

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A) - 5 April 2020*



**Complying with the NSW Government and Health Regulations, all Masses have been cancelled until further notice.**



## REFLECTION

Today Jesus is hailed by the people as he enters into Jerusalem, and later ridiculed as king by the soldiers, chief priests, scribes and elders. The title is misunderstood by everyone; Jesus comes not to be served but to serve and to embody a completely different approach to authority. In fact, he invites those who will listen to a new way of being *kin* to each other, with himself as a sibling and God as loving parent. His power and leadership were shown in his coming close to us and sharing our fragility. Jesus demonstrates this ideal in the Eucharistic meal and his sacrifice on the cross; his flesh and blood institute *us* as flesh and blood-with him and with each other. The crowds don't quite understand this as they acclaim the 'prophet from Nazareth', but they glimpse something of what it means. Christ's entry into our lives is something to celebrate, to rouse us to give praise to God. We have our palms and gaments to bring today-the riches of our earth, the fruits of our labour. Yet we are called to see beyond the hype and majesty to the real triumph of the cross that is to come. *God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections*



## THE MEMORARE

*REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To Thee I come; before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions; but In Thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen*



Every year, we give our Project Compassion Boxes donation during the Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper but due to church closure, please give your donation boxes at the office, or if envelopes, at the Mass Intentions Box of the Presbytery. Alternatively, please call the office 9150 9665 or Caritas—1800 024 413 if giving by credit card or visiting [www.caritas.or.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.or.au/project-compassion).

Donation can also be given by cheque, direct deposit or Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), bank details on page 4, reference: your name & Caritas. If claiming 100% tax deduction, please call office or send email for your name, address and phone number. We will accept donations up to 15 May. Your generosity will assist many of the world's most vulnerable communities. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

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## PARISH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS:

Dear parishioners,

Following the directives from the Prime Minister and as affirmed by the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, all places of worship are to remain closed from Monday 23rd March until further notice.

This is an understandably difficult and painful decision for all Catholics and all people of faith. We adhere to this decision in order to assist in stopping the spread of the virus.

Accordingly, we are implementing the following measures:

1. The church is closed. There will be no public Masses nor liturgies, neither indoor nor outdoor until further notice.
2. Catholics are dispensed from Sunday obligations as per the Archbishop's directives.
3. Funerals will still be conducted but with a limit of 10 people and need to comply with social distancing rules.
4. Weddings will be conducted but with a limit of five people and need to comply with social distancing rules.
5. Baptisms will be postponed until further notice.
6. Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion will be administered only as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
7. In relation to reconciliation, individuals may request personal reconciliation by contacting the office and making an appointment with either Father Casey or Father George.

### Pastoral support

Whilst we are dispensed from our Sunday obligations there are ways we can still honour Sundays in these difficult times. Mass will be available for viewing on TV, Sundays 6am on channel 10. Mass will also be live-streamed from St Mary's Cathedral (please check [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org) for updates and resources)

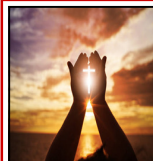
- If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, Father Casey and Father George are available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.
- At present the situation is fluid and we are considering what can and cannot be done to support our community. We will keep everyone informed as decisions are made relating to ways to help you pastorally, particularly the vulnerable and those who are in need.
- The Parish office will remain open Tuesdays to Fridays 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM except on Good Friday until further notice.
- Parish bulletins will be available online or hard copies may be collected from outside the church at the window of Coffee/Tea room on Fridays after 1pm; Call the parish office if you want them delivered or send to you by email.
- At this time of the Covid-19 pandemic when so many people have already been affected financially, we understand how difficult things are, however we ask that you please continue to support the parish if you can as we still need to maintain the church. Donations can be made via credit card, please obtain a Planned Giving form from the office. Alternatively by cheque payable to OLF Parish Kingsgrove, Electronic Fund Transfer(EFT) with our bank details on **page 4**. Envelopes with your donations may be placed in the presbytery Mass offering box. Thank you for your kind contributions.
- Father Casey and Father George will continue to celebrate daily and weekend Mass privately and offer Masses for the sick of the parish and for the whole community and the world.
- If you wish to offer a Mass for a loved one, you may bring the Mass request envelope to the office or place it in the presbytery Mass offering box and either Father Casey or Father George will offer the Mass privately.

