Lowe will be held on Saturday 19 October (8am-4pm). The retreat will be titled "He Emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7) and held at St Thomas More Church. This will be a special day of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship, and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve. Bring a packed lunch or buy from the local shops. Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs. All men are welcome. Use the link below to register, or contact Greg Sullivan (021)37747.



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**Readings This Sunday**  
**First:** Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20  
**Psalm:** 54  
**Second:** James 3: 16 - 4: 3  
**Gospel:** Mark 9: 30-37

**Readings Next Sunday**  
**First:** Numbers 11: 25-29  
**Psalm:** 19  
**Second:** James 5: 1-6  
**Gospel:** Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

**Scripture Readings for the week**

Monday	Ps 15	Proverbs 3: 27-34	Luke 8: 16-18
Tuesday	Ps 119	Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13	Luke 8: 19-21
Wednesday	Ps 119	Proverbs 30: 5-9	Luke 9: 1-6
Thursday	Ps 90	Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11	Luke 9: 7-9
Friday	Ps 144	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11	Luke 9: 18-22
Saturday	Ps 90	Ecclesiastes 11: 9 - 12: 8	Luke 9: 43b-45

**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 21st & 22nd SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader:</b>	Margie D'Rozario	Lydia Ah Kuoi		Filipino Community	Catherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Jean Soniega	Vakauta Family		Gavin Colaco
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Stephanie Alimagno	Savieta Lea			Sue Ivceovich
<b>Minister of</b>	Maria Alimagno	Geraldine Sequera			Valerie Pua
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Renante Alimagno	Selesitina Levave			Michael Eade
	Jessica D'Silva				Sagato Matau
<b>Collector</b>	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship	Celino Orquejo	Flocy & Michael
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Joseph and Sephan	Titoo & Co	Renessa & Carol	Suzaine & Jordan & Neil	Feeba & Lui & Jacob
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	
<b>Offertory:</b>					
		<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	
		Couples for Christ	Fijian Community	Sisters of Charity	
		Redfern Family			
		Sagote Family			
		Samoan Community			

**ROSTER FOR 28th & 29th SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader:</b>	Julia Macuja	Bonita	Janice Borsos	Tai Asiata	Catherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Amy Macuja	Jean Soniega	Cheryl Sinclair	Maria Kumitau	Jannielle Vafloor
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Gafatasi Enderman	Sabrina Veatupu	Maria Jose	Danielle Monterio	Loretta Ahio
<b>Minister of</b>	Lloyd de Melo	Winnie Veikoso	Frank Borsos, Noelene E.	Fil & Maria Faleusu	Sagato Matau
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Jessica D'Silva	Selesitina Levave	Teresa Malone,	Josephine Kim	Michael Eades
			Clare Connelly	Klara Monterio	Val Pua
<b>Collector</b>	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship		Michael Eades
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Joseph and Sephan	Titoo & Friends	Ranessa & Caroline	Suzaine & Jordan	Salome & Jazer
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Evelyn Pereira	Sr Ake & Friends	Legion of Mary
<b>Offertory:</b>					
		<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	
		Fiji Community(Friday)	Filipino Community	Sisters of Charity	
		St. Vincent de Paul			
		Tongan Community			