



# 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 acknowledge the Dharuk people,  
traditional custodians of this land. May we  
walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

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## Mass Times

**Horsley Park:**  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am & 6.00pm  
Monday to Friday 9.00am

**Kemps Creek: Sunday 7.30am**

## Reconciliation

Monday to Friday: 8.30am-9.00am  
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.45pm  
At other times by appointment

Enquiries regarding other Sacraments:  
Please ring during office hours.

**Marion Catholic Primary School**  
1788 The Horsley Drive, Horsley Park  
Ph: 9620 2045 Fax: 9620 1012  
Principal: Therese Gaunt

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

17 February 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**INTRODUCTION:** Today we listen to Jesus' beautiful words of the Beatitudes. Jesus challenges us to realise and understand where our true happiness lies. He reveals a new kind of richness and a new kind of poverty. He says: Blessed are you, the poor, because you have a kind of wealth that the rich don't have. How sad for you, the rich, because deep down you are poor. He is distinguishing, not between two groups of people, but between two kinds of poverty and two kinds of wealth. The blessed are those who weep over the suffering of others. The blessed are those who share God's concern for the poor and hungry, and their compassion will urge them to make a difference.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 17 : 5-8  
*A curse on those who trust in humanity;  
a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 1 : 1-4

**ALL:** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**Side 1:** Happy indeed is the man  
(Ambo side) who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.

**Side 2:** He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,  
(Priest's side) that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.

**Side 1:** Not so are the wicked, not so!  
(Ambo side) For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

**ALL:** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15 : 12, 16-20  
*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 6:17, 20-26  
*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: BARBARO Francesco, BARTOLO Charlie, Jim, Maria, BEZZINA Luke, BORG Anthony, Carmela, Frank, Maria, CARBONE Giuseppe, CARUANA Antonia, John, Juza, Spiridione, CATANZARITI Rosa, FREUDO Frank, Rose, Louis, Scott, Grace, GASPARIN Giuseppe, GALEA Joseph, GAUCI Alfred, Connie, John, MICALLEF Anthony, Rose, Frank, Joe, Margaret, MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, MUSCAT Jean, Lewis, RAGUSA Sam, SCHEMBRI Joe, Joseph, SERGI Micky, TRIMBOLI Pasquale, VELLA Felix, deceased members of the Bartolo, Gauci Families. Recently deceased: Katherine Sultana. All Souls in Purgatory. All Relatives and Friends. May they rest in peace. Amen

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS: Kathy Baker, Aiyana Cabanero, Seam Yek Heng, Frank Micallef, Remo & Rosa Miotto, Siena Panuccio, Emmanuel Vella. *May God's love give them strength and courage.*

Monday February 18: (Mark 8:11-13) 9.00am Morning Mass  
Tuesday February 19: (Mark 8:14-21) 9.00am Morning Mass  
Wednesday February 20: (Mark 8:22-26) 9.00am Morning Mass, 6.00pm Novena  
Thursday February 21: (Mark 8:27-33) 9.00am Morning Mass  
Friday February 22: (Matthew 16:13-19) *The Chair of St Peter, apostle,*  
9.15am Mass - Marion School Kinder & Year 5  
Saturday February 23: (Mark 9:2-13) *St Polycarp,* 5.30pm Rosary followed by 6.00pm Evening Mass  
Sunday February 24: (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38)  
9.00am Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass at 9.30am  
Evening Mass at 6.00pm



SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2019 ENROLMENT NIGHT: **Monday 25 February at 7.00pm.** Enrolments for children who are to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year will be taken on this night. *Please note this date.* First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of June 01 & 02. Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 26 September. **LATE ENROLMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

*First Reconciliation: enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will NOT be taken at this time.*

This celebration has been moved to the first term of Year 3, rather than the last term of Year 2. Therefore, children in Year 2 this year, will not celebrate First Reconciliation until they are in Year 3 next year.

CATECHIST COMMISSIONING: During Mass this weekend, we commission parishioners who have accepted to teach Scripture classes in our Parish's two public schools - Horsley Park and Kemps Creek. Catechists will be given a small Crucifix which they will take with them to the classrooms to symbolise the presence of Christ and as a reminder of the worshipping community as we support these catechists and the children with our prayers.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our parish family Florencia Blanca Azzinnaro, daughter of Amanda and Andres, baptised this weekend

**PARISH DINNER - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:** This year's Parish Dinner will be held on Saturday 31 August. Following last year's successful event and in order to commence preparations for this year, we are asking for expressions of interest to the Parish office only - 9620 1242 or email [parish@ourladyofvictories.org.au](mailto:parish@ourladyofvictories.org.au) with your full name, contact details and number of tickets required.

**YOUTH GROUP:** The first gathering for this year will be next Sunday 24 February at 7.00pm after the evening Mass, in the Marion School Hall. All youth from Year 6 to 18yrs are welcome to come along for some 'faith and fun', make new friends and enjoy various activities in a safe and friendly environment.

**REMEMBRANCE MASS & COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS:** Kemps Creek chapel 10.30am on Thursday 21 February 2019. All are welcome, especially those who grieve the death of loved ones and those who support them.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:** Parishioners seeking to baptise their children are invited to attend a preparation and information evening at 7.00pm, Thursday 7 March in St Michael the Archangel chapel.

