



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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Chairperson: Martin O'Connell
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Mass Times

Horsley Park: SUSPENDED

Kemps Creek: SUSPENDED

Reconciliation: SUSPENDED

Enquiries regarding other Sacraments:
Please ring during office hours.

Marion Catholic Primary School
1788 The Horsley Drive, Horsley Park
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Principal: Therese Gaunt

An induction loop for the hearing impaired is fitted in the centre aisle of the church.

05 September 2021

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: Jesus used words and actions to heal the deaf man. In the celebration of our liturgies and Sacraments, the Church continues to use both words and actions to convey the deeper reality of God's grace, love and presences in our lives and our world. The healing offered by the Good News is for all people to access.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35 : 4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened
and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145 : 7-10

RESPONSE:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: James 2 : 1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 7 : 31-37

*He makes the deaf hear
and the dumb speak.*



✠ 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 06 September: (Luke 6:6-11)
Tuesday 07 September: (Luke 6:12-19)
Wednesday 08 September: (Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23) *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Thursday 09 September: (Luke 6:27-38)
Friday 10 September: (Luke 6:39-42)
Saturday 11 September: (Luke 6:43-49)
Sunday 12 September: (Isaiah 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Spring has sprung!! And with the warmer weather comes prolific growth of plants and grass. Our Parish grounds are in need of volunteers who are able to come and help with garden maintenance such as lawn mowing, hedge trimming, watering, weeding and other general garden maintenance. If you are able to help out on a regular basis that suits you (weekly or monthly, for a day or just a few hours) please contact the Parish office.

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/>.

CARING FOR THE ELDERLY AND LONELY: At this difficult time of lockdown restrictions, many of our elderly are experiencing loneliness and isolation. Some of our parishioners are on their own and would benefit greatly from a visit or a friendly phone conversation. If you feel that you could reach out to vulnerable older members in our community please contact the Parish office or Catholic Care on 13 18 19.

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 staff member has asked you to do so.

PASTORAL CARE HOME VISITS: Our priests are available to visit homes between 10.00am and 12.00noon, Tuesdays and Fridays only, 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 and leave a message.

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



Catechesis of St Joseph

ST JOSEPH - PATRON OF THE DYING (cont.)

The example of St Joseph's death encourages us not to fear death because the holy protecting powers that hovered near the saint's deathbed are at our command, especially through the means of grace given us by Mother Church, in holy Viaticum (the Eucharist given to someone who is near death). Therefore, when we die, we could surely benefit by praying to St. Joseph to help usher us to eternity. Moreover, we can ask St. Joseph to intercede for a family member or a friend, who might be close to the end of his or her life.

*O Glorious St. Joseph, I choose thee today for my special patron in life and at the hour of my death.
Preserve and increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervour in the service of God.*

Remove far from me every kind of sin; obtain for me that my death may not come upon me unawares, but that I may have time to confess my sins sacramentally and to repent with a most perfect understanding and a most sincere and perfect contrition, so that my soul may be received into the hands of Jesus and Mary. Amen

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.



PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers in the world.

We pray for them so that they may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We ask you for an ever-increasing faithful and generous love of fathers to their respective wives and children. We ask you not only for their physical and material well-being, but also that they be authentic Christian fathers seeking holiness in the middle of the world so as to attain happiness here on earth and in heaven.

We pray for those whose children are lost or are suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men, especially the priests and monks, who exercise their paternity in a spiritual way and guide others with fatherly concern and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Bless them and may they rest in peace. Amen.



*St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church
by Gabrielle Schadt (2019)*



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