



Our Lady of Victories Horsley Park

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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 5.30pm
Sunday 9.30am & 6.00pm
Monday to Friday 9.00am

Kemps Creek: Sunday 7.30am

Reconciliation
Monday to Friday: 8.30am-9.00am
Saturday: 5.00pm - 5.15pm
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.*

22 July 2018

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: Today we hear how Jesus is moved with compassion when he sees the needs of the people. The needs of others often call us back from our places of rest, refuge and retreat - back amongst people in need of justice and God's love. We too are called to be shepherds. We become disciples by doing the work of being a disciple of Jesus: being bearers of peace, love, healing and justice. To be effective in our own ministry as baptised Christians we need to be approachable and open to all those who seek our help.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23 : 1-6
*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me,
and bring them back to their pastures.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22

ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Side 1: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ambo side) Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

Side 2: He guides me along the right path;
(Priest's side) he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Side 1: You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
(Ambo side) My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Side 2: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
(Priest's side) all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

ALL: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2 : 13-18
Christ, our peace, has made us one.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 6 : 30-34
They were as sheep without a shepherd.



† WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: BARTOLO Charlie, BEZZINA John, Luke, Margarita, BUGEJA Saviour, CAMILLERI Charlie, Joseph, CARBONE Giuseppe, CARNIATO Antonio, Clorinda, CIANTAR Charlie, Frances, FENECH Charlie, FITZGERALD Dianna, GAUCI Connie, John, GRIMA Anthony, Carmel, Joseph, Nancy, Sam, IPPOLITI Gasperino, KOLIZI Lina, MIFSUD John, Mariann, Tony, MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, SCHEMBRI Joe, Joseph, SERGI Domenico (Micky), VELLA Felix, deceased member of the Bartolo, Bezzina & Gauci families.. All Souls in Purgatory. All Relatives and Friends. Recently deceased: DEBONO Bernadette. May they rest in peace. Amen

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS: Phil Bianco, Margaret Bower, Santa Carbone, Angela Imola, Antoinette Raco, Roy Smith. *May God's love give them strength and courage.*

Monday July 23: *(Matthew 12:38-42)* 9.00am Morning Mass
Tuesday July 24: *(Matthew 12:46-50)* 9.00am Morning Mass
Wednesday July 25: *(Matthew 20:20-28)* *St James Apostle,* 9.00am Morning Mass, 6.00pm Novena
Thursday July 26: *(Matthew 13:10-17)* *Sts Joachim & Anne,* 9.00am Morning Mass
Friday July 27: *(Matthew 13:18-23)* 9.15am Marion Primary School Mass - Grandparents Day
Saturday July 28: *(Matthew 13:24-30)* No Morning Mass,
5.00pm Rosary followed by 5.30pm evening Mass
Sunday July 29: *(2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, Mark 6:1-15)*
9.00am Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass at 9.30am
Evening Mass at 6.00pm

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our parish family the following children baptised this weekend:

FALVO: Mia, daughter of Michelle and Adam,
GAUCI: Sophia Irene, daughter of Rachele and Joseph,
TAOUK: Johnpaul, son of Patrice and Charbel.

ANNUAL MAJOR RAFFLE: The raffle is part of our major fundraising and all money raised goes towards the running of the Parish. Books containing 10 tickets are available after all Masses. Tickets are \$2 each. The raffle will be drawn at the Parish Festival on Sunday 16 September. Prizes include \$1000 cash donated by Parish Festival Committee, a \$500 travel voucher donated by Breakaway Travel and lots of other great prizes and vouchers. Thank you to all our sponsors who have generously donated in support of our raffle this year. Please take a book of tickets home to sell to family and friends.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND COLLECTION: Will be held next weekend, 28 & 29 July. The money collected is used to pay for the running of various charitable organisations in our Diocese.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT: A reminder for all Confirmation candidates, next weekend Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July is commitment weekend. It is essential that all candidates attend Mass as part of the Confirmation programme.

BLESSING OF VEHICLES: July 25 is the feast day of St Christopher - patron saint of travellers. Next weekend, 28 & 29 July after all Masses, there will be a special blessing over all vehicles in the parish grounds.

PLANNED GIVING / RECEIPTS: The receipts for the last financial year are now available for collection from the foyer. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. There are still some sets of planned giving envelopes for this new financial year to be collected from the foyer. Please DO NOT USE ANY OLD ENVELOPES from last financial year. If you use the direct debit system and would like to have the cards to put into the collection basket, please contact the Parish office. If you would like to support the Parish through the planned giving envelopes or direct debit system, please contact the Parish office on 9620 1242.

