



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:
Monday to Friday: 8.30am Rosary
followed by Mass at 9.00am
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am
& 6.00pm

Kemps Creek: SUSPENDED

Reconciliation:
Monday to Friday: 8.30am-8.50am
Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm
At other times by appointment.

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28 November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

INTRODUCTION: Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent which begins both a new liturgical season as well as the new liturgical year. This week's Gospel asks us to find silent moments in our day to day lives where we can prepare for the coming of Jesus. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that may lead us to despair, and this has been especially so during the pandemic. However, through prayer we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and presence to endure all things. Let us take this time to pause as we enter into Advent – the season of waiting for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33 : 14-16
I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24 : 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

RESPONSE: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3 : 12 - 4 : 2
When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 21 : 25-28, 34-36
Your redemption is near at hand.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.



First Sunday of Advent

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: BEZZINA Mary, BORG Vince, CAČIĆ Ljubica, CAMILLERI Vincenzja, Michael, CARNIATO Giuliano, Antonio, Clorinda, CAUCHI Vicki, John, COLUSSO Espedito, Giuseppina, Marcello, Anna, CONDOTTA Evasio, DAL COL Emma, Aldo GAUCI John, GRABIS Betty, Bill, Inara GRIMA Joseph, Carmel, Anthony, GUDELJ Mare, HALL Sr Annette, KOVAČIĆ Joso, Julka, LEBIĆ Luka, Mijo, MALKOČ Dane, Mande, Ivan, Kata, MICALLES Carmen MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, MUSCAT Sam, Vera, Anthony, Jean, Lewis, PRESTIPINO Rosario, Angelina, RINALDI Domenico, Filippa, SCALI Karen, SCHEMBRI Joseph, Joe, SERTIĆ Mile, SIGNORELLI Salvatore, Concettina, TABONE Emanuel, TESORIERO Alfred, TOSSELLO Gino, Candida, Geltrude, TRESOGLAVIĆ Mark, VELLA Ninu, Angelo, Salvina, Nancy, Carmelo, Paula, Mary, Elias, ZORIĆ Drago.

Recently deceased: Paula Caruana (Malta). 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 29 November:	<i>(Matthew 8:5-11)</i> 9.00am Morning Mass
Tuesday 30 November:	<i>(Matthew 4:18-22)</i> St Andrew, apostle, 8.30am Devotion to St Michael, 9.00am Morning Mass
Wednesday 01 December:	<i>(Matthew 15:29-37)</i> 8.30am Devotion to St Joseph followed by 9.00am Morning Mass
Thursday 02 December:	<i>(Matthew 7:21, 24-27)</i> 9.00am Morning Mass
Friday 03 December:	<i>(Matthew 9:27-31)</i> St Francis Xavier, First Friday, 8.00am Adoration followed by 9.00am Morning Mass
Saturday 04 December:	<i>(Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)</i> 8.00am Adoration to Immaculate Heart of Mary, 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Rosary followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sunday 05 December:	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>(Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6)</i> 8.00am, 9.30am Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by 10.00am Mass, 6.00pm Mass

FOR YOUR SAFETY



Please use hand sanitizer

QR CODE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY
or register on the sheets in the foyer with NAME & CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

WEARING FACE MASKS IS STILL MANDATORY

SANITISE ON ENTRY

Current restrictions allow 350 people in the church socially distanced by 2sqm rule.

If you are not well stay at home.



MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

- Tuesday - November 30: Devotion to St Michael the Archangel, 8.30am followed by Mass
- Wednesday - December 01: Adoration & Devotion to St Joseph, 8.30am followed by Mass.
- Friday - December 03: First Friday, 8.00am Adoration followed by 9.00am Mass
- Saturday - December 04: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 8.00am Adoration & Rosary followed by Mass



REMEMBRANCE MASS & COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS: Thursday 16 December at 10.30am. All welcome, especially those who grieve the death of loved ones and those who support them.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND: The CWF Appeal will be held during all Masses this weekend. Donations help the most vulnerable in Sydney. Envelopes are in the magazine rack in the foyer. Please give generously.

VISITS TO THE SICK / HEALING MASS: Fr Marek will be visiting the sick / elderly this Friday 3 December. Anyone wishing to schedule a visit are asked to contact the Parish office before this Wednesday. A Mass of Healing and Anointing will be held on Wednesday 8 December at 9.00am. All are welcome, especially the sick, elderly, their caregivers and anyone scheduled for surgery.

