



# 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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19 September 2021

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

**INTRODUCTION:** In today's Gospel the disciples argue about which of them would have the top roles and positions of honour. However, Jesus reminds us that a true disciple must be humble - "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all".

To emphasise this point, Jesus once again reminds us we must become like children. Telling us that we must be open, trusting and receptive, as children are, rather than devising our own version of what the kingdom of God is like, and expecting God to conform to that.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 2 : 12, 17-20

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 53 : 3-6, 8

**RESPONSE:** The Lord upholds my life.

**SECOND READING:** James 3 : 16 - 4 : 3  
*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9 : 30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity....  
All who wish to be first must make  
themselves the servants of all.*



✠ 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. 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 20 September: (Luke 8:16-18) *Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, & Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions*  
Tuesday 21 September: (Matthew 9:9-13) *St Matthew, apostle*  
Wednesday 22 September: (Luke 9:1-6)  
Thursday 23 September: (Luke 9:7-9) *St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*  
Friday 24 September: (Luke 9:18-22)  
Saturday 25 September: (Luke 9:43-45)  
Sunday 26 September: (Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

**FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS** On Wednesday 29 September the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel will be celebrating the 100 year Jubilee of the Michaelite Congregation. To prepare for this celebration, all are invited to join in praying the Novena which will be live-streamed each evening at 7.00pm from Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde as of Monday 20 September. To join in, visit their website: [www.holyspiritnorthryde.org.au](http://www.holyspiritnorthryde.org.au) and follow the links. The Novena and Novena reflections can be found on our Parish website—homepage, Liturgy Resources.

**PASTORAL CARE HOME VISITS:** Due to instances of COVID in our community, our priests will only be available for home visits in cases of EMERGENCY to the elderly and sick within the local community (subject to the 5km limit). Wearing of face masks and other hygiene measures must be adhered to at all times. To arrange a visit, please call the Parish office and leave a message. If you need to speak to a priest for spiritual guidance (not for Reconciliation) 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 has asked you to do so.

**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](mailto:leonie.casha@syd.catholic.edu.au).

**THE LIFE OF ST PADRE PIO:** Join a zoom session on Thursday 23rd September, Feast Day of St Padre Pio, to reflect on this great saint - his stigmata, his suffering, his incredible life. See how we can learn from him for our own lives. The session will run from 7.00pm—8.30pm. To register go to: [sydeycatholicityouth.org](http://sydeycatholicityouth.org), select "Events" and click on the link on the calendar on 23 Sept.



## Catechesis of St Joseph

### ST JOSEPH - TERROR OF DEMONS (2)

The demons don't stand a chance against St. Joseph. Saint Faustina writes: St Joseph urged me to have a constant devotion to him. He has promised me this special help and protection (1203).

When you find yourself feeling overcome by the trials of life, turn to St. Joseph. He was a man who, in his earthly life, never succumbed to "vain terrors." He remained ever grounded in faith, ever attuned to the will of God in his life. From Heaven, he stands as a go-to saint to help you when forces beyond your control - including demonic forces - seek to unsettle you and pull you toward despair and ruin. At the end of our lives, many people are susceptible to despair. St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, will squash such despair and all things that stand in opposition to the hope found in the Risen Christ. From Heaven, this humble, quiet man of strength will lead us to the peace found in Jesus.

*"Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand" – Isaiah 41:10.*

*St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, protect 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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