ALTAR SERVERS WORKSHOP: Children who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming altar servers are invited to attend a workshop at 3.15pm on Thursday 26 July in the church.

FIRST EUCHARIST PHOTOS: Will be available for collection in the church on Monday 30 July from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Please ensure all photos are collected on this night.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING: Parishioners seeking to baptise their children are invited to attend a preparation and information evening on Wednesday 01 August at 7.00pm in the St Michael Archangel Chapel.

MARION SCHOOL KNITTING: Can you knit? The Mini Vinnies children at Marion would love your help with knitting squares to be made into rugs, which will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. Want to help? It's simple - 8ply wool/acrylic, 4mm needles, cast on 50 stitches and knit until your square measures 25cm in length. You can drop your knitted squares into the Marion School office or the Parish office. Thank you. Any queries contact Leonie Casha 9620 2045. "God loves those who find the joy in giving." Pope John Paul II

MONTHLY REMEMBRANCE MASS & COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS: Kemps Creek chapel 10.30am on Thursday 16 August. All are welcome especially those who grieve the death of loved ones and for those who support them.

CATECHIST MEETING: It is essential for all catechists to attend a meeting on Tuesday 07 August at 7.00pm in the Parish Conference room, in order to begin planning this year's Public Schools Christmas Mass.

DOES THE FOREST PRAY - DAY RETREAT: Saturday 28 July at Benedictine Abbey, 695 Jamberoo Mt Rd, Jamberoo. A contemplative awareness of our environment and ecology can bring healing and hope. This is a day retreat where we can listen to the Spirit and explore our monastic tradition to refocus our concerns for ecology and pray within the forest. Cost \$30, morning and afternoon tea provided, bring your own lunch and a good pair of walking shoes. For further details and bookings contact 02 4236 0533 or email: cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au.

HORSLEY PARK SOCIAL GROUP: Mary McKillop: followed by lunch in Manly, Thursday 16 August - \$25pp for bus and morning tea.
Nelson Bay & Newcastle: 3 day tour, Wednesday 3 October - Friday 5 October. \$100 deposit per person is required to secure seat. Enquiries / bookings to Theresa 9620 1570 or Josephine 9620 1680.



The Seven Deadly Sins — and their Remedies

Sloth, laziness

The last of the seven deadly sins is sloth, which St Thomas Aquinas defines as disgust for virtue, a languor of the soul which deprives it of the power to do good. This sin represents the saying: "I don't care" feeling. A man sees that the practice of virtue is hard and so resists the service of God. He becomes slothful and his soul grows lazy at the thought of the painful life journey.

The ancient monastic spiritual writers, recalling Psalm 91:6, nicknamed sloth the "noonday devil" who tempts monks to sadness and despair. In the heat of midday, as the monk tires and begins to wonder whether his commitment to prayer and solitude was a mistake, the demon whispers, "Did God *really* intend for human beings to reach for the heavens? Does God *really* care whether you pray or not?"

To us moderns, the whispering voice says, "God is everywhere. Couldn't you just as well worship on the park course as in a church?" Or, "God accepts you just as you are. Why change?" In our sloth, we avoid any spiritual discipline, Christian or otherwise. Missing Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, carelessness in prayer, disregard for the Church's laws of fast and abstinence, a tendency to follow the lines of least resistance - these are all manifestations of sloth. Remember Our Lord's emphatic warning about the slothful servant and foolish virgins (Mt 25:1-30), and His promise to spew the lukewarm out of His mouth (Rev 3:16).

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 6:
Ted Cassar, Peter Grima, Ted Tokarczyk

NEXT WEEK GROUP 7:
Mary Bartolo, Linda Micallef

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 JULY

Mon 23: School Term 3 begins

Wed 25, 7.30pm: Faith Group- St Michael the Archangel Chapel

Mon 30, 6.30pm-8.00pm: First Eucharist photos collection

ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST

Wed 01, 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation Night - St Michael Archangel Chapel

Tues 07, 7.00pm: Catechist meeting.

Wed 08, 7.30pm: Faith Group- St Michael the Archangel Chapel

Wed 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 9.15am and 7.00pm

Thurs 16, 10.30am: Monthly Remembrance Mass & Compassionate Companions - Kemps Creek

Wed 22, 7.30pm: Faith Group- St Michael the Archangel Chapel



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