

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 6 September 2020



Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, Masses resumed with restrictions. From 24 July, churches can have only 100 people.

MASS TIMES

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9.15am
Friday: 12noon
Saturday: 9.15am & Vigil
5.00pm
Sunday: 8:30am 10am
& 5.00pm

Weekend Masses, Saturday, 5:00 pm vigil; Sunday, 8:30 am and 5:00 pm no booking for 100 people but needs to register on entry on main church door; same with Weekday masses. 10:00 am Sunday mass with booking.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday: 11.00am - 12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. (Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment (Please call Parish Office)

REFLECTION

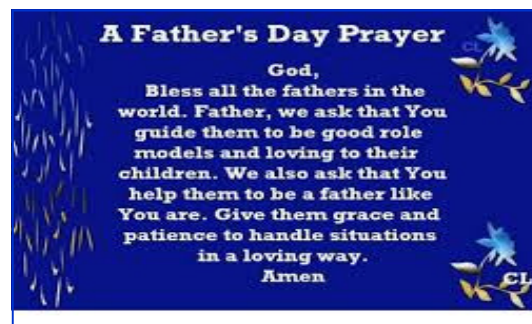
Today's responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise introducing the people to God's presence. It served to remind the Jewish people as they came into the temple that they were entering a sacred place. When we gather for liturgy we too come into the presence of God in a special way. As Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, 'Where two or three meet in my name I shall be there with them'.

Our awareness of God's presence fills us with a sense of humble awe prompting us to bow before God. We are also filled with joy and sing God's praises. Such songs and gestures have meaning only if we have a genuine desire to listen to God's voice. If we come to liturgy with hardened hearts, our songs and gestures are mere hypocritical show. In the liturgy God speaks to us in many ways-in the Scripture readings, the prayers, the silences, the hymns, the ministers and the worshipping community, even in the baby crying a few pews away. 'Lord, what are you saying to me in this disturbance?', we might pray.

God speaks to us in other ways as well-in the brother or sister who courageously calls us back to God; in the prophets who stand sentry for our society and point out where we are going wrong, often at great personal cost; in the members of our community who seek to reconcile differences.

O that today we will listen to God's voice.

God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections



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Dear parishioners,

COVID-19 remains present and highly infectious in the community. With the relaxation of isolation measures and during this winter time, an increase in cases are all around. We are therefore encouraged to take necessary precautions and to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advice.

Further restrictions from 24 July was announced by the Archdiocese with churches in NSW to open under the four-square-metre rule with strict conditions: we must take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. Though our church can have more with the four-square-metre rule including upstairs, we are again restricted to have only 100 people. Dot markers are placed where people should sit.

It is a requirement of the Archdiocese that attendees should write their name, telephone or email address in the sheet provided upon church entry at main door on weekends, side doors on weekdays.

As you would all be aware the government has strongly recommended the **wearing of face masks** in closed-in places, including places of worship. Whilst this is not compulsory, we would urge you to consider complying for your benefit and that of everyone else too. We are trying as much as possible to keep our church a safe place in which all are welcome to come and worship the Lord. I, for one choose to wear a mask, particularly when distributing communion and when meeting and talking to people. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection.

1. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church is open for **personal prayer from 8:30am to 12.00 noon Tuesday to Saturday**. Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required. Entry by side door.

2. Daily Mass:

Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday 9.15am

Friday 11.00am-12.00pm Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by Mass at 12.00pm.

Maximum of 100 people. Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required.

3. **Saturday** morning Mass is followed by **confession** until **10.30am**. No booking required.

4. **Weekend Mass**, regular schedule resumed, **maximum of 100 people.**

Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm, no booking required.

Sunday - 8:30am; no booking required.

10:00am booking required (please call the parish Office; booking close by 5:00 pm Friday.

Sunday-5:00pm; no booking required

No more live streamed mass from 5 July.

Please come early when attending weekend mass for registration and to secure your seats. We are allowed only 100 people inside the church on a first come, first serve basis except for 10:00am mass that requires booking.

5. All Catholics continue to be dispensed from Sunday obligations.

6. At-risk parishioners (elderly, the sick and those with

compromised immune and respiratory systems) should still not attend.

7. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.

8. For **funerals** up to 100 people are permitted.

9. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with also maximum of 100 attendees.

10. **Weddings** are also permitted up to 100 people.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, I am available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.

Please remember that you may offer Mass for anniversaries, special intentions, thanks giving or any reason simply by placing your request in an envelope and bringing that to the office or in the mass offering box at the presbytery.

Please continue to check our parish website:

www.olfkingsgrove.org.au as it is being

updated. You may also contact us via Email:

info@olfkingsgrove.org.au or Ph: 9150 9665

Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Parish Priest

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

September

7 Mon

1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 (437)

8 Tue

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636)

9 Wed

Saint Peter Claver, Priest Memorial

1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 (439)

10 Thu

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 (440)

11 Fri

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42 (441)

12 Sat

The Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM

1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49 (442)

13 SUN TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130) Pss IV



This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal** – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement.

As a way of expressing your gratitude for our priests who've nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you'll consider giving back and donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Thank you.

Celebrating Father Casey's 25 years of ordination to the priesthood

Dear parishioners,
Wednesday, the 30th of September 2020 will mark the 25th anniversary since my priestly ordination. It is with great joy that I would like to invite you to share in my happiness as I celebrate this great gift of the priesthood that God has bestowed upon me. It will also be an occasion for us to welcome the Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP who will be visiting our parish for the first time and joining in the celebration of the Eucharist. Much as it would be my absolute pleasure to celebrate with the whole Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove community, current circumstances do not permit that to happen. Regrettably, with the need to abide by Coronavirus restrictions, we are bound to a limit of 100 attendees and the observance of social distancing.

