



# Our Lady of Victories Horsley Park

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Our Lady Of Victories  
Catholic Parish  
1788 The Horsley Drive, Horsley Park

Our Lady Queen of Peace  
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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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05 February 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR A

Today's readings encourage us to be "Salt for the earth and Light for the World". Christ entrusts to us the mission of being his light shining in the world, the salt that preserves and spices the world with the Good News of the Gospel, the mission of being a city of light that attracts people to the Lord. As disciples called to bring God's kingdom to birth in our time and place, the challenge is for us to hear with fresh ears and give ourselves to this mission.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58 : 7-10  
*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 111 : 4-9

RESPONSE: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2 : 1-5  
*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5 : 13-16  
*You are the light of the world.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:  
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: ATTARD Nick, Polly, BARBARO Francesco, Joe, Jesse, BIANCO Giovanni, Phil, BORG Giovanna, Pawlu, CALLEJA Mary (1st Month), CARBONE Giuseppe, CIANTAR Frank, Charlie, Frances, DEBONO Saviour, Bernarda, GALEA Zeny, GRIMA John, KATIC Mirko, LAGANA Giuseppe, LEBIC Michael, MUSCAT David, Carmen, PANGALLO Maria, SERGI Domenic, Joe, John, SPEZZA Augusto, TABONE Emanuel, TRIMBOLI Paolo, Pasquale, Domenico, VELLA Frank, Anthony Stephen, Diane, Rose, John, George, Annette Padgett. Recently deceased: Maria Abela (Melbourne), Michael Zarb. All Souls in Purgatory. All Relatives and Friends. May they rest in peace. Amen

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS. Mary Attard, Joe Azzopardi, Seak Yek Heng, Stella Tabone. *May God's love give them strength and courage.*

Monday 06 February:	(Mark 6:53-56)	St Paul Miki and companions,	9.00am Morning Mass
Tuesday 07 February	(Mark 7:1-13)		9.00am Morning Mass
Wednesday 08 February:	(Mark 7:14-23)		9.00am Morning Mass
Thursday 09 February:	(Mark 7:24-30)		9.00am Morning Mass
Friday 10 February:	(Mark 7:31-37)	St Scholastica,	9.15am Marion School Opening Mass
Saturday 11 February	(Mark 8:1-10)		5.30pm Rosary, 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 12 February:	(Sirach 15:15-20, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37)		8.00am Mass, 9.30am Divine Mercy Chaplet, 10.00am Mass, 6.00pm Evening Mass

#### MONTHLY DEVOTIONS



Thursday 16 February:	10.30am: Remembrance Mass & Compassionate Companions. All are welcome, especially those who grieve the death of loved ones and those who support them.
Tuesday 28 February	8.00am Devotion to St Michael the Archangel followed by 9.00am Morning Mass
Wednesday 01 March:	8.00am Devotion to St Joseph followed by 9.00am Morning Mass
Friday 03 March:	First Friday, 8.00am Adoration followed by 9.00am Morning Mass
Saturday 04 March :	Immaculate Heart of Mary, 8.00am Adoration & Rosary followed by Mass

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Pope Francis asks us to ‘Make room in your lives for the Word of God’ He also says we need God’s Word so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one word that speaks to us not about things, but about life. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Ash Wednesday - 22 February, marks the beginning of Lent. Each year, Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world’s most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme *For All Future Generations* reminds us that what we do today can have an impact for the future of many, who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival and those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours. To make a difference today, pick up a Project Compassion box from the foyer.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023:** *Confirmation:* As advised late last year, will be celebrated with the other Parishes of the Western Deanery at St Mary’s Cathedral. We are still awaiting further information from the Cathedral—date still to be confirmed. *Reconciliation and First Eucharist:* Will be celebrated towards the end of this year—date still to be confirmed. Further details will be advised during Term 2 of the school year.

