



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.

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Principal: Mrs Therese Gaunt

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impaired is fitted in the centre aisle
of the church.*

21 January 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: We gather to reflect on the words of Jesus that 'the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News'. In our liturgy today we hear Jesus calling the first apostles - ordinary people like ourselves. Like them, we too are called and challenged to make our response to God a priority in our life.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3 : 1-5. 10
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24 : 4-9
ALL: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Side 1: Lord, make me know your ways.
(Ambo side) Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Side 2: Remember your mercy, Lord,
(Priest's side) and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Side 1: The Lord is good and upright.
(Ambo side) He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

ALL: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7 : 29-31
The world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
Believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1 : 14-20
Repent, and believe the Good News.

REPENT
AND
BELIEVE
THE
GOOD NEWS

✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: ANDRIOLLO Carlo & Maria, BARONE Antonio, BARTOLO Charlie, BEZZINA Luke, BORG Charlie & Fr Claude, BUGEJA Paula, BUHAGIAR Wyndham, CARBONE Giuseppe, CAMILLERI Charlie, FITZGERALD Dianna, GAUCI Connie, GAUCI John, GRIMA Anthony & Carmel, KOLIZI Lina, MONTELEONE Francesca & Giuseppe, MUSCAT Sam, ROMEO Angela, SCHEMBRI Joe & Joseph, VELLA Victor, Victoria & Sam, deceased members of the Bartolo & Gauci families. All Souls in Purgatory. All Relatives and Friends. Recently deceased: VELLA Victoria. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS: Tony Ostojic, Seak Chuong Keo. *May God's love give them strength and courage.*

Monday January 22: (Mark 3:22-30) 9.00am Morning Mass,
10.30am Funeral for Victoria Vella,
Tuesday January 23: (Mark 3:31-35) 9.00am Morning Mass
Wednesday January 24: (Mark 4:1-20) St Frances de Sales, 9.00am Morning Mass, NO Novena
Thursday January 25: (Mark 16:15-18) The Conversion of St Paul, 9.00am Morning Mass
Friday January 26: (Mark 5:2-12) Australia Day, 9.30am Morning Mas
Saturday January 27: (Mark 4:35-41) Sts Timothy and Titus, St Angela Merici,
5.30pm Rosary followed by evening Mass at 6.00pm
Sunday January 28: (Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28)
9.10am Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass at 9.30am

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

CATECHIST MEETING & COMMISSIONING: All catechists and helpers are required to attend a meeting on Tuesday 6 February at 7.00pm in the Parish conference room. Commissioning of catechists / helpers for this year will take place on the weekend of 10 & 11 February.



CATECHIST HELPERS: Scripture classes in our local public schools will soon re-commence. In order to continue to provide this service to our local school children, we are in need of helpers to assist the current catechists - Horsley Park on Tuesday mornings and Kemps Creek on Thursday mornings. Lessons are half an hour and for many of these children, it is the only exposure they have to our faith. If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish office.

SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2018: Enrolments for ALL sacraments in 2018 will be taken on Monday 5 March at 7.00pm in the church. It is ESSENTIAL that anyone wishing to enrol their children for the Sacramental Programme this year attend the enrolment evening. LATE ENROLMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

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

GALEA: Ariana Victoria, daughter of Linda and Samuel
GIDARO: Francesco, son of Carlie and Saverino
PIROTTA: Aston, son of Courtney and Mitchell
PORTELLI: Scarlett Jade, daughter of Rita and Michael

FEAST OF DON BOSCO & BLESSED BRONISLAW MARKIEWICZ: Next Sunday, 28 January our Parish community will celebrate the feast of St John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians, and Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz, the first Polish Salesian. Michaelite Fathers belong to the world-wide Salesian family. A solemn Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am during which both St John Bosco and Bl Markiewicz will be commemorated as we ask them to intercede for us and especially our youth as they start the new school year. Members of the Maltese Past Pupils and Friends of Don Bosco will join us for the celebration of this feast. Parishioners are invited to join the association members for Mass followed by morning tea in the Marion Hall.

