



# 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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26 September 2021

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

**INTRODUCTION:** Too often we are wary of those who are different from us, whether because of race, religion or political views. We can judge without considering their stories, the good they do, who they are. But Jesus, whose love knows no bounds, who welcomes all, irrespective of background, reminds us that we are to be open-minded, impartial, and look for the good in others and in what they do. This is an invitation to examine our lives and let go of the attitudes that are obstacles in our relationship towards others, our own faith and towards God.

**FIRST READING:** Numbers 11 : 25–29

*Are you jealous on my account?  
Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 18 : 8, 10, 12–14

**RESPONSE:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**SECOND READING:** James 5 : 1–6

*Your wealth is rotting.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9 : 38–43, 45, 47–48

*Anyone who is not against us  
is for us.  
If your hand should cause you to sin,  
cut it off.*



**Whoever is not against us is for us.**

Mark 9:40

✠ 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 27 September:	<i>(Luke 9:46-50) St Vincent de Paul</i>
Tuesday 28 September:	<i>(Luke 9:51-56)</i>
Wednesday 29 September:	<i>(John 1:47-51) Feast of St Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels</i>
Thursday 30 September:	<i>(Luke 10:1-12) St Jerome</i>
Friday 01 October:	<i>(Luke 10:13-16) St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>
Saturday 02 October:	<i>(Matthew 18:1-5, 10) The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
Sunday 03 October:	<i>(Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16)</i>

**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 continue preparations for this celebration, all are invited to join in praying the Novena which is live-streamed each evening at 7.00pm from Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde. 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. A prayer book for the Feast Day celebrations on 29 September can also be found on our website.

**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.

**MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY:** This Sunday, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis invites us to work *Towards an ever wider "we"* and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. Catholics are urged to consider how they can pray for and offer practical support to neighbours around the world. In his message Pope Francis encourages people to reject the temptation to create literal or metaphorical barriers with other people, and to instead recognise the barriers that exist due to individualism or nationalism. Pope Francis says the Holy Spirit "enables us to embrace everyone, to build communion in diversity, to unify differences without imposing a depersonalised uniformity"....."for the sake of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace, and ensuring that no one is left behind".



## Catechesis of St Joseph

### ST JOSEPH - PROTECTOR OF THE HOLY CHURCH (1)

St. Joseph probably didn't see himself becoming a central character in the history of salvation and being given a title like "Protector of the Holy Church." Yet, because he responded in faith to protect and provide for the Holy Family, the Church teaches that God has called him to protect and provide for the Body of Christ, which is the Church.

In 1870, Pope Leo XIII explained the title of St. Joseph this way, "It is thus fitting and most worthy of Joseph's dignity that, in the same way he once kept unceasing holy watch over the family of Nazareth, so now, he protects and defends, with his heavenly patronage, the Church of Christ."

This title shows how this simple, just, and good man continues to protect and intercede for us as members of the Church. He was a man of faith and action. Not a single word of his is recorded in all of Scripture, yet his quiet example can inspire us to remain faithful and diligent, working to fulfill our duties in the Church and in our families.

*St Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church, prayer 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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