



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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Mary Farrell

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Mass Times
Horsley Park:
Mon-Fri: 8.30am Rosary,
9.00am Morning Mass
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

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

Enquiries regarding other Sacraments:
Please ring during office hours.

Weddings: Minimum 6 months' advance
notice required

Marion Catholic Primary School
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Principal: Mrs Julie Straub

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01 January 2023

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD—YEAR A

In the Hail Mary, we pray to the Mother of God: "Blessed are you among women." Mary was indeed blessed by God who placed in her all his trust and all the blessings he would bring on all people through Jesus, her Son. We wish one another all God's blessings for the whole year to come. As we place ourselves and our families under Mary's maternal protection, may God bless all of us as he blessed Mary, that we too may bring God's love and joy to one another and to the world.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

FIRST READING:

Numbers 6 : 22-27

*They will call down my name on the children of Israel
and I will bless them.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalms 66 : 2-3, 5, 6, 8

RESPONSE: May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING:

Galatians 4 : 4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 2 : 16-21

*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the crib....
When the eighth day came
they gave him the name of Jesus.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and for ever.



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: BARBARO Francesco, Joe, Jesse, BARONE Antonina, Egidio BOLZAN Daniel, CARBONE Giuseppe, FACCHETTI Giuseppe, Cecilia, GRIMA John, LAGANA Giuseppe, LEBIC Michael, MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, PANGALLO Maria, SERGI Domenico, Joe, John, Therese, SMITH Henry, Mavis, TABONE Emanuel, TRIMBOLI Paolo, Pasquale, Domenico, VELLA Frank, XERRI Jonathan. All Souls in Purgatory. All Relatives and Friends.
 Recently deceased: Josephine Gauci. May they rest in peace. Amen
 WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS. Mary Attard, Joe Azzopardi, Seak Yek Heng. *May God's love give them strength and courage.*

Monday 02 January:	(John 1:19-28) <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,</i> 9.30am Morning Mass
Tuesday 03 January:	(John 1:29-34) 9.00am Morning Mass
Wednesday 04 January:	(John 1:35-42) 8.00am Adoration & Devotion to St Joseph, 9.00am Morning Mass
Thursday 05 January:	(John 1:43-51) 9.00am Morning Mass
Friday 06 January:	(Mark 1:6-11) <i>First Friday,</i> 8.00am Adoration, 9.00am Morning Mass
Saturday 07 January:	(John 2:1-11) 8.00am Devotion to Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosary & Mass 5.30pm Rosary, 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 08 January:	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12) 8.00am Mass, 9.30am Divine Mercy Chaplet, 10.00am Mass, 6.00pm Evening Mass

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

Wednesday 04 January:	8.00am Adoration & Devotion to St Joseph, 9.00am Morning Mass
Friday 06 January:	First Friday, 8.00am Adoration, 9.00am Morning Mass
Saturday 07 January:	First Saturday - Devotion to Immaculate Heart of Mary, 8.00am Adoration, Rosary & Mass
Tuesday 31 January:	8.00am Devotion to St Michael the Archangel followed by Morning Mass



REMEMBRANCE MASS & COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS: Thursday 19 January at 10.30am. All are welcome, especially those who grieve the death of loved ones and those who support them.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish office will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period and will reopen on Thursday 12 January 2023. If you have an emergency and urgently need a Priest, please call the office and leave a message.

MYSTERY OF ST MICHAEL & SECRETS OF ST FAUSTINA: *A series of Liturgical Gatherings in Australia, 6-13 January 2023.* Parishioners are invited to join Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA in a series of liturgical gatherings. Fr Peter is visiting from Poland and is a well-travelled international speaker for over 20 years and has spoken at many conferences, retreats and missions all over the world. During his time here, he will be visiting all Michaelite parishes and will be in Horsley Park on Saturday 07 January from 8.00am. All parishioners and friends are welcome to come along and hear Fr Peter. Further details / visits to other parishes — see the flyer on the notice board.

CONGREGATION OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL 100YR JUBILEE: Holy Spirit Parish at North Ryde will be hosting the 100yr Jubilee Celebrations on Saturday 28 January 2023. All Michaelite parishes are welcome to attend the celebrations which will begin with a combined parishes Mass at 5.00pm, followed by a 3 course dinner—\$45 per adult / \$20 per child (up to 16yrs). BYO alcohol. *Save the date — tickets will be available for purchase from the Parish office from Thursday 12 January.*



May 2023 be to all of us
 a year of grace, of peace and of joy
 that we may face the future with hope
 and live in God's love now and forever.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

HISTORY OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY

The Catholic Church observes many important feasts during the Twelve Days of Christmas. This includes the feasts of Saint Stephen, Saint John the Apostle, the Holy Innocents, and the Holy Family. However, none of these feasts are as important as the one observed on the eighth day of Christmas — the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

In the early centuries, Christmas was originally celebrated on January 6, along with the Feast of the Epiphany. After Christmas started to be celebrated with its own day and feast on December 25, the octave or eighth day of Christmas took on a new meaning. Celebrating the feast of the Mother of God, Mary, on January 1, became a common tradition in the East and most of the West. As this holiday was never officially established by the Church in the universal calendar, celebrating the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus Christ took the place of the Solemnity of Mary on January 1.

When the Novus Ordo was introduced, the liturgical calendar was revised, and the Feast of the Circumcision was sidelined in favour of reviving the ancient practice of the Solemnity of Mary. Thus, January 1 was once again dedicated to the Mother of God, and this time as a universally celebrated feast.

The Church has deemed the Solemnity of Mary a holy day of obligation. This day reminds Christians of the role she played as a Blessed Virgin, which eventually led to their salvation. After all, the birth of Christ wouldn't have been possible without Mary.



ROSTERS

COUNTING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK GROUP 4:
John Borg, Fred Borg,
Emanuel Borg

NEXT WEEK GROUP 5
Linda Micallef,
Theresa McHale

CLEANING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK GROUP 2:
Dorothy Muscat,
Violet Menolotto,
Lily Rowe,
Angela Panetta,
Jane Borg

NEXT WEEK GROUP 3
Joyce Grima,
Matthew Santucci,
Rose Penna,
Angela Pezzano

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

- HAPPY NEW YEAR -



Sun 01: New Year's Day

Thurs 19, 10.30am:
Remembrance Mass &
Compassionate
Companions



Thurs 26: Australia Day

Fri 27: School year begins

Sun 29: 10.00am St John
Bosco & Blessed
Bronislaw Markiewicz
Mass



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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.

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.



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