



# 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.

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Dominik Karnas CSMA

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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.

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

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

20 August 2017

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**INTRODUCTION:** We know and profess that God is the Father of all people and his Kingdom embraces the world of Christians and non-Christians alike. Yet, in reality, there are times when we look down on others because they do not honour the Lord in exactly the same way as we do. Matthew's Gospel reveals Jesus' willingness to respond to a Canaanite woman who was not of the House of Israel. Life is about more than oneself and those we love. Genuine love moves us to find room for the "foreigner". In this Eucharist let us ask the Lord of all to help us do away with discrimination and make us open to all people, whatever race or culture or social class.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 56 : 1, 6-7  
*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 66 : 2-3, 5-6, 8

**ALL:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Side 1:** O God, be gracious and bless us  
(Ambo side) and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

**Side 2:** Let the nations be glad and exult  
(Priest's side) for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

**Side 1:** Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
(Ambo side) let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

**ALL:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**SECOND READING:** Romans 11 : 13-15, 29-32  
*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15 : 21-28  
*Woman, you have great faith.*



**✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** BARTOLO Charlie, BASSO Andrew, Riccardo, BEZZINA Charles, Luke, BORG Fr Claude, Ganni, Giovanna, Ronnie, BUHAGIAR Wyndham, BUSUTTIL Charlie & Mary, CARBONE Giuseppe, EGAN Noreen & William, FAVOTTO Lino, GAUCI Connie, GAUCI John, GRIMA Anthony & Carmel, KOLIZI Lina, MONTELEONE Francesca & Giuseppe, MUSCAT Joe, Irene & Vera, REFALO Georgina, SCARFONE Francesco, SCHEMBRI Joseph, VELLA Lawrence, ZAMMIT Cal. Recently deceased: BORAZIO Robert, EDWARDS Charles. All Souls in Purgatory. All family and friends. 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 August 21: *(Matthew 19:16-22) St Pius X, 9.00am Morning Mass*  
Tuesday August 22: *(Matthew 19:23-30) The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary, 9.00am Morning Mass*  
Wednesday August 23: *(Matthew 20:1-16) St Rose of Lima, 9.00am Morning Mass, 6.00pm Novena*  
Thursday August 24: *(John 1:45-51) St Bartholomew, Apostle, 9.00am Morning Mass*  
Friday August 25: *(Matthew 22:34-40) St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz, 9.00am Morning Mass*  
Saturday August 26: *(Matthew 23:1-12) No Morning Mass*  
Sunday August 27: *(Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20)*

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND COLLECTION:** Thank you to all who contributed to the Charitable Works Fund collection last weekend. A total of \$2200.00 was collected. The Parish quota is \$4525.00. The shortfall will be met from the Parish funds. CWF tax deductible receipts will be available at the end of the financial year..

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** To Peter Lopreiato & Paula Tohmeh, parishioners to be married next weekend.

**CANONICAL VISITATION:** Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be visiting our Parish on 29 and 30 August. During his visit he will celebrate morning Mass on Wednesday 30 August with the children from Marion Catholic School. All are invited.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Will meet in the Marion Hall today Sunday 20 August, at 7.00pm after the evening Mass. All young parishioners from Year 6 to 18yrs are welcome to come along.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:** Parishioners seeking to baptise their children are invited to attend a preparation evening on Monday 28 August at 7.00pm in the De Piro Chapel.

**MONTHLY REMEMBRANCE MASS & COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS:** Kemps Creek chapel 10.30am on Thursday 21 September. Compassionate Companions will meet following the Mass. All are welcome especially those grieving the death of loved ones and for those who support them. Prayer, reflection, conversation and morning tea.

**PLANNED GIVING / TAXATION RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts for 2017 are available for collection from the foyer. If you wish to support the Parish through planned giving, please contact the Parish office on 9620 1242.

**CHURCH PEWS:** We gratefully thank those who have already kindly donated towards this project. Three of the pews have already been returned to the Parish. If you are able to make any donations towards this project please contact the Parish office.

**SEASONS FOR GROWTH:** Understanding change, loss and grief. An opportunity to examine the meaning of grief, identify different styles of grieving, explore strategies of empowerment, including the role of choice in the grief journey and the importance of networks of support. Friday 01 September, 10.00am - 1.00pm in the Marion Hall. All are welcome especially those who are grieving and for those who support them. RSVP to Sigrid 0412 811 206.