- We encourage you to continue praying, to read and ponder on the Sacred Scriptures, to pray the Rosary and your favourite devotions individually and, ideally, as a family too.

- Let us connect with one another spiritually by pausing for a minute of silence and praying one Hail Mary at 12pm every day.

These are challenging times, please do not be disheartened. Let us shake Heaven with our prayers and care and support one another in faith. Our Lady of Fatima, our celestial Mother, walks with us so let us turn to her in prayer. We are all one on this journey, may God bless us all.

*Father Casey and Father George*



### *Prayers against the Spread of Corona Virus*

God our Father, we come to you in our need. We ask for your protection against the COVID-19 Corona Virus, that has claimed many lives and has affected many. We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion and of those governments and private agencies that must find a cure and a solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**



### "Safeguarding in our Parish It is my responsibility and your responsibility!"

To make our Parish a safer place, all volunteers in any Ministry in our Parish are requested to use their PC to register for an online training course at: <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1> If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can contact us via the e-mail address:

[safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au)

John Deacon and Gina Guiffrida, PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer)

### 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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 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 the police.

Dear parishioners,

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we journey towards Easter. This year Holy Week will be unlike any other we have known, but the saving grace of our Lord remains the same. It can be unsettling to not have the support of the traditional, elaborate liturgies to guide us through this special time. However we can look on this as an invitation to develop an even closer relationship with the Lord; to trust in Him as we make this journey in the depths of our hearts.

Whilst we cannot replace the beautiful liturgies which are such an inherent part of Holy Week celebrations, we will put in place initiatives to help us celebrate together and rejoice as an Easter people, confident that our Lord hears our prayers.

For Live-streamed liturgies please check:

St Mary's Cathedral website <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au> or

Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove website <https://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au> and click on YouTube or Facebook link. The parish Facebook page is <https://m.facebook.com/olfkingsgrove>

**Holy Week schedule is as follows:**

**Palm Sunday: 10am** online Mass <https://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au> and click on YouTube or Facebook link

Since we cannot physically bless the palms we invite you to place a palm branch and perhaps a crucifix outside your home because following Mass, Father Casey and Father George will drive around the parish boundaries and bless the palms from their car.

**Holy Thursday: 7pm** online Mass of the Lord's Supper and Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist <https://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au> and click on YouTube or Facebook link

**Good Friday: 10am** online Stations of the Cross <https://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au> and click on YouTube or Facebook link

**Good Friday: 3pm** Passion of the Lord live-streamed from St Mary's cathedral on channel 7

**Saturday: 7pm** Easter vigil online Mass <https://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au> and click on YouTube or Facebook link

**Sunday: 10.30am** live-streamed from St Mary's cathedral on channel 7

Please note that the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's webpage has links to a number of churches offering live streaming of Sunday Masses; you might like to bookmark the following link <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

God bless each and every one of you. May you have a very special and blessed Holy Week and a very happy Easter. Though we do not see each other physically, please rest assured of our love and our prayers for each one of you and your families.

Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta  
Parish Priest  
Fr George Sigamony  
Assistant Priest  
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

### Prayer during Communion when having mass online by live streaming or on demand: Act of Spiritual Communion

My, Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things & I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you Sacramentally, come at least Spiritually into my heart. I embrace You, as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly into You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**



### PRAYERS from Our Parish to the World

In this time of isolation, when we are deprived of the Mass and Sacraments, we do not fear because we trust in Our God. We are still the Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove Community. As a caring community, we reach out to each other in love and prayers, to our brothers and sisters living in our Parish, the City of Sydney, Australia, and the whole world, Bless and protect us all, guide our leaders, and guide our doctors and scientists in developing a vaccine.

**Position Vacant: Youth Coordinator,**  
*Our Lady of Fatima Parish Kingsgrove.*  
*Part-time position, working 20 hours/week. For further information please contact **Anthony Spata** on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055).*



### GRIEF CARE ARE STILL HERE FOR YOU

Creating physical distance is absolutely the right thing to be doing right now. But not at the expense of connection & conversation. We will need to talk and express feelings about our multiple losses, particularly at this moment. We are here to listen. Please call one of our trusted GriefCare practitioners on our **Grief Express Lines: 02 9646 6908 / 02 9646 6936.**

In a way, we've never been more equipped to be "together-but-apart".

**The ways we connect and converse for a while might be different, but our care, empathy and compassion for you stays the same.**

We also acknowledge that it is important to remember, as we always have, those who have died.

