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25th August 2024 Twenty-First 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 then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." **John 6:67-69**

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have felt God's will or any of His revealed truths to be difficult and demanding. When you face such an interior challenge, what do you do? If your response is to turn from God and become lax in your fidelity to Him, then reflect upon Peter's words to Jesus. Make those words your prayer, and let that prayer strengthen your conviction to become an unwavering and faithful follower of God.

"My demanding Lord, in Your great love and mercy You require everything of me. You ask me to give You my life in total surrender and service of Your perfect will. When I am weak, give me strength. When I doubt, give me faith. Help me, Lord, to always deepen my resolve and to follow You with complete fidelity. 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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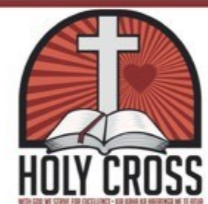
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Faith Sharing Our next session will be held on Sun. 25th Aug. at 11.45am (after the 10.30am Mass). We will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day followed by a shared lunch. For our session this month : Speakers: Ann & Michael Mckeown. Topic : 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.

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.

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- The survey results showed that 88% support granting the school exclusive use of the Hall during the renovation of the school buildings, while only 11% opposed the idea. Starting in January of next year, the school will have exclusive access to the Hall. Until then, parishioners can rent the Hall for a \$150 bond and \$50 per hour, while non-parishioners will be charged \$60 per hour. For more information on renting the Hall, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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.

The parish is seeking a **Caretaker** for the Parish Hall. This is a casual, fixed-term position available until December of this year. If interested, please reach out to the Holy Cross Office Administrator.

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.

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

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.

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - NORTH SHORE—Meeting date: Wed 28 Aug 24 Time: 7:00 pm Fellowship - Meeting 7:30 pm. Venue: St Thomas More, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. Guest speaker: Jim Gribble. Topic: Chaplaincy a Vital Ministry in the Church. All men welcome to join others for a time of learning, praying, fellowship. Look forward to seeing you there. For more info contact Russell 022 034 5678.

The St Peters College Old Boys and Friends Association, and the College would like to invite ladies who have an association with St Peters College, past or present, to our annual Women of St Peters evening which honours their contribution. Let's celebrate on Friday 6th of September from 5:30—8:30pm at St. Peter's School Hall, Mountain Road, Grafton.

Mother Theresa's Feast Day Mass will be held at St. Mary's Avondale Church on 7th of September 9:00 am mass. All are invited.



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 1st Collection \$ 1,918.00
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 Building Fund Envelope \$ 320.00
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 Other offering: \$76.50
 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: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalm: 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

Readings Next Sunday
First: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
Psalm: 15
Second: James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 96	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12	Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	Ps 96	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17	Matthew 23: 23-26
Wednesday	Ps 128	2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18	Matthew 23: 27-32
Thursday	Ps 145	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	Mark 6:17-29
Friday	Ps 33	1 Corinthians 1: 17-25	Matthew 25: 1-13
Saturday	Ps 33	1 Corinthians 1: 26-34	Matthew 25: 14-30

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 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	Francis Ah Ken			Sagato Matau
	Anthony Sue	Geraldine Sequera			Valerie Pua
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship		Michael Eades
Altar Servers:	Sephan & Joseph	Titoo & co	Chana & Hezekia	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	
Offertory:				Madelene & John	
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) Filipino Community Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

ROSTER FOR 31st Aug & 1st SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Tai Asiata	Tongan Community	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Child	Mary Turnwald	Gemma Dominiquez		Jannielle Vaflo
Reader 2:	Child	Frances Ah Ken	Adolf Goldwyn		Maria de Hoog
Ministers of Communion	Angel Cueva	Francis Ah Ken	Lucy Goldwyn		Valerie Pua
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Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Mens Fellowship		Michael Eade
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Titoo & Co.	Caroline & Renessa	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Tongan Community	Betham Family
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

PROLIFE FACTS
 The Voice for Life teams in Napier and Hastings have found a creative way to raise awareness of pro-life issues in their community. They put 457 Freesia bulbs into little pots (one bulb for each of the 457 babies aborted in the region), along with a little card as a memorial for the lost local preborn children. 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