**MARION CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL—OPEN DAY:** All are invited to attend an open day on Friday 03 March, commencing with Mass at 9.15am, followed by activities in the school with performances by the students. Picnic lunch and open classrooms from 11.00am-12.00 noon. School tours will be available throughout the day for new families. Register at: [marionhorsleypark.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/open-day-2023](http://marionhorsleypark.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/open-day-2023).

**MARION MINIS PLAY GROUP:** Every Wednesday morning during school term from 9.00am—10.00am in the Marion School library. All pre-schoolers and parents / carers are welcome. Please email Leonie Casha, Marion School Family Educator to register your interest: [leonie.casha@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:leonie.casha@syd.catholic.edu.au).

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME PHOTOS:** This is the last opportunity to collect photos from Confirmations and First Eucharist last year and some prior years. Photos can be collected from the Parish office. Any photos not collected by Tuesday 07 February will be returned to the photographer for destruction.

**SACRISTAN FOR WEEKEND WEDDINGS:** We are still seeking assistance from 1 or 2 parishioners to work with our current sacristans and to take on the role for some of the weekend weddings. If you are interested and can make the commitment this role needs, please contact the Parish office. All training is provided.

**MAGI PILGRIMAGES:** Trace the journey of Jesus in a 14 day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel. Visit Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem. \$6940 pp includes airfare, local transfers in deluxe coaches, stay in premium hotels, all breakfasts and dinners and English speaking professional guides. Departing from Sydney and Melbourne on 21 May 2023. Enquiries and bookings call 1300 721 561 or email [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au). For other pilgrimages go to [www.magiholidays.com.au](http://www.magiholidays.com.au) or see the flyer on the foyer notice board.

## 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

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
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.

## THE MASS - INTRODUCTORY RITES - Part 1

A Catholic Mass starts with the procession of the priest toward the sanctuary of the church. There may also be a gathering song. The entrance procession is followed by a Greeting to the assembly, the Penitential Rite (which is a time for reflection of one's sins and a prayer for God's mercy), the Gloria (except during Lent and Advent) and concludes with the Opening Prayer (called the Collect).

The purpose of the introductory rites "is to ensure that the faithful, who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily". (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM] 46)

The entrance (or gathering) song is not just an accompaniment to the entrance procession, but has a very important part to play as it helps the gathered community prepare for the mystery to be celebrated. Its purpose is to "foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time ... and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers". (GIRM 47)

On reaching the sanctuary the priest bows, he then moves behind the altar and kisses the altar as a sign of reverence for Christ, whose altar it is. He then takes his place standing in front of the presider's chair and "together with the whole gathering, signs himself with the Sign of the Cross". (GIRM 50).

The Sign of the Cross, first made on us by the Church at our Baptism, is the first action of the entire assembly as a unified body. Each of us makes the gesture, and all of us make it together. Through the Sign of the Cross the gathered assembly marks itself as dedicated by baptism to stand by the cross of Jesus 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 3:**  
Angelo Basso,  
Peter Basso

**NEXT WEEK GROUP 4:**  
John Borg, Fred Borg,  
Emanuel Borg

### CLEANING GROUPS:

**THIS WEEK GROUP 1:**  
Diane Borg, Denis  
Schembri, Lily Bugeja,  
Michelle Gauci, Patricia  
Stuardo, Louise Louis,  
Marie Monzon

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

## ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

Thurs 16, 10.30am:  
Remembrance Mass &  
Compassionate  
Companions

Wed 22:  
Ash Wednesday, Masses  
at 9.15am and 7.00pm

Fri 24, 6.30pm: Stations  
of the Cross followed by  
7.15pm Mass

## ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

Fri 03, 6.30pm: Stations  
of the Cross followed by  
7.15pm Mass

Fri 17, 6.30pm: Stations  
of the Cross followed by  
7.15pm Mass

Fri 24, 6.30pm: Stations  
of the Cross followed by  
7.15pm Mass

Fri 31, 6.30pm: Stations  
of the Cross followed by  
7.15pm Mass

## DATES TO NOTE

2 April: Palm Sunday

7 April: Good Friday

9 April: Easter Sunday



### 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](mailto: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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