



Our Lady of Victories Horsley Park



*Under the Pastoral Care of the Paulist Missionaries
Celebrating Community*

Our Lady Of Victories
Catholic Parish
1788 The Horsley Drive, Horsley Park

Our Lady Queen of Peace
215 Western Road, Kemps Creek

We acknowledge the Dharuk
people, traditional custodians of
this land. May we walk gently and
respectfully upon the land.

Parish Priest
Fr Mario Zammit MSSP
Assistant Priest
Fr John Taliana MSSP

Pastoral Associate
Mrs Mary Farrell

Parish Council Chairperson
Mr Lucio Favotto

Parish Secretaries
Mrs Lauren Favretti (Tue, Thu, Fri)
Mrs Edda Santucci (Wed)

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Mass Times
Horsley Park:
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am & 6.00pm
Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 9.00am
Kemps Creek:
Sunday 7.30am

Reconciliation: Saturdays:
11.00am – 12.00pm (Parish House)
5.00pm – 5.30pm (Church)

Baptisms for parishioners,
and Weddings:
Please ring during office hours.

Marion Catholic Primary School
1788 The Horsley Drive, Horsley Park
Ph: 9620 2045 Fax: 9620 1012
Principal: Mr Michael Reardon

*An induction loop for the hearing
impaired is fitted in the centre aisle of the
church.*

February 05, 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel today gives us an insight into a typical day for Jesus – He listens to the Word of God and then worships with His community; He spends time in the home of a friend; He preaches and heals and then spends time alone in prayer to nurture his relationship with the Father. He shows us the need for a balance between prayer, work and rest. Our Sunday worship is one of the days we foster our relationship with the Father. Let us be conscious of gathering in His presence and work to bring God into our daily lives.

FIRST READING:

Job 7 : 1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

ALL: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Side 1 (Ambo side): Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due.

Side 2 (Priest's side): The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

Side 1 (Ambo side): Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.

Side 2 (Priest's side): The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

ALL: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 9 : 16-19, 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1 : 29-39



**He went throughout Galilee,
proclaiming the message.**

Mark 1:39

BAPTISMS DURING LENT

Lent is a season when the Church puts aside much of the business that occupies it for the rest of the year. Lent is mainly concerned with the practice and sacrament of reconciliation, with self-denial and works of charity. Non-essential activities cease and essential activities are permeated with the ashes, psalms, prayers, fasting, and almsgiving for the Church's 40 days. We abstain from the Alleluia during the Gospel acclamation, no Gloria is said or sung, the sanctuary is not decorated with flowers. It is a time of

preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Lent is traditionally orientated toward the preparation for baptism at the Easter Vigil and the renewal of our own baptismal promises.

Adult baptisms are ordinarily celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Since Lent is close enough to Easter, it is the practice in our Parish to not celebrate baptism during Lent, but rather baptise at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter season which follows.

Discerning God's Will

It is easy enough to tell the poor to accept their poverty as God's will when you yourself have warm clothes and plenty of food and medical care and a roof over your head and no worry about the rent. But if you want them to believe you - try to share some of their poverty and see if you accept it as God's will yourself!

Thomas Merton 1915-1968

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Vergine Aktarian, Kevin George Bailey, John Camilleri, John Cassar, Joseph Cassar, Joseph & Ganna Cauchi, Marion Fenech, Maria, Piu & Sam Galea, John Gauci, Charlie Gauci, Christopher & Julie Gauci, Josef Muscat, David & Victor Muscat, Phillip & Marie Pace, Joseph Schembri, Sam & Marianna Spiteri, Arnold Van Mullekom, Anthony & Diane Vella, Mark & Grezzju Vella. May they rest in peace. Amen

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS: Mario Bianco, Natalija Bobanovic, Vincenza Bove, Joe Carbone, Sandra Chaney, Rocco Coletta, Frank Collett, John Dimech-O'Connell, Carmen Deguara, Josephine Gauci, Joseph Grima, Seak Chuong Keo, Frank Micallef, Ann Pirota, Angela Snow, Frances Vella, Stephen Vella.

NOTE: Names will only be on the sick list for four weeks. Sick List forms are in the magazine rack.

Monday Feb 06: *(Mark 6:53-56) Ss Paul Miki & Companions;*
9.00am Morning Mass

Tuesday Feb 07: *(Mark 7:1-13) No Morning Mass*

Wednesday Feb 08: *(Mark 7:14-23) St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita;*
9.00am Morning Mass; 6.30pm Novena

Thursday Feb 09: *(Mark 7:24-30) 9.00am Morning Mass*

Friday Feb 10: *(Mark 7:31-37) St Scholastica;*
8.30am to 9.00am Silent Adoration;
9.15am Marion Catholic Primary School Mass

Saturday Feb 11: *(Mark 8:1-10) Our Lady of Lourdes; No Morning Mass*

Sunday Feb 12: *(Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45)*

WELCOME: To Bishop Terry Brady who joins us this weekend to celebrate the Saturday Vigil Eucharist and join in farewell celebrations for Fr Mario and Fr John.