FEBRUARY ROSTERS: For Acolytes, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Children's Liturgy leaders and projector operators are available for collection from the foyer.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: To the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Saturday 3 February, beginning with prayers at 8.00am with Adoration and Rosary followed by Mass at 9.00am. All are encouraged and welcome.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING: Parishioners seeking to baptise their children are invited to attend a preparation and information evening this Tuesday 23 January, 2018 at 7.00pm in the St Michael Archangel Chapel.

NOVENA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's Liturgy will re-commence on the first weekend of 3rd & 4th February, and Novena will meet again on Wednesday 07 February.

MONTHLY REMEMBRANCE MASS & COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS: Kemp's Creek chapel 10.30am on Thursday 15 February. All are welcome especially those who grieve the death of loved ones and for those who support them.

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION: ADVANCE NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE: This year the celebration of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ will commence at 1.00pm (not 2.30pm as previously) and the procession will commence at 3.00pm (not 5.00pm as previously). Please note these changes. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

HORSLEY PARK SOCIAL GROUP: *Beach Picnic* - Sunday 4 February. \$25 per person for bus and morning tea. Bring along a picnic lunch, etc. *Lejl Mgarrija* Fundraiser for Cancer Council - Saturday 14 April at Mandavilla Event Centre. All bookings / enquiries to Theresa 0402 178 781 or Josephine 0402 040 954.

MALTESE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF NSW: Australia Day 2018 Celebration to be held Sunday 28 January from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at the Holroyd Function Centre 17 Miller St, Merrylands (Parking available on site) Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

MALTESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL OF NSW: Invites applications for classes at Horsley Park on Saturday mornings starting 10 February. Enrolments will be taken on Saturday 3 February at Horsley Park Public School from 9.30am-11.30am. Young and adult students may apply. Enquiries to Mary Pace-Feraud at malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com.

LOST PROPERTY: From time to time personal items are accidentally left behind in the church by parishioners and visitors. We currently have a number of items which have been handed in. If you feel that you may have left items in the church please check the lost property. We will be disposing of any unclaimed items by the end of January.

MASS AND BLESSING OF THE SICK: Will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 11 February 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30pm followed by Mass and Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.



DEVOTION OF THE FIRST SATURDAYS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

CONDITIONS WHICH ARE INDEED STRAIGHTFORWARD, BUT ARE THEY ACHIEVABLE?

"If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved, there will be peace. War will end." says Mary. Therefore, we have to fulfil the requests of Heaven. Mary's plea relates to four conditions, so we have to fulfil all four, not just those we choose to do. If the intention of reparation is mentioned, then this has to be our intention during the devotions of the first Saturdays. Our Lady asks that we accompany Her for fifteen minutes, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. Therefore let us not forget about the meditation, where the subject is strictly defined, and where we have no other choice.

Moreover, Mary asks not only for the Rosary, but also for meditation, therefore we must pay attention not to identify our thoughts during the saying of the Rosary with the separate meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary. Let us remember, the meditation, independent of our prayers of the Rosary, is extremely important, and we cannot omit it.

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 4:
Angelo Basso, Peter Basso

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

CLEANING GROUPS:

THIS WEEK GROUP 3:
Joyce Grima, Theresa Sultana, Maria Pisano, Louise Bususttil, Margret Vella, Alexandra Wilkinson

NEXT WEEK GROUP 4:
Paul & Carmen Micallef, Mary Sofi, Margaret Vella, Denis Schembri, Gloria Mihanovic, Danyel Paszyn

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

Tues 23, 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation Evening - St Michael Chapel

Fri 26: Australia Day



Tues 30: School year begins

ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

Sat 03, 8.00am: First Saturday Devotion

Wed 07, 6.00pm: Novena

Wed 07, 7.30pm: Faith Group—St Michael Chapel

Wed 14: Ash Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am & 7.00pm

Wed 14, 7.30pm: Lent Faith Group - St Michael Chapel

Thurs 15, 10.30am: Monthly Remembrance Mass & Compassionate Companions—Kemp's Creek

Fri 16, 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross





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