**FATHER'S DAY MASS:** A special Mass will be held at Kemps Creek Cemetery on Saturday 02 September at 10.30am. All are welcome, especially those who have fathers and grandfathers buried at Kemps Creek cemetery.

**CATECHIST MEETING:** Will be on Tuesday 19 September at 7.00pm. All catechists are required to attend in order to begin preparations for the Public School Christmas Mass.

**CATHOLIC CARE:** Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive. Our aged care services provide help in the home to ensure you can remain living independently. Call the Careline team on 13 18 19 to discuss your needs or visit CatholicCare.org.



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**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL - SYDNEY:** If you have not yet registered then consider joining the Western Deanery Group - contact Benjamin on 0487 213 444 or [westerndeanery@gmail.com](mailto:westerndeanery@gmail.com). The festival which is similar to World Youth Day is open to all catholic youth from Year 9 to 30yrs and runs from 7-9 December 2017.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN:** Will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP on Wednesday 30 August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. Enquiries to [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8404.

**EARN & LEARN PROGRAM:** Marion Catholic Primary School is collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. If you shop at Woolworths supermarket and don't already use your stickers you can place them in the box in the church foyer and help the school obtain valuable teaching resources and equipment for the students.

**HORSLEY PARK SOCIAL GROUP:** Mary McKillop—North Sydney: Friday 25 August, bus leaves Cobham Street at 8.30am. 10 Day Tour to Adelaide: leaving 9 October, for details contact Theresa 0402 178 781 or Josephine 0402 040 954. Craft Group: every Tuesday from 9.30am in the Horsley Park Community Hall. All are welcome - come along and share your talents, bring your current project, learn a new skill or come for a chat and a cuppa.

## PARISH FEAST Sunday, September 17

**DAYS OF PREPARATION:** Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 13, 14 & 15. Rosary and Exposition at 6.30pm followed by Mass.

**CHOCOLATE WHEEL DONATIONS:** Feast Day is fast approaching and we are seeking donations of items for hampers for the chocolate wheel. Tags of items needed are in the basket in the foyer. If you can help, please pick up a tag or two. Please donate only items specified on the tag and return the tag with the items. Thank you for your generosity.

**ANNUAL MAJOR RAFFLE:** Tickets are \$2 each. Books containing 10 tickets are available after all Masses. Prizes include \$1,000 cash donated by the Parish Feast Committee, a \$500 travel voucher donated by Breakaway Travel Blacktown and lots of other great prizes and vouchers. Thank you to all our sponsors who have donated towards this year's raffle. Please take a book of tickets home to sell to family and friends.



### THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA IN OUR LADY'S OWN WORDS THE THIRD APPARITION OF OUR LADY Questions

*Why did Our Lady say that She is the only one who can help us?* Jacinta answered this question with the statement: "God has entrusted the peace of the world to Her." Our Lady is not taking the place of God. She is doing the work God has assigned to Her. She is holding back the sword of fire wielded by God's Angel of Justice.

*What is the principal message of this vision?* We are shown the power of the Rosary to bring peace to the world, and the need to make sacrifices of all we do, offering them for love of Jesus, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

*Why reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?* What offends the Heart of Jesus offends the Heart of His Mother. Our Lady said that most souls go to Hell because of sins of impurity, and She offers Her Immaculate Heart as a refuge for sinners. We repair the wounds of Her pierced Heart when we seek refuge there from Satan and the world.

#### *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, Rosa Sultana,  
Denis Schembri, Antoinette  
Carbone, Lisa Ciantar

**NEXT WEEK GROUP 6:**  
Iole Bergamin, Luisa  
Zanetti, Margaret  
Deguara, Penelope  
Tabone, Loretta Seraglio,  
Rachel Avati

### ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST

Wed 23, 7.30pm: Faith  
Group - De Piro Chapel

Sat 26: Parish Dinner

Mon 28, 7.00pm: Baptism  
Preparation Night—De  
Piro Chapel

### ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Sun 03: Father's Day



Wed 06, 7.30pm: Faith  
Group - De Piro Chapel

Thurs 07: Sacrament of  
Confirmation

Wed-Fri, 13-15, 6.30pm:  
Parish Feast Triduum -  
Days of Preparation

Sun 17: Parish Feast

Wed 20: 7.30pm: Faith  
Group - De Piro Chapel

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

Fri 22: School Term 3 ends

Fri 29: Feast of the  
Archangels - St Michael,  
St Raphael & St Gabriel

### ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

Sun 01: Daylight savings  
begins—clocks forward 1 hr







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