BAPTISM: We welcome into our Parish family Violet Menolotto, daughter of Lino and Giulietta Menolotto, baptised this weekend.

MSSP FAREWELL LUNCHEON: Sunday 12 February 2012 at Mandavilla Function Centre, following Eucharist with Marion School Choir. Full payment and names required immediately. Contact Theresa 9620 1570 or Josephine 9620 1680.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Annie Khatchadourian and Benajmin Sammut, parishioners to be married next weekend.

CATECHIST MEETING: Will be held this Tuesday, 7 February at 7.00pm in the Parish conference room. All catechists and helpers are asked to attend this meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR FAREWELL NEXT WEEKEND: Next weekend, at the conclusion of all Masses, there will be an opportunity for personal farewells to Fr Mario and Fr John and a time to give thanks for their ministry.

CATECHIST HELPERS REQUIRED: In order to be able to successfully run our Scripture classes this year we require 3 catechist helpers for Kemps Creek Public School for half an hour on Thursdays. If you can spare some time to help out with these classes please contact Sandra Ostojic on 9826 2682 or 0434 675 106.

CONFIRMATION 2012: Please note that Confirmation this year will be celebrated on Friday, 7 September at 7.30pm with Bishop Peter Comensoli. All candidates are asked to ensure they mark this date in their diaries.

LENT PROGRAMME 2012: This year Ash Wednesday is on 22 February. Easter Sunday is 8 April. Again, during the time of Lent, we are running a Gospel reflection group to help us journey through this time of preparation and to celebrate the feast of Easter. The Gospel reflection group will be held in the De Piro Chapel on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Our first meeting will be immediately after evening Mass on Ash Wednesday, 22 February. If you are interested in participating please come along. All are welcome.

OLOV SOCIAL GROUP & FRIENDS:

ANNIE THE MUSICAL: Tuesday 14 February at Lyric Theatre. Bus leaves Felton Street at 9.30am. Contact Josephine 9620 1680.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE: Summer edition is now available in the foyer. Please take home a free copy today. A great Catholic magazine for every home with some interesting reflections.

50TH ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE: Is available for purchase from the Piety Stall at a cost of \$15 per copy. A journey in pictures of our Parish story. An ideal gift for older relatives who have been in the Parish for some years or for someone who used to live in the Parish and has since moved away.

USED STAMPS: We are asking you to save the used stamps as they can be used to raise money for the missions. Please leave a border of one-centimetre around them. Used stamps can be placed in the box in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

MALTA TRAVEL: *23 Day Europe Holiday* from 12 May 2012 with Monica Ledger, visiting London, Paris, Lourdes, Nice, Venice, Pisa, Assisi, Florence, Rome, Greek Islands and Malta. All inclusive. Call Monica 9896 0712 or Charlie 9631 2689.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY WITH COMPEER: Special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society matching volunteers in one-on-one friendship with people living with a mental illness, making a real difference to their quality of life and assisting to destigmatise mental illness. Volunteers are asked to spend just an hour a week or 2 hours a fortnight for at least 12 months engaging in simple activities such as having coffee or going for a walk. Compeer is currently seeking volunteers aged 30 and over. For more information email compeer@vinnies.org.au or call 9586 0262.

HAVE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW BEEN HURT BY AN ABORTION EXPERIENCE?: Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a healing ministry supported by the Archdiocese of Sydney that offers support and spiritual healing for those who suffer distress after an abortion experience. For further details see the brochures in the magazine rack or go to rachelsvineyard.org.au.

VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH REFUGEE STUDENTS: Mercy Connect Sydney is seeking volunteers to mentor students from a refugee background in primary and secondary schools, mainly located in the South and South Western Sydney. Volunteers commit to at least half a day per week for four school terms. Experience in educational setting necessary. Retired teachers encouraged to apply. Training provided in February/March. For more information contact Mercy Connect Sydney 9564 1911.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend away for married couples away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule to invest in your most precious asset ...your marriage. A unique opportunity to recharge your relationship and refocus on each other. Weekend of 23 - 25 March 2012 at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. For bookings or further details contact Ardell and Bill Sharpe on 4283 3435 or email wsharpe@bigpond.net.au.

