



Our Lady of Victories Horsley Park

Under the Pastoral Care of the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel
Celebrating Community



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

Our Lady Queen of Peace
215 Western Road, Kems Creek

We pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

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Mass Times
Horsley Park:
Monday to Friday 8.30am Rosary
followed by Mass at 9.00am
Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am
& 5.00pm

Kems Creek: SUSPENDED

Reconciliation
Monday to Friday: 8.30am-8.50am
Saturday: 4.15pm -4.45pm
At other times by appointment

Enquiries regarding other Sacraments:
Please ring during office hours.

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18 July 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: Today we hear how Jesus is moved with compassion when he sees the needs of the people. The needs of others often call us back from our places of rest, refuge and retreat - back amongst people in need of justice and God's love. We too are called to be shepherds. We become disciples by doing the work of being a disciple of Jesus: being bearers of peace, love, healing and justice. To be effective in our own ministry as baptised Christians we need to be approachable and open to all those who seek our help.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23 : 1-6

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me,
and bring them back to their pastures.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22

RESPONSE:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2 : 13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 6 : 30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: BORG Moses, CARBONE Giuseppe, DEBONO Vince, DIAMANTE Assunta, Carmine, FORCELLA Giuditta, GAUCI John, Connie, GRIMA Anthony, Carmel, MICALLEF Carmen, MIFSUD John, Mary-Ann, MILLSON Coleen, Barry, MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, MUSCAT Jean, Lewis, SCHEMBRI Joseph, Joe, SERGI Joe, John, Domenic, TABONE Emanuel. Recently deceased: Kevin Marshall. All Souls in Purgatory. All Relatives and Friends. May they rest in peace. Amen

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS. Alyssa Ferreri, Seak Yek Heng, Vicky Vella. *May God's love give them strength and courage.*

**UNDER THE CURRENT NSW HEALTH ORDERS
ALL MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Monday 19 July: (Matthew 12:38-42) Tuesday 20 July: (Matthew 12:46-50)
Wednesday 21 July: (Matthew 13:1-9) Thursday 22 July: (John 20:1-2, 11-18) St Mary Magdalene
Friday 23 July: (Matthew 13:18-23) Saturday 24 July: (Matthew 13:24-30)
Sunday 25 July: (2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For the duration of the lockdown, our office hours have been reduced to Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00am - 2.00pm. Any emails or phone messages will be dealt with during those hours. If you require a priest urgently, please call the Parish office and leave a message. Similarly if you feel that you need to speak with a priest for spiritual guidance please also call and leave your contact details and Fr Dominik or Fr Marek will call you back. We remind all that we are in lockdown and should not be leaving our homes, therefore please do not come to the office or church unless Father or a staff member have asked you to do so. This is for the protection of all.

COVID – 19 PRAYER RESOURCES: The Archdiocese of Sydney has set up a dedicated webpage to help the faithful during the current lockdown and beyond. Access livestreamed Masses from St Mary's Cathedral and many other parishes (some in other languages) and prayer resources at www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses.

PARISH DINNER: Due to current Covid-19 restrictions and uncertainties, the Parish dinner has been cancelled. Thank you to those who had already booked. We will turn our attention to the possibility of some community celebration for our Parish Feast Day later in September depending on restrictions at that time.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: New sets of envelopes will be available for collection in the foyer, once church re-opens. If you require a tax receipt for last financial year, please contact the Parish office.



**Catechesis of St Joseph
ST. JOSEPH - MODEL OF ALL WHO WORK**

In 1955, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This feast is celebrated throughout the Catholic Church on May 1.

St. Joseph spent a lifetime labouring as a carpenter. His primary motivation for working was not a quest for riches or status, but a desire to serve God and to care for his family in a loving way. Joseph never worked any miracles; he never made any important speeches; he wasn't a public figure, but was known only as a humble carpenter. Joseph laboured in obscurity, but was nonetheless given an important part in God's plan.

Work is not intended to be an end in itself or a path to earthly riches; rather, it's meant to glorify God and to help us prepare for eternity. As Jesus said, *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.* (Matthew 6:20-21).

No matter our jobs, we spend many of our hours working. If we view our daily tasks as meaningless, then we will become bitter and fail to cultivate any virtue. On the contrary, if we resolve to be sanctified through our jobs, we will develop an honourable Christian character. We should also guard against working too much. Workaholics are of no benefit to themselves, the family, or society. St. Joseph is a fine example of achieving a proper work-life balance. Consider that St. Joseph was willing to leave his work behind when he fled to Egypt to protect Christ. St. Joseph also serves as the model workman for the imitation of those who work for the salvation of souls, especially deacons, priests, bishops, and religious. Consecrated souls are to work diligently and faithfully in God's vineyard. This work, too, can be difficult and burdensome.

St. Joseph, Model of Workmen, help me to make Christ known through the way I carry myself at work.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





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