



# Our Lady of Victories Horsley Park

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Our Lady Of Victories  
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Our Lady Queen of Peace  
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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

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08 August 2021

ST MARY OF THE CROSS – YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: Our faith is kept alive and growing in us through our devotion and close relationship with Christ. Nourished with the food and drink of His Word and strengthened through the Eucharist, we are encouraged to stand up for what is right and good.

As we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross, we pray that more people may be inspired by her vision and example to embrace the Gospel with courage and creativity and move us all in our response to God.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17 : 8-16  
*The jar of meal shall not be spent.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 63 : 1-8

RESPONSE:

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3 : 12-17  
*Bear with one another, forgive each other.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

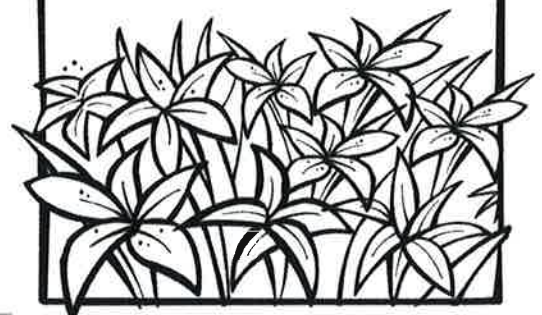
Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 6 : 25-34  
*Do not worry about tomorrow.*

*Consider the lilies of the field*

*Matthew 6:28*



✠ 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 09 August:	(Matthew 17:22-27)	Tuesday 10 August:	(John 12:24-26) St Lawrence
Wednesday 11 August:	(Matthew 18:15-20) St Clare	Thursday 12 August:	(Matthew 18:21 - 19:1)
Friday 13 August:	(Matthew 19:3-12)		
Saturday 14 August:	(Matthew 19:13-15) St Maximilian Mary Kolbe		
Sunday 15 August:	The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56)		

**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.

**ST MARY MACKILLOP REFLECTION MORNING:** Ahead of the Feast Day for Australia's first saint, the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia will be holding an online reflection morning this weekend - Saturday 7 August and Saturday 14 August from 10.00am - 12 noon. Focusing on the theme "Leading others to Life: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and missionary fruitfulness". To participate go to [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events).

**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](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses).

**EUTHANASIA PETITION:** Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging Catholics to sign an e-petition to prevent the NSW Parliament passing laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable people. There is never a good time to introduce laws such as this, but to do so in the middle of a pandemic and amidst lockdowns adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions is unconscionable. The petition calls on the Government to keep us focused on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal. If you wish to sign the e-petition go to [www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect\\_life\\_nsw](http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw).

**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. For further details or to register for this retreat, please see the attached flyer.



## Catechesis of St Joseph

### ST JOSEPH - PILLAR OF FAMILIES

St. Joseph was the Pillar of the Holy Family. Throughout those unseen years of Christ's youth, it was Joseph who built and guided a family worthy of the Son of God. What a strong man Joseph must have been to deserve the honourable obedience of our Saviour! It is hard enough for the average man to handle the stress of running a normal household, with normal children. Yet, somehow, St. Joseph could withstand the weight and power of the Creator of Heaven and Earth, living amongst him, looking up to him with the eyes of a child. What an awesome responsibility!

In these times of terrible confusion about family and fatherhood in our decaying society, let us look to St. Joseph. All men must strive to foster a pious and fervent devotion to him. How else do we expect to lead our families well?

Ask St. Joseph for the grace to imitate him; to have a holy headship over your family. This, too, is an awesome responsibility, yet God has entrusted it to you. As Christ Himself looked to Joseph, carrying heavy loads of wood on his shoulders from forest to workshop; let us look to the man who showed the Child Jesus how to carry His forthcoming Cross, for inspiration to carry ours.

*St. Joseph, Pillar of Families, Pray for 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.



# Message from Fr Dom

## Dear Parishioners and Friends,



This Sunday (August 08, 2021) the Olympic Games will come to an end. Australian sports men and women are doing very well. They have won many medals and we have finished high on the ladder among 205 countries from around the world. Of course, we always expect more, but let us be thankful to our athletes for all the medals they have won and, even more, for representing our country, Australia.

Do you know the meaning of the Olympic motto? The Olympic motto is just three Latin words: "Citius-Altius-Fortius". These three words mean "Faster-Higher-Stronger". So, when it comes down to competition and sportsmanship, it will be "sometimes we win, sometimes we learn". Even when it comes to losing or failure, then the lesson that can be learned is that failure is the mother of success.



We are missing each other and I believe that you would like to come to our church for Mass on Sunday, receive Holy Communion and have our spiritual devotions, as it was before Covid19. But the circumstances are changing, and that doesn't mean we will lose faith. In fact, it calls for a new learning and a new growth in faith.

One of the amazing stories of the Christians in Japan tells us how the faith of the Japanese Christians endured 400 years of persecution. Christianity arrived in Japan in 1543, but by 1620, Christianity was banned. Missionaries were excluded and the local Christians were persecuted and they went into hiding.

So, there was no Mass, no Holy Communion, no Sacraments, no priests, and it was amazing how the Japanese Christians held on to their faith. Finally, when missionaries were allowed into Japan, they found these Japanese Christians holding on to their faith with religious items like crucifixes and rosaries that were handed down from generation to generation, and it lasted for 400 years. They should get gold medals for that.

So, in these times when we may not be able to come for Mass weekly and our spiritual routines are not always there for us, we have much to learn. It is about us, the living Church, going out into the modern world and understanding the signs that God is showing us.

