



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:
Mon, Wed - Fri: 8.30am Rosary,
9.00am Morning Mass
Tues: 6.00pm Rosary, 6.30pm Mass
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Kemps Creek: SUSPENDED

Reconciliation:
Mon, Wed - Fri: 8.30am-8.50am
Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm
At other times by appointment.

Enquiries regarding other Sacraments:
Please ring during office hours.

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Principal: Therese Gaunt

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

05 December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

INTRODUCTION: This week we encounter the ministry of John the Baptist and his key role in the preparations for the coming of Jesus. We too need to work to remove the obstacles that separate us from each other and prevent us from seeing Jesus. Only then can we show others that another way of living is possible. The coming of Jesus does not eliminate the challenges along life's path, but fills us with saving joy, justice, forgiveness and mercy as we open ourselves to the great things God has done and continues to do for us.

FIRST READING: Baruch 5 : 1-9
Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 125

RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1 : 4-6, 8-11
Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 3 : 1-6
All people shall see the salvation of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem,
arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy
which comes to you from God.



Second Sunday of Advent

✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: FENECH Giulliana, GAUCI John, GRIMA Joseph, Sam, Anthony, Carmel, MICALLEF Carmen, MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, MUSCAT Jean, Lewis, SCHEMBRI Joseph, Joe, TABONE Emanuel, VELLA Ninu, Angelo, Salvina, Maryanne, Sylvina, Charlie, Anthony, Stephen, deceased members of the Refalo family.
Recently deceased: Christina Galea. 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 December:	(Luke 5:17-26) 9.00am Morning Mass
Tuesday 07 December:	(Matthew 18:12-14) St Ambrose, NO Morning Mass, 6.00pm Rosary, 6.30pm Mass
Wednesday 08 December:	(Luke 1:26-38) The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, 9.00am Mass of Healing & Anointing
Thursday 09 December:	(Matthew 11:11-15) 9.00am Morning Mass
Friday 10 December:	(Matthew 11:16-19) 9.00am Morning Mass
Saturday 11 December:	(Matthew 17:10-13) 5.30pm Rosary followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sunday 12 December:	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18) 8.00am, 9.30am Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by 10.00am Mass, 6.00pm Mass

ADVENT, RECONCILIATION & CHRISTMAS 2021

*Current Public Health Orders still apply at present.
Restrictions relating to Christmas Masses will be advised in due course.*

QR CODE REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY STILL 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.

FOR YOUR SAFETY



Please use hand sanitizer



Advent Reconciliation

Thursday 16 December: 7.00pm - 8.00pm: Reconciliation

Saturday 18 December: 5.15pm - 5.45pm: Reconciliation

*PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Reconciliation on Christmas Eve.
Please do not leave your Reconciliation late so as not to be disappointed.*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE: Friday 24 December: 6.00pm & Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY: Saturday 25 December: 8.00am & 10.00am

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: Sunday 26 December: 9.00am & 6.00pm

There will be NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

Tuesday - December 28: 6.00pm Devotion to St Michael the Archangel, 6.30pm Mass.

Wednesday - December 29: Adoration & Devotion to St Joseph, 8.30am followed by Mass.

Saturday - January 01: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 8.00am Adoration & Rosary followed by Mass

Friday - January 07: First Friday, 8.00am Adoration followed by 9.00am Mass



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

HEALING MASS: A Mass of Healing and Anointing will be held this Wednesday 8 December at 9.00am. All are welcome, especially the sick, elderly, their caregivers and anyone scheduled for surgery.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Parish family Cristian Basso, Saverio Bevilaqua, Eleanor Yostikian, Dylan Orzinski, Mattias Castellanos, Darcy & Samantha Knibbs, Aleena Allison, Evelyn Sausa & Allegra Ceh recently baptised.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: To Lisa Zucco and Filomeno Andronaco, parishioners recently married.

CAROLS IN THE PARK: CANCELLED as grounds are too wet. The raffle will now be drawn at 7.30pm, this Tuesday 7 December at Smithfield RSL. Check Rotary's Facebook page or www.wetherillparkrotary.com.au for raffle results. Donations towards the local charities can still be made via BSB: 082-490, Account: 44801-2704, Rotary Club of Wetherill Park Project Account. Further information contact 0418 448 544, or secretary@wetherillparkrotary.com.au.

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS: St Mary's Cathedral from 8.30pm - 11.00pm nightly, commencing this Thursday 9 December until Christmas Eve. The spectacular light and sound show is free and open to all. More information is available at: lightsofchristmas.com.au.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS CHRISTMAS CARDS: 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 these communities around the world this Christmas. Order cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

Lighting the Advent Wreath
Second Sunday of Advent
The Candle of PEACE

Dear God, give us the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit so that our hearts can be calm and peaceful. Help us to know how close you are to us all the time, and help us to show you and your peace to other people too.

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 (2)



Joseph was the one chosen for the role of father to the Son of God incarnate in Mary's womb, and he fulfilled this role so faithfully. Within his universal patronage, it is certainly fitting in our times that he be given a new title as "Patron of the Unborn." No one can be a better defender of innocent, helpless life in the womb. No one is a better model of fatherhood to parents of pre-born children. No one can more fittingly aid in the process of healing and reconciliation for those who grieve and agonize over having committed the sin of abortion.

No one is a better image for women who have been hurt by men unwilling to accept fatherhood of the child they engendered. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Patron of the Unborn, let us pray today for all expectant mothers:

O Holy Joseph, protector and provider of the Holy Family and all families, through your intercession may God grant all expectant mothers the grace to cherish the new life within their wombs. May mothers and fathers realize that their baby is a gift from God and have the courage to choose life for their child. Through the Mystery of Baptism, may the parents and newborns become children of God and heirs to eternal life in Christ.

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.

ROSTERS

COUNTING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK

GROUP 2:
Sam Said & Family

NEXT WEEK

GROUP 2:
Angelo Basso,
Peter Basso

CLEANING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK

GROUP 6:
Penelope Tabone,
Margaret Deguara,
Nicole Azzopardi,
Caroline Culleton,
Joanne Hogbin

NEXT WEEK

GROUP 1:
Diane Borg, Denis
Schembri, Lily
Bugeja, Michelle
Gauci, Patricia
Stuardo, Louise Louis

**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



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.



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