**MISSIONS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Our Michaelite priests in PNG seek assistance in supporting their work in the highlands around Mt Hagen. Various goods are needed to support the priests, local people and many pilgrims visiting the newly built Diving Mercy Shrine. Any assistance, large or small is greatly appreciated. North Ryde are preparing a shipping container and a list of items required is on the flyer on the notice board. Items can be brought to the Parish office on Friday mornings only between 9.30am and 12.00noon. For further information, contact Jason on 0421 059 858 or Holy Spirit Parish on 9888 2569.

**FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS:** Harvest Journeys pilgrimage accompanied by Fr Dominik, from 9 - 18 June 2019. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a journey that enriches the mind and the soul in ways you never thought possible. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem and more. Brochures/booking forms are available from the foyer magazine rack or contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or 9390 5460.

**THE BISHOP'S BLEND:** Are you a young professional looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Join Bishop Richard Umbers on Monday 11 March at 7am at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for a breakfast series. Online bookings essential. For more information or to purchase tickets: <https://thebishopsblendseventhedition.eventbrite.com.au>.

**HORSLEY WINE FESTIVAL:** It's back!. Hosted by Horsley Homestead on November 2, showcasing Sydney's best homemade wines. Sponsors, wine makers and wine tasters are needed. Along with a panel of expert judges, live music and lots of food, this is sure to be a great and fun community event with proceeds raised going to Anowah Community Living. Are you making wine this year, or have a special vintage stashed away, why not consider entering the competition or why not put the challenge out there for other winemakers to enter their wine as well? Expressions of interest close 31 March. Email: [bookings@horsleyhomestead.com](mailto:bookings@horsleyhomestead.com) or call 0412 073 045 for more information on sponsoring or to enter into the competition.

**HORSLEY PARK SOCIAL GROUP:** Lejla Mgarrija: Maltese night fundraiser for Cancer Council, Saturday 16 March, Mandavilla Event Centre, \$65pp, tickets are now available for collection—please organise payment and collection of tickets. Charlie & The Chocolate Factory: Capitol Theatre Tuesday 16 July, \$95pp for bus and ticket, a few seats still available. Fig & Chestnut Farms, Orange: Thursday, 21 March, \$50pp - bus, morning tea, lunch & entry to fig farm, prepayment is required. Contact - Theresa 0402 178 781.

**BURIAL PLOT FOR SALE:** Kemps Creek Cemetery, located in Lawn St Marks, Row 162. This plot can accommodate 2 people. \$4600 ono. Contact Gyliane on 0408 359 622.

## ROSTERS

### COUNTING GROUPS:

**THIS WEEK GROUP 4:**  
Angelo Basso, Peter Basso

**NEXT WEEK GROUP 5:**  
John Borg, Fred Borg,  
Emanuel Borg

### CLEANING GROUPS:

**THIS WEEK GROUP 5:**  
Grace Said, Denis  
Schembri, Antoinette  
Carbone, Lisa Ciantar

**NEXT WEEK GROUP 6:**  
Penelope Tabone,  
Margaret Deguara,  
Rachel Avati

## ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

Wed 20, 7.30pm: Faith  
Group—St Michael Chapel

Thurs 21, 10.30am: Monthly  
Remembrance Mass &  
Compassionate  
Companions—Kemps Creek

Mon 25 Feb: Sacrament  
Enrolment Night

## ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

Wed 6: Ash Wednesday,  
Mass at 9.15am & 7.00pm  
followed by Lent Group

Thurs 7, 7.00pm: Baptism  
Preparation Night - St  
Michael Archangel Chapel

Fri 8, 6.30pm: Stations of  
the Cross, 7.15pm Mass

Wed 13, 7.30pm: Lent  
Group - St Michael Chapel

Fri 15, 6.30pm: Stations of  
the Cross, 7.15pm Mass

Wed 20, 7.30pm: Lent  
Group - St Michael Chapel

Thurs 21, 10.30am: Monthly  
Remembrance Mass &  
Compassionate  
Companions—Kemps Creek

Fri 22, 6.30pm: Stations of  
the Cross, 7.15pm Mass

Wed 27, 7.30pm: Lent  
Group - St Michael Chapel

Fri 29, 6.30pm: Stations of  
the Cross, 7.15pm Mass



## DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

“Gaudete et Exsultate” - “Rejoice and Be Glad”  
Holiness is necessary for our happiness

Pope Francis challenges the whole Church to promote anew the desire for holiness – in a practical way, for our own time. The Pope is encouraging and challenging us on the path to holiness because holiness is necessary for our happiness – in order to bring out the best of who we are and to embrace the unique plan of God for us and for the world.

Pope Francis offers us many examples of holy lives throughout this document: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the French Carmelite who found holiness in doing small tasks; St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Jesuit founder who sought to find God in all things; St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Oratorians, who was renowned for his sense of humour and Jesus’ words to St. Faustina.

The saints pray for us and give us examples of how to live, but we are not meant to be cookie-cutter versions of them. We are meant to be ourselves, and each believer is meant to “discern his or her our own path” and “bring out the very best of themselves.” As Thomas Merton said, “For me to be a saint means to be myself.”

## SAFEGUARDING

If you, or someone you know, has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney you are invited to contact the Sydney Archdiocese Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 for support.

### 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.





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