



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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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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15 August 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: Today the Church honours Mary the Mother of Jesus who, at the moment of her death, was assumed body and soul into heaven. In her faith she accepted God's call for her to be the Mother of our Lord. We reflect on Mary as a woman who stands out as a model of discipleship for every Christian and challenges us to approach life and all its blessings and burdens as faithful and fearless disciples of Jesus. Like Mary we place our trust in God even if we are not sure where He is leading us.

FIRST READING:

Revelation 11 : 19; 12 : 1-6, 10

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and the moon beneath her feet.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 44 : 10-12, 16

RESPONSE:

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 15 : 20-26

*As members of Christ all people will be raised,
Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 1 : 39-56

*The Almighty
has done great things for me;
he has lifted up the lowly.*



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: CARNIATO Clorinda, Antonio, Giuliano, GALEA Joseph, John, GAUCI John, Connie, GRIMA Anthony, Carmel, MENON Elizabeth, 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 16 August: *(Matthew 19:16-22)*

Tuesday 17 August: *(Matthew 19:23-30)*

Wednesday 18 August: *(Matthew 20:1-16)*

Thursday 19 August: *(Matthew 22:1-14)*

Friday 20 August: *(Matthew 22:34-40) St Bernard*

Saturday 21 August: *(Matthew 23:1-12) St Pius X*

Sunday 22 August: *(Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69)*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Until further notice, office hours will be 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, or feel that you need to speak with a priest for spiritual guidance please call the Parish office and leave your contact details and Fr Dominik or Fr Marek will call you back. Remember we are all 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.

PASTORAL CARE HOME VISITS: Priests have been given permission to attend to the elderly and sick within their own community (subject to the 5km limit) to administer pastoral care (not a social visit), i.e. *Holy Communion, Reconciliation and anointing only*. Our priests are happy to visit homes for these purposes between 10.00am and 12.00noon. It is essential that you do not invite other people from outside your household to attend when the priest visits. Wearing of face masks and other hygiene measures must also be adhered to. To arrange a visit, please call the Parish office. If the office is unattended please leave a message.

COVID – 19 PRAYER RESOURCES: 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.

JAMBEROO ABBEY ONLINE RETREAT: "Meet me in the Middle" online retreat will be available from 5 September and is based on the Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope". In these times of uncertainty there is now a need for hope as never before since WWII. Further details or to register for this retreat, go to www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats.



Catechesis of St Joseph

ST JOSEPH - COMFORT OF THE AFFLICTED

Comforting the Afflicted, sometimes called Comforting the Sorrowful, is a spiritual work of mercy because it refers to our need to support each other emotionally and spiritually. God's mercy towards us is not merely given for our own comfort in affliction, but so that we might also display His mercy as we comfort others: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. (2 Cor 1:3-4)*

For those who are not compassionate by nature, speaking truth into a situation is much easier than showing compassion. However, if we are to model St. Joseph and display the character of God in its fullest expression, we also need to extend mercy and give comfort to those around us, especially our families. Comforting the Afflicted is part of the "job description" as it were, for a husband and father, and even more so for priests and deacons.

Life is filled with many sorrows. Whether it's financial problems, marital hardships, rebellious children, difficulties in relationships, the death of loved ones/parishioners, or a thousand other woes, we will all experience misery in life. God will give you all the mercy and comfort you need for every affliction you endure, but don't let that comfort end with you. Don't simply hold on to the care you have received. Let it grow in you and make you better at caring for those God has given you opportunity to care for. Remember that you don't have to do it alone! No matter the situation, you can look to St. Joseph to be your consolation. He knows well the hardships of life. He is a kind and loving father and he can intercede for you in times of need.

St. Joseph, Comfort of the Afflicted, pray that I may be merciful to others as God has been merciful to me.

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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