



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A) - 10 May 2020



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

REFLECTION

Struggles and tensions within the Christian community are nothing new. They have been there from the very beginning, as evidenced by today's first reading where we hear about a conflict that had arisen between the Christians of Jewish background and the Christians of Greek background. There were theological differences between the two groups and also cultural differences and the issue that brought things to a head concerned food, which is always cultural-what we eat and how we prepare food always reflects our cultural backgrounds.

We can learn much from the way the apostles handled this conflict. Their approach is one of inclusiveness. They don't take sides but seek to address the matter in a way that keeps the community together. Because the Greeks are in a more vulnerable position the apostles encourage the Greeks to select a number of men of good reputation who can take care of their needs. This inclusiveness is also found in today's Gospel where Jesus tells his disciples that 'there are many rooms in my Father's house.' The Gospel also gives wise advice: 'Trust in God still and trust in me.' Let us always remember that Jesus is the head and cornerstone of the Church, as St Peter reminds us in today's second reading, and we should set ourselves close to him. The Church will always be fragile because it is made up of human beings, but it will also be strong and life-giving as long as its cornerstone is faith in Jesus Christ.

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



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Dear parishioners,

During this time of pandemic restrictions, all Sunday masses will be live streamed at 10am from our parish <https://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au> and click on YouTube or Facebook link. Please join us.

Also, in order to further that connection, we would very much like you to send us a photo of yourself or your family. An A4 printout would be ideal as these will then be stuck onto the seats to create a virtual congregation. You may bring these to the office or slide them under the door of the meeting room next to the presbytery.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

REGARDING SACRAMENTS

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 the moment, **Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion** will be administered only as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
- **Funerals** will still be conducted but with a limit of 10 mourners and need to comply with social distancing rules. A memorial Mass can be celebrated at a later date.
- **Weddings** will be conducted but with a limit of five people and need to comply with social distancing rules.
- **Reconciliation** is by appointment. Please contact the parish.

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.

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

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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.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

May

11 Mon Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)

12 Tue Easter Weekday

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)

13 Wed Easter Weekday

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Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)

14 Thu Easter Weekday

Saint Matthias, Apostle Feast

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564)

15 Fri Easter Weekday

Saint Isidore

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 (289)

16 Sat Easter Weekday

Saint Margaret of Cortona

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)

17 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 (55) Pss II

PARISH DONATIONS Thank you in advance for your continued financial support of the parish either by the planned giving envelopes or by credit card. Your contributions will enable us to keep the parish running. We don't want to pressure you and understand current circumstances but if you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated. We now have the facility for credit card donation through our website: www.olfkingsgrove.org.au. Please Click on **SUPPORT US on the top right of screen, then Donate, and Click here to donate to Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove**. There is a drop down arrow to select biller code for the type of donation you wish to give, either Planned Giving, First Collection, Second Collection, etc., then follow the next steps.

Alternatively, for your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below are our bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784

Account Number: 5025001

Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove

Reference: Name & envelope number (if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction).



We are still accepting donations to

Project Compassion till 15 May. Donation

can also be given by cheque, direct deposit or Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), bank

details above, reference: your name &

Caritas. If claiming 100% tax deduction, please call

office or send email for your name, address and

phone number. 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. Thank you.

Dear parishioners,
Last week, we started a new section in our parish bulletin called

“Love in Action”.

It is where we want to share our experiences of how we put into practice Gospel values during this time of pandemic and beyond. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we wish to feature some of your experiences within the family or the wider community which highlight our love of neighbour and how we help one another grow in our spiritual life through words and actions. To this effect we will feature one story each week. It need not be long, we ask that you send us only one paragraph sharing your experiences. If you choose to include a photo as well please make sure you have permission from everyone in the photo. We welcome everyone’s story, young and old alike. This week we are presenting the story of Antonia Chan, an active parishioner and volunteer.

“There is no doubt that I am blessed. Even in lockdown, I am paid for staying at home in comfort, spend time with my family and with plenty to eat. Life is different and maybe even better than before. I’ve set myself a few goals - to declutter, read faith-based books, call my mum overseas more often, revive my garden etc. It seems like I am selfishly loving this lockdown. It doesn’t feel quite right. On the news I see people suffer and die in isolation, I see the struggle of the poor, the loneliness of the elderly, the courage of the selfless caregivers and more. I ask myself, what is my mission in this lockdown? What does God want me to do? I’m not particularly well off or talented. How can an ordinary person like me contribute?”