CAROLS IN THE PARK: COVID-SAFE Event - Saturday 04 December at Horsley Park Reserve, from 5.00pm to 9.30pm. To comply with NSW Government regulations, ALL patrons will need to scan the QR code and ALL over the age of 16 must provide proof of full vaccination status or official Exemption letter upon entry. Entertainment, fireworks at 8.45pm and mega raffle drawn at 9.15pm. Entry is free. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after Mass this weekend. Grab a book or 2 and help support local services such as Anowah Community Living, Horsley Park Rural Fire Service and many more. Further details, see the notice board in the foyer.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS CHRISTMAS CARDS: Many vulnerable communities continue to deal with poverty, without proper access to essentials we take for granted like clean water, sanitation, education, and healthcare. The severe impact of COVID-19 has been felt by all, but particularly by those in low-income countries. We can all help make Christmas shine brighter for the world's most vulnerable people by purchasing Global Gift Christmas cards. See the poster on the notice board for more details on how your gift can help support our brothers and sisters around the world this Christmas. Order cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022: Confirmation enrolments CLOSE Monday 6 December. Forms are available from our website - ourladyofvictories.org.au, Sacraments, Parish Sacramental Programme or the Parish office.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Times for this year's Christmas Masses are still being finalised. Further information will be advised in the coming weeks.

HORSLEY PARK COMMUNITY SOCIAL GROUP: Come along and join the Christmas get together on Wednesday 8 December from 10.30am. Bring along morning tea and thermos to share. BYO lunch and chair. Drinks will be provided. Turn left after entering parklands. Further details contact Theresa 0402 178 781 / Josephine 0492 040 954.

**Lighting the Advent
Wreath**

**First Sunday of Advent
The Candle of HOPE**

Dear God, as we light this candle and begin this new Advent season, shine the light of your hope into our hearts and into our troubled world. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Catechesis of St Joseph

ST JOSEPH - PATRON OF UNBORN CHILDREN (1)



Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer1:5)

In our times, abortion is often defended in pregnancies arising from irregular situations. Although the circumstance is quite different, St. Joseph, too, is faced with the most irregular of all pregnancies, a situation leaving him quite unsettled: his wife has conceived by the Holy Spirit!

The child is not his biologically or genetically. It is not the fruit of his physical relationship with his wife. In fact, he is called to believe that the child is conceived not by physical relationship with any man, but by the unique and direct intervention of God. How can a man accept such an overwhelming pregnancy? Only by faith! How can he accept fatherhood over such a child that could be called not his own? Only by openness to the will of God, by willingness to do as the angel of the Lord tells him. We learn from Joseph that fatherhood is much more than simple physical generation. In fact, Joseph, who does not engender any child at all, is the best of fathers and a model for every father. He accepts the life in the womb by honourably taking Mary as his wife. He journeys with her to Bethlehem to register the child in the list of humanity. He gives the child a name in the line of David. He defends the child from the cruel attack of Herod.

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.

SAFEGUARDING - A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.

ROSTERS

COUNTING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK

GROUP 1:

Lou Foggiato,
Mario Barrocco

NEXT WEEK

GROUP 2:

Sam Said & Family

CLEANING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK

GROUP 5:

Denis Schembri,
Antionette Carbone,
Lisa Ciantar, Michael
Mifsud, Bernadette
Stivala

NEXT WEEK

GROUP 6:

Penelope Tabone,
Margaret Deguara,
Nicole Azzopardi,
Caroline Culletton,
Joanne Hogbin

**ACTIVITIES IN
DECEMBER**

Thurs 16, 10.30am:
Remembrance Mass &
Compassionate
Companions-Horsley
Park

Fri 17: School year
ends

Fri 24: Christmas Eve

Sat 25:

CHRISTMAS DAY



Sun 26: Boxing Day

Mon 27 & Tues 28:
Public Holidays for
Christmas and Boxing
Day

Fri 31: New Year's Eve





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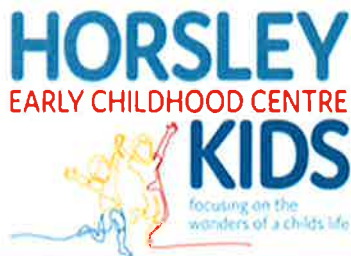


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