Like the persecuted Japanese Catholics, we find consolation in our religious items (Bible, holy pictures, prayer books, and rosary beads) as we use them to stay connected to our faith and to Jesus. Yes, let us learn faster, so that we will reach higher and grow stronger in our faith.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of our true Australian champion. Throughout her life, Mary MacKillop accomplished many extraordinary things. She showed courage, determination and overall, a tremendous faith. These virtues, in particular, are what led her to become our first Australian saint, and a great religious role model. Her legacy of compassion has inspired and still encourages hundreds of Australians to be better people and to help those less fortunate.

She gave her life to those who needed it, and her quote, "Never see a need without doing something about it," has motivated generations of Australian Catholics to better themselves by giving generously and to live humble lives, regardless of the situations they are in themselves. Let us remember her especially during our lockdown and ask her to help us to persevere and be strong so that we can all pass through this hard time.

I would like to assure you all that I pray for you every day so that Jesus will give all of us the strength to go through this challenging time. Also, I would like to encourage you to pray every day as family, as the Japanese Catholics did during their "lockdown". They survived with their daily prayer and we will, too, if we turn to Jesus and his Mother, Mary and pray the Holy Rosary.

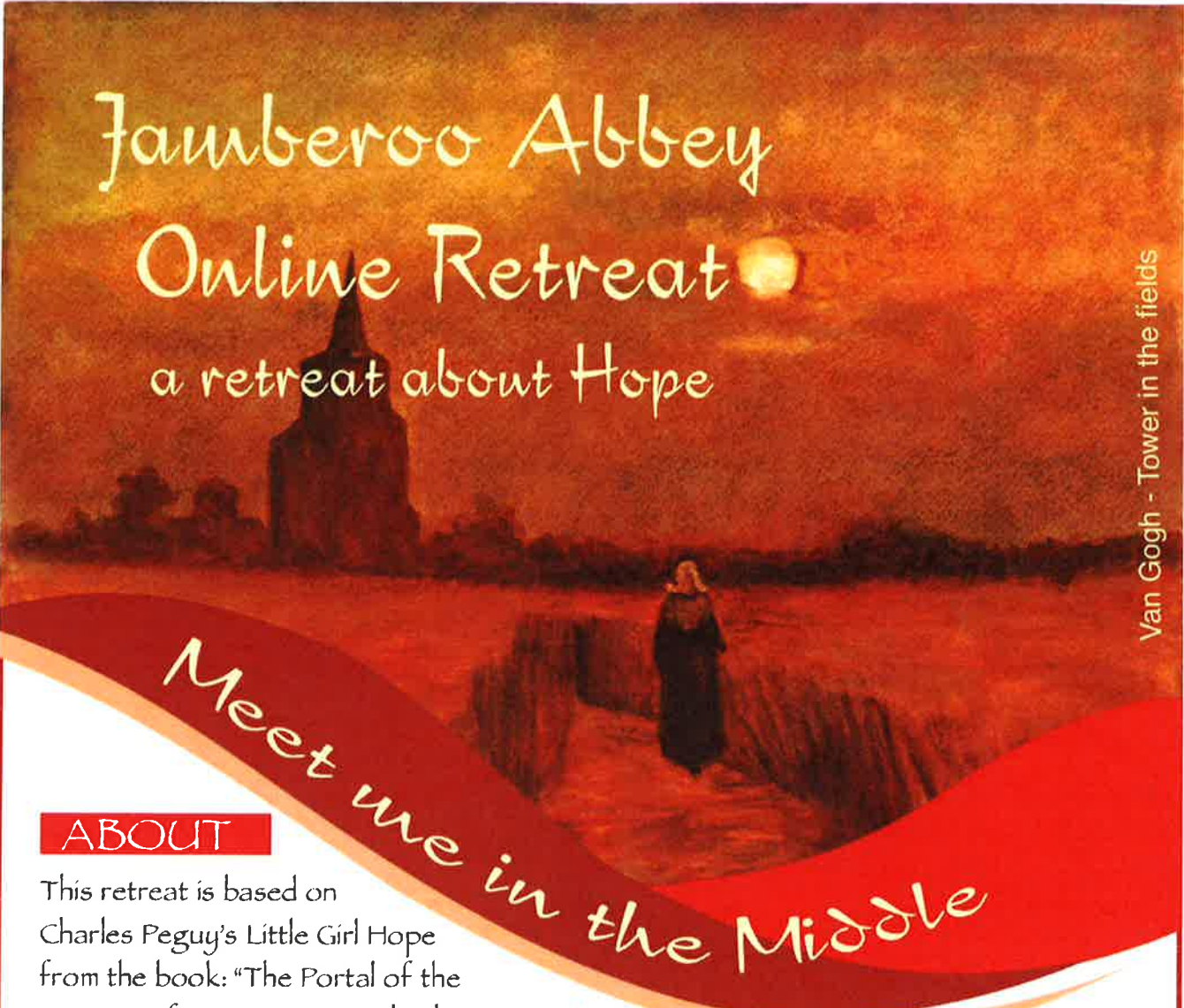
We may not win silver or gold, but we will always have Jesus and Mary close to us and, at the end of our life, we will win our eternal reward in heaven.

*Jesus, I love You and I trust in You.*

*Our Lady of Victories - pray for us!*

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – pray for us!*

PS. I miss you so much and I hope to see you soon in our church.



# Jamberoo Abbey Online Retreat a retreat about Hope

Van Gogh - Tower in the fields

Meet me in the Middle

## ABOUT

This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope".\* Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II.

## DATE

Retreat begins Sunday, September 5, 2021.  
All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access.

## DETAILS

There are 6 conferences with two being uploaded each week. There are also questions for reflection. Take your time as there is no need to complete the two conferences within the one week.

## COST

The cost of the retreat is \$250  
Pensioners can apply for a reduced price- see website for details

## CONTACT

Register online at:  
[jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats)

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