I’m a migrant. I was brought up in a British colony with no sense of patriotism. I didn’t know that deep down, that was what I was searching for until I came to Australia. I love the Australian culture and feel a sense of belonging. I want to be recognised as an Australian. I’m grateful to be in here where I feel safe. In the ANZAC season, I am always moved by the heroic stories. Unfortunately this year I couldn’t share my ANZAC biscuits after the church service as I had previously. Giving joy to the congregation was my way of contributing to the ANZAC spirit. I remember how happy people were when they were offered ANZAC biscuits.

But this year, the lockdown didn’t stop me from baking. Initially I was short of flour, rolled oats and sugar, but I wanted to continue the ANZAC biscuit tradition. Within 10 days I was generously given all the missing ingredients by friends and neighbours. I miraculously had everything I needed to bake ANZAC biscuits! I trusted that if it’s God’s will, He would provide. I baked almost 300 ANZAC biscuits, sharing them with neighbours, friends, parishioners and more. Moreover, the 100 ANZAC biscuits I usually serve after the ANZAC service were donated to a nursing home this year as a token of gratitude. I know my baking isn’t the best but I hope that sharing my thoughts, love (and bikkies) made you smile during this lockdown.”

Regards, Antonia



The following is an excerpt from the Fourth Pastoral Letter of the Most Rev. Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney

“I’m confident that we have learnt a great deal through this time of pandemic and shut-down. As a gift to you at this time the Holy See has produced a free e-book *Strong in the Face of Tribulation*. I encourage you to download it and pray with it:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/forti-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/strong-in-tribulation-20042020.pdf>

Urgent appeal

Thank you for donations received this week of cash and personal hygiene products like shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, knitted beanies and chocolates for the thousands of seafarers trapped on ships coming into Sydney waters. Chaplain to the Seafarers, Sr Mary Leahy, said donations are desperately needed. Sr Mary has spent the past 20 years helping those who earn a living on the seas and said, she has never seen conditions so dire. We are still accepting till next week, Friday, 15/05. Donations can be given at the parish office, Tuesday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Thank you.

Exploring the Seasons of Grief

The Grief Care team from Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria is conducting Zoom seminars on Understanding Change, Loss and Grief. Grief doesn’t just occur as a result of a death. Many changes can lead to grief. Many people are experiencing grief due to the changes caused by COVID-19 restrictions. We explore:

- How change, loss, grief and behaviour might interact.
- The effects of grief on our bodies, minds, and emotions.
- How to take care of ourselves and others in grief.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Leonie Duck:
Email: Leoned@catholiccemeteries.com.au:
0412 497843.



We offer care, empathy and compassion to nurture all to live their grief.



Virtual Pentecost Pilgrimage

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual free pilgrimage which began on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks. The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost while public Masses are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world. To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to www.pentecostpilgrimage.com and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoren, (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), 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: Robert Powell (John Powells brother), Bambina Canosa, Jun Letran, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Margolit Phillips, Antonietta Roberto, Lou and Jean 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, Christine Gale, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz, Linna Mitchell.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Ian Ravaillion, Ivan Bozic, Jean Rovali, Apolonia Gener, Clare Brosnan, Dr Antonio Lahoz, Catalino Mata, Juju Dizon, Ellen Quirk, Laraine Lay, William Chaar, Esther Perez, Regino Tamayo Jr, Ray Mason, Anna Proietto.

Anniversaries: Juanita Manapsal Sy, Mylah Hizon-Libre, Maria & Antonio Pasquarillo, Juanito Gener, Charles Hanson, Zita Treharne, John Fazzari, Jack Bye, Theresa Macocky, Giovanni Fasulo, Giuseppe Festa, Daniel Williamson, James Dowd, Theresa Batman, William Narramore, Joseph Jenkins, Eva Hallinan, Huert Byrnes, Mary Anglim, Francesco Fogliani, James Cregan, Thomas Traynor, Nancy Fazzari, Sylvia Stephen, Frederick Holmen, Nancy Howard, Maria Sollazzo, Francis Butterm, Vito Scardino, Ethel Tangye.

Also For: Birthday thanksgiving of Fidela Jasmin, answered prayers for Jason Jasmin, intentions of Pauline McMahan, deceased Muriel Lillian Knighton, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Forward Invitation

For the event of **Ian Ravaillion Funeral:**

It will be held on Tuesday, 12th May 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery. If you wish to join the live streaming funeral service from your home, please send your name and email address to: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au to receive an access code.



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.**

Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage here- <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>



"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
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 safeguarding.equities@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.