



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, Kemps 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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Fr Dominik Karnas CSMA

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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

Kemps 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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01 August 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: After the miracle of the loaves and fish, today we hear Jesus challenge the crowd. Are we, like them, truly looking for God, for Jesus - or merely looking for the things he gives us? We receive much from God, but do we look for Jesus for himself, for what he means in our lives? He makes our lives meaningful and shows us how to keep growing, how to learn from him to give ourselves to others, to become each other's food and drink. Jesus is the bread of life – he gives the gift of himself – the gift that we receive in each Eucharistic celebration.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16 : 2-4, 12-15
I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 77 : 3-4, 23-25, 54

RESPONSE:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4 : 17, 20-24
Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6 : 24-35
*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.*



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: GALEA Joseph, John, GAUCI John, Connie, GRIMA Anthony, Carmel, MICALLEF Carmen, MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, MUSCAT Jean, Lewis, SCHEMBRI Joseph, Joe, TABONE Emanuel, 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.*

Monday 02 August: *(Matthew 14:13-21)*

Tuesday 03 August: *(Matthew 14:22-36) St Dominic*

Wednesday 04 August: *(Matthew 15:21-28)*

Thursday 05 August: *(Matthew 16:13-23)*

Friday 06 August: *(Mark 9:2-10) Transfiguration of the Lord*

Saturday 07 August: *(Matthew 17:14-20)*

Sunday 08 August: *(1 Kings 17:8-16, Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 6:25-34)
St Mary of the Cross*

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.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST: Due to the extension of current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, the information meeting originally scheduled for August 23 has been cancelled. A revised timetable is being prepared and will be communicated by email in the coming weeks to all families already enrolled.



Catechesis of St Joseph

ST JOSEPH - GUARDIAN OF VIRGINS

God calls us to purity. In both the Old and New Testaments, Scripture is replete with exhortations to "Be Holy as I am Holy" (Lv 11:44), and "Be Holy as your Father in Heaven is Holy" (Mt 5:48). Our good and loving God knows well the challenge posed by His call to "be Holy as He is Holy." He understands and sympathizes with our fallen nature, and sends us an abundance of grace to overcome the temptations of this temporary world.

In St. Joseph, God offers us an outstanding illustration of personal purity. Our Heavenly Father chose the virtuous St. Joseph to be the guardian of the purity of the precious Holy Family. Under the title "Guardian of Virgins," St. Joseph offers us a shining example of the value of chastity. Through his holy intercession we have a magnificent channel of grace available to aid in overcoming the myriad of obstacles to virtuous living that confront us each day.

Due to his chastity and vocation, Joseph has further been entrusted to continue his mission of guarding the pure ones of God and of the integrity of the family. This power flows through him now as a reward of his perfect fidelity. All clergy/religious and families should have recourse to this most powerful intercessor.

Like the four arms of the cross, there are four particular areas of chastity to which we are called: that of body, mind, heart and spirit. Accepting the challenge of personal purity is a cross we each bear, but is not one that is either unreasonable nor impossible. As we strive to conquer the temptations of the world, let us seek the assistance of the Holy Heart of St. Joseph.

*St. Joseph, Guardian of Virgins, may I, with your help,
live as a disciple of Christ with purity in body, mind, heart and spirit all the days of my life.*

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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