The celebratory Mass is due to take place at **10am on Wednesday, 30th September**. If you wish to attend, please register by calling the parish office during office hours to book your place. It is also advisable to arrive early, about 9.30am, so as to all be ready to begin by 10am.

9.15am Mass will be cancelled for that day.

I understand that there may be more people wishing to attend than we can accommodate, therefore we will try to live stream the Mass if possible.

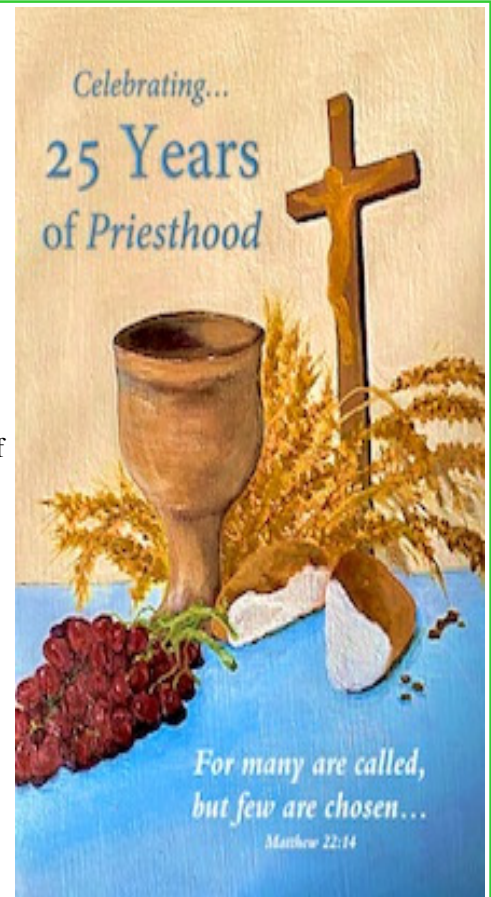
However, this is yet to be confirmed.

Following Mass, light refreshments will be served.

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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church



This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is celebrating National Child Protection Week for the fifth year in a row! The celebration of this week provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for and protect the Children and Young People in our communities.

The Safeguarding Office has developed two new resource buttons 'Children Resources' and 'Young People's Resources' on the Safeguarding Website that provides age appropriate resources for Children and Young People about safeguarding and how to stay safe within the Archdiocese of Sydney. These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding Website <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

I also encourage you all to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring for and protecting our Children and Young People.

Thank you to the many Parishioners who prayed and sent get well cards to me during my recent hospital stay,

I am touched by your kindness.

God Bless

Margaret McCafferty

My dear parishioners and friends please accept my most sincere thanks for helping me celebrate at Mass last Saturday night.

God Bless and love you all.

Judy Fleming

PRAYERS for our Parish:

"Welcome everyone to our live celebration of the Mass and the joy of receiving the Blessed Eucharist. As the caring Community of OLF Kingsgrove, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters living in **Stoney Creek Road & Sutcliffe Street** praying for their needs and intentions."



Patriarch Bartholomew has spoken in particular of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet, for "inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage", we are called to acknowledge "our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation ... For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins". For "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God".

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 7th October 2020

8:00 pm RSVP: 5 October

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai

Phone: 0410 583 808





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoren, Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper and Millie Czerny (Huntingdon 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), Patricia North (Southhaven 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).

Parishioners who are Sick: Bon Lambino, Rosemary Theodoris, Reena Ayuyao Hubilla, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, John Foxe, Robert Powell (John Powell's brother), Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Antonietta Roberto, Lou Rovali, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Betty Maguire, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Ben Xuereb, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz, Teresita Tonel.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Paul Chouefati, Leslie Leong, Kalliope Enriquez, Linda Solari, Carmela Bruno, Candida Rossetti, (Teresa) Sim Lung Wong, Giorgio Casciola, Rolando Loreto, Joe Camuglia, Stella Kiu Chu Tse, Dr Crisanto Bordador, Maria Teresita Floro, June Kelly, Peter King, Frederick King, Frida Katigbak, Victoria Rodriguez Laki, Ivan Bozic.

Anniversaries: Amine Mokbel, Bartolommeo & Joseph Natoli, Lynn Manuel. Alice Collins, Ellen Lyons, Helen Din, Aileen Rogers, John Taylor, Helen McCarron, Alfred Gallo, Francis O'Connor, Thomas Quinlivan, Theresa & Cliff Cook, Gerard Weston, Leslie Simpson, Patrick Young, Bill Bill, Joseph Borg.

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Angelo & Ninetta Stivala celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary; Amedeo, Maria & Pietro Modellino, Anna & Michael Silvestre; deceased Cirilo Encabo, Laureana Encabo, Maria & Vince Camuglia, Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Lesley Campbell, Mike Kelly, Ottavio Di Benedetto, Nina Angeles Moncay, prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 12/13 September

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	V Hoban	J M Touma
Commentator:	J Hoban	S Fisher
Acolyte:	Michelle	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	C Pighin	Youth
Commentator:	T Pighin	
Acolyte :	Kelvin	Tom



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 pandemic. 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!

Are you a part of the Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Youth Ministry, a Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counter?

To protect our children and youth, if you have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>

If you are over 18, you also need a Working with Children (WWC) approval that you can apply for online.

Volunteers do not need to pay for the WWC.

Thank you to the volunteers of our OLF Community who have already attended Safeguarding Training and supplied details of their WWC to the Parish Office.

During June, the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office is asking adults, youth and children to participate in a staying safe online 5 minute CyberSafety

Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can approach Fr Casey, or email John Deacon and Gina Giuffrida, PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer) via the email

address safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au

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 safeguarding@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.