If you would like the name of a significant person remembered each month in our prayers and mass intentions, please also contact us.



Catholic Care are in need of volunteers to help the needy. If interested, please call CCare Helpline 131819.



## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Parishioners living in retirement:** Coleen Davoren, (Huntington Gardens), Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove), Esme Roberts (St Mary's Hostel, Berkeley) Maria Ryan (Bupa, Clemton Park), Mike Skennar (Maronite Sisters Village, Dulwich Hill), Jane Gallo (Blakehurst Aged Care Centre), Ellen Quirk & Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper (Huntingdon Gardens), Patricia North (Southaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), Monica Cherry (Leigh Place, Roselands), Noelene Bennett and Enid Taylor (John Paul Village); Carmela Lazzaro (Menaville Nursing Home); Nancy Dawson (Stella Maris Retirement Home); Pat Parkinson (Bexley Park Aged Care); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Patrick Lehane (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care), Millie Czerny (Huntingdon Gardens).

**Parishioners who are Sick:** Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Peter Nair, Maureen Tinker, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Margolit Phillips, Raiyne Saunders, Linda Swords, Angelo Taranto, Emilia Scali, Tak Ying Lau, Antonietta Roberto, Lou and Jean Rovali, Ray Mason, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafih, Renae Corban, Betty Maguire, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Ben Xuereb, Christine Gale, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Ivan Bozic, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

**Please pray for our Recently Deceased:** Anna Proietto, Arcadia Soriano, Deidre Cilia, Fiona Lee, Esme Elefante, Honorato Dulalia, Lucia Natoli, Giacomo Brancatto, Desmond Baker, Rosina Certoma, Eliza Ferreira, Lordito Arrogante, Maria Di Benedetto, Brian Gammel, Noel Spinks.

**Anniversaries:** May Grant, Rosina Briscoe-Hough, Kwok Kei Lam, Michael Conlon, Edna Rowe, Marie Lynch, Bradley Saunders, Francis Howard, Joseph Liu, Deila Church, Grace Milazzo, Fortune Shamieh, Peter Derrig, Margery McSorley, Dorothy Gleeson, Doris Bunting.

**Also For:** Thanksgiving from Gener-Jasmin family, for the deceased Augusto & Cleofe Hizon, Mylah Hizon-Libre, Rofina Certoma, Bartolomeo & Joe Natoli, Simon Ghosen, Giuseppe Stillone, Isabel Cadaoas, Zosimo Osmena, Tony Chan, Therese, Jamie, Joe, Gina Ottallah family, Mary Ann Grace Tesoriero, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Portia Mariano, Filomena Palisoc, Victoria, Domenico Beth Conlon, Juan Agbuya and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**OLF PARISH CALENDARS 2020 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.**

## ROSTERS

are  
**CANCELLED  
UNTIL  
FURTHER  
NOTICE**

### Church Roof Works

The parish's Works Committee has been trying for some time to obtain a degree of certainty identifying the cause and solution for the roof leaks in the church. The huge roof surface, its method of construction and the difficulty of safe access have been substantial challenges. The leak above the altar clearly indicated the skylight as a source of water ingress. We are hopeful that it is the source of all the various leaks. These leaks can run for long distances from the source, over the timber ceiling, before falling into the church space.

To enable safe inspection of the skylight area, a means of suitable roof access had to be provided compliant with WHS requirements. Anchors that comply have now been installed. They allow abseil access up the roof section opposite the Clune Centre and surround the skylight itself to allow access to the entire roof. Following the inspection, a thorough report was provided recommending replacement of the deteriorated framing and clear sheeting in the skylight.

It has been decided to proceed with this work. The contractors willing and able to do this type of work have been difficult to find, however two quotations were received. We have chosen a preferred contractor and the work will be undertaken in the next month with the expectation that completion will be prior to the end of April. The cost is \$39,985 (including GST). We already have donations for the roof works of about \$24,000, thanks to the tremendous generosity of parishioners. Donations are, of course, still welcome.

There remains additional work to be undertaken on the roof tiles, however that will be addressed in a further stage of the repair and restoration of the roof.

It is hoped that we will have no further leaks once this work is completed, and that the skylight will have a long life (the current one lasting 50 years).

**Parish Works Committee.**

For your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below is our bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784  
Account Number: 5025001  
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove  
Reference: Name & envelope no (if applicable)

**Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10**

