



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.

Parish Priest
Fr Dominik Karnas CSMA

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Fr Marek Okarma CSMA

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Mary Farrell

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Mass Times

Horsley Park: SUSPENDED

Kemps Creek: SUSPENDED

Reconciliation: SUSPENDED

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Please ring during office hours.

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Principal: Therese Gaunt

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29 August 2021

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: The heart is a symbol of the whole person, the seat of the emotional life. People are “good-hearted” or “hard-hearted”. Jesus is critical of those who are externally virtuous but do not have their hearts in the right place. To move beyond mere lip-service and ensure our hearts are close to God we must increase our faith and fill our hearts with love from God.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4 : 1-2, 6-8
*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you -
keep the commands of the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 14 : 2-5

RESPONSE:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: James 1 : 17-18, 21-22, 27
Be doers of the word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

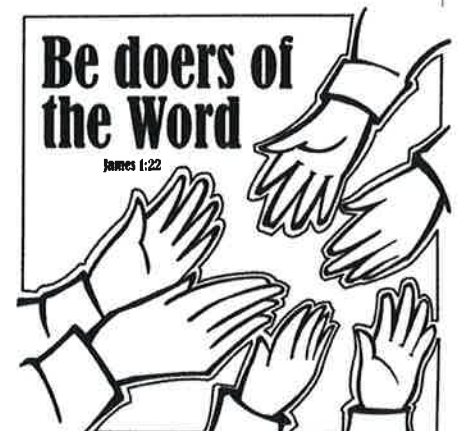
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 7 : 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*You forget the commandments of God
and hold on to human tradition.*



✠ 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: Michael Bonanno. 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 30 August:	<i>(Luke 4:16-30)</i>	Tuesday 31 August:	<i>(Luke 4:31-37)</i>
Wednesday 01 September:	<i>(Luke 4:38-44)</i>	Thursday 02 September:	<i>(Luke 5:1-11)</i>
Friday 03 September:	<i>(Luke 5:33-39), St Gregory the Great</i>	Saturday 04 September:	<i>(Luke 6:1-5)</i>
Sunday 05 September:	<i>(Isaiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37)</i>		

PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING COVID: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00am - 2.00pm. Emails / phone messages will be dealt with during those hours. If you require a priest urgently, or for spiritual guidance please leave your contact details and Fr Dominik or Fr Marek will call you back. As we are all in lockdown and should not be leaving our homes, please do not come to the office or church unless Father or a staff member have asked you to do so.

PASTORAL CARE HOME VISITS: Our priests are happy to visit homes between 10.00am and 12.00noon to attend to the elderly and sick within the local community (subject to the 5km limit) to administer pastoral care (not a social visit), i.e. *Holy Communion, Reconciliation and anointing only*. 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.

MESSAGE FROM FR MARIO ZAMMIT: Parishioners and friends at Our Lady of Victories. On 7 September I will be leaving Australia on my way to my new mission in the Philippines, after having been delayed last year due to Covid-19. Over the past few years I have managed to return to Horsley Park to catch up with you all again. Thank you for your welcome and support. I thank Fr Dominik and Fr Marek for allowing me to celebrate Mass with you during my brief visits. Thank you all again and please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new mission. I can always be contacted by email mario.zammit@hotmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or phone 6201 9845.

ONLINE PRAYER & MEDITATION: Join in with our local school community for a 20minute online prayer and mediation evening every Wednesday at 7.30pm via Zoom. For further details contact leonie.casha@syd.catholic.edu.au.

EVENING WITH MARY – BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley." [St Augustine]. On the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, join Sydney Catholic Youth and Life, Marriage and Family Office for an evening with Mary to pray the Rosary together on Zoom. Reflections will be lead by Fr Noel Custodio. Wednesday, 8 September, from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm.. Register in advance for this meeting at: <https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/event/evening-with-mary-birthday-of-the-blessed-virgin/>.



Catechesis of St Joseph

ST JOSEPH - PATRON OF THE DYING

The death of St. Joseph is not recorded in the Gospels; however, we do know that he was not present during the Crucifixion of Jesus, and according to Church tradition, Joseph most likely died before the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It is believed that St. Joseph died a holy and happy death, gazing upon Jesus and resting in the arms of Mary.

What a blessed death to see God before you die and for God Himself to tell you to go. This was Joseph's gift from his Son, who would hand his father over to His Father. Thus, Christ entrusted Joseph a particular intercessory power for all those at the moment of death. St. Joseph's death is a touching and desirable example for us. God has designated St. Joseph as the Patron of the Dying because he wants us to experience a death similar to that of St. Joseph -- a holy and happy death.

Death is a part of life; but letting go and saying goodbye to family and friends is not easy. However, we need to be prepared for death because Satan always tries to get a soul to despair and turn away from our loving God at the hour of death. However, St. Joseph can help us to make our death beautiful.

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.





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