



# 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: **SUSPENDED**

Kemps Creek: **SUSPENDED**

Reconciliation: **SUSPENDED**

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22 August 2021

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

**INTRODUCTION:** Today we hear how many of the thousands that followed Jesus and listened to his word had difficulty believing him and walked away. Peter's question and his own answer: "*Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life*" leaves no doubt. There is no other choice than Jesus because the word he speaks and the word he is, is life as God always intended it – eternal life.

**FIRST READING:** Joshua 24 : 1-2, 15-18  
*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 33 : 2-3, 16-23

**RESPONSE:**

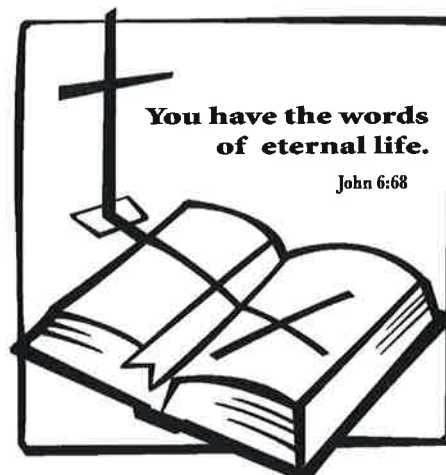
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 5 : 21-32  
*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 6 : 60-69  
*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: GAUCI John, GRIMA Anthony, Carmel, Joseph, Sam, MICALLEF Carmen, MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, MUSCAT Jean, Lewis, SCHEMBRI Joseph, Joe, TABONE Emanuel, VELLA Maryanne, Sylvina, Charlie, Anthony, Stephen. Recently deceased: Elisabeth Van Mullekom, Geltrude Tossello (Italy). 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 23 August: *(Matthew 23:13-22)*

Tuesday 24 August: *(John 1:45-51) St Bartholomew, apostle*

Wednesday 25 August: *(Matthew 23:27-32)*

Thursday 26 August: *(Matthew 24:42-51)*

Friday 27 August: *(Matthew 25:1-13) St Monica*

Saturday 28 August: *(Matthew 25:14-30) St Augustine*

Sunday 29 August: *(Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)*

**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.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR COVID-19 CRISIS:** The National Council of Churches in Australia is leading a prayer for our nation this Sunday, where along with fellow Christians, we can unite in prayer for an end to the crisis. Archbishop Anthony Fisher invites all to join in prayer this Sunday, 22 August, at 10.30am—livestreamed on St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel. Go to [www.stmaryscathedral.org.au](http://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au) and follow the prompts.

**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](http://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](http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats).



## Catechesis of St Joseph

### ST JOSEPH - HOPE OF THE SICK

God has healed many people through the intercession of St. Joseph. In 1847 when a typhoid epidemic threatened the village of Bytown in Ontario (now Ottawa), the Priest placed a statue of St. Joseph in the church where people gathered each day. The disease quickly disappeared. St. Teresa of Avila was miraculously cured of a terrible illness after praying to St. Joseph and, in order to honour him, the first Convent that she founded was named after St. Joseph. St. Therese of Lisieux became seriously ill as an infant, but after her mother's prayers to St. Joseph, Therese was healed.

St. Joseph offers hope in times of sickness. If you or someone you know is sick, go to St. Joseph. Let us raise our voices in prayer for the intercession of Saint Joseph for those who are sick:

*Compassionate Joseph, the Son of God placed his life in your hands. With the Virgin Mary, our Blessed Mother, you cared for the Child Jesus, who is the force of life in our world. May your compassion embrace our fragility and bring us the comfort of the divine presence. Loving Saint Joseph, we join with you in prayer by crying out: Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, say a word for our healing! Make us sensitive to the illnesses of those closest to us. Support us in our efforts to care for our sick brothers and sisters. Give us courage in the fight against all evil. Help us to find meaning in God's great project for humanity beyond the sickness and suffering that blind us. May the Love of God be with us, because our only hope is with Him.*

*We make this prayer through the intercession of Saint Joseph to Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

*St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us!*

### *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.





# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

*for the COVID-19 Crisis*

**Sunday  
22 August  
10:30am**

*Solemn Mass at  
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney  
Principal Celebrant  
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP*

*Livestreamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel.*



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