FEAST OF ST PAUL: Will be celebrated at La Valette on Sunday 12 February beginning with Mass in the main hall at 5.00pm, followed by procession with statue of St Paul from the hall to the chapel, accompanied by Our Lady Queen of Peace Maltese Band. The band will then perform in the centre. The bar and kitchen will be open. Admission is free. All are welcome. For information call the centre on 9622 5847.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION DAY: Will be held at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia, on Sunday 19 February. The day commences at 10.30am with presentations, Mass and periods of meditation and concludes around 3.00pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Books and other material available. For accommodation at the monastery guest house contact Br Terry 0438 282 318 or monks@benedictine.org.au. For more information contact Anne Bergman 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas 9456 4775 atlomas@bigpond.com.

CYS EXTREME YOUTH CAMP: This Easter holidays 16-18 April, Catholic Youth Services will be hosting their annual camp at Crosslands Youth & Convention Centre, Galston, where you can take your Faith to the Extreme! Extreme is about encouraging young people in Years 7-10 in their faith. The camp is hosted by the CYS Team. Cost of \$120 covers accommodation, transport, meals and all activities. Download a registration form from www.cys.org.au and return by 2 April. Any questions, call CYS on 9764 4357. Join CYS for 3 days that will change your life.

ROSTERS COUNTING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK GROUP 5:
John Borg, Fred Borg,
Emanuel Borg

NEXT WEEK GROUP 6:
Ted Cassar, Peter Grima,
Ted Tokarczyk

CLEANING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK GROUP 4:
Mary Muscat, Dorothy
Muscat, Violet Menolotto,
Lily Rowe, Lillian Pangallo,
Angela Panetta

NEXT WEEK GROUP 5:
Pauline Piva, Tania
Tesoriero, Mary Buhagiar,
Joyce Grima, Mary Vella,
Theresa Sultana

ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

Tue 07, 7.00pm: Catechist
Meeting - Conference
Room

Sun 12, 11.30am: MSSP
Farewell Lunch

Wed 15, 7.30pm: Faith
Group - De Piro Chapel

Wed 22: Ash Wednesday
Mass at 9.15am & 7.00pm

Wed 22, 7.30pm: Lenten
Group - De Piro Chapel

Fri 24, 7.30pm: Way of the
Cross

Wed 29, 7.30pm: Lenten
Group - De Piro Chapel

ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

Fri 02, 7.30pm: Way of the
Cross

Sat 03, 7.00am to 9.00am:
Working Bee

Wed 07, 7.30pm: Lenten
Group - De Piro Chapel

Important Information:

Piety Stall enquiries,
Delma Marshall: 9620 1508

Marion School Hall
bookings contact: Lauren
on 9620 1242, Tue, Thur &
Fri only, 9.30am - 2.30pm

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Friday February 3, 2012

Dear Parishioners and Friends

As I address my last letter to you as your parish priest, I look back on thirteen beautiful years of ministry in your parish family. When I joined your community on January 10, 1999, I was still fresh out of the island of Malta and new to the Australian continent and the state of NSW. Our Lady of Victories was the first parish I ever came in contact with and ministered in. Here I have found a home away from home; a family away from my family!

I would very much like to make a list of people I need to thank; but that would mean listing every member of our community, as in many ways each of you have helped and supported me both personally and in my ministry among you.

I appreciate the way I was welcomed into your families and invited to celebrate baptisms, birthdays, first holy communions, confirmations, weddings, anniversaries and deaths. They were special and delicate moments where you invited me into your families and allowed me to journey with you and to minister to you.

As we journeyed together along the years you trusted my leadership and in turn reached out to minister to me and to support me in my ministry among you. I look around now and see among you a large number of mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, as well as sons and daughters. Thank you for your generosity and love. Horsley Park truly became my home and my family, the place where we celebrated together, and I will greatly miss your love and respect.

Like the Apostle Paul, I am now invited to journey on and offer my ministry to other communities; as a missionary I do not know where my journey will end. You have become a large part of my life and I will treasure your love and carry you with me wherever the Lord calls me to follow him.

I am aware that many times decisions I made have caused some pain. For this I am greatly sorry and I beg forgiveness.

As the present leader of the Paulist Missionaries in Australia, I also want to thank you all for the great support you have always shown to the missionaries who have been assigned to minister among you along the years. I thank you for your generosity and financial support to Paulist Missionaries who visited from other countries. As our journeys now part, be assured that your Celebrating Community will always have a special place in the history of our Missionary Society.

Dear parishioners and friends, may God bless you as you continue in your call to be followers of Jesus Christ.

Yours

F. Mario Zennaro



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