

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 14 July 2019

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

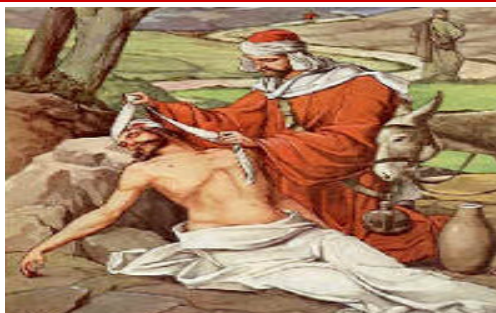
1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
7:00-8:00pm (in the oratory)

Friday: 11.00am - 12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

(Please contact the Parish Office)

Weddings: By appointment
(Please contact the Parish Office)



REFLECTION

Jesus is acknowledged as 'rabbi' by his followers even though he did not attend any rabbinical school. A lawyer who is learned in the law addresses Jesus as 'rabbi', not out of belief or admiration for Jesus but in order to test him. Jesus who can read the hearts of people obliges to the lawyer's question, not to engage him in a duel of wits, but to take this occasion as an opportunity to teach.

The lawyer's question is one of the deep questions about life, as to how one can inherit eternal life. Jesus does not spoon-feed the lawyer with the answer but challenges him to draw an answer based on his knowledge of the law. The lawyer gives a perfect answer by quoting from Deuteronomy about loving God and from Leviticus about loving one's neighbour as oneself. 'Do this, and you will live', Jesus tells the lawyer. Jesus does not tell the lawyer that he is already saved simply because he could quote the Scriptures. Knowledge and acting on that knowledge are two different things. Jesus then tells a parable to illustrate the importance of concrete action.

The protagonist in the parable is a Samaritan; he is a religious and social outcast to the Jews since Samaritans are considered a half-breed race, impure and heretics. The other characters in the parable, a priest and a Levite, are considered the respectable members of society. Sadly, however, both the priest and the Levite fail to help the person lying on the road. Perhaps they thought that the man lying on the road has already died, or will die, and touching him will render them unclean for an entire week and therefore unfit to perform the temple service.

Jesus raised the very pertinent question to the lawyer: "Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" With some difficulty, the lawyer has to admit that it was the Samaritan who was a neighbour to the victim on the road. Jesus then tells the lawyer, and us, to go and do the same.

The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections

This weekend, our parish will be holding the annual

Catholic Mission Church

Appeal. The 2019 Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal highlights the variety and scope of the work of Catholic Mission around the world. It also encourages the donors to recognise their important role in mission work – through prayer and donations towards life-giving projects. Envelopes are provided in your seats. Please give generously. Thank you.

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Youth Coordinator: TBA

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Imelda Dela Cruz - Thursday, Friday (Bookkeeper, Accounts)

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

This special celebration will take place at the 10am Mass on **Sunday 28th July 2019.**

If you are celebrating a Wedding Anniversary for **10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60** or more years or if you know of anyone in our parish celebrating a special Wedding Anniversary this year, then please contact either **Maureen on 9150 5172** or **Veronica 0412216166** no later than **Monday 15th July 2019.**

If you are taking part in this Celebration Mass, we would like to have a current photo, plus a wedding photo to use in our PowerPoint presentation. Could you please deliver these to the Parish Office in an envelope marked with your name on it or email to **Veronica** on vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

Walk with Christ

In light of it being the Feast of Corpus Christi we ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics.

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.



Women's Social Support Group

Our Next Outing –

“Driverless Train”

Discovery Tour & Lunch at a Chatswood Café.

Date: Monday 5th August 2019

Train from Kingsgrove **9.45am** – Bexley North **9.47am.**

Train from Central at **10.25am** to Chatswood, Sydney Metro from Chatswood at **11.01 am** to Tallawong & return to Chatswood at **12.18 pm** for lunch.

Then Chatswood back to Central and then Kingsgrove.

If you wish to go please **RSVP to Veronica by Friday 28th July on 0412 216 166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au**

PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Beaumont & Bennett Streets** praying for their needs and intentions.



We are sad to let you know that **Sue Lomi, our Youth Coordinator**, is leaving us. She told us that it is a very difficult decision to leave but family comes first after God. She will take care of her sick aunty and support her mum taking care of her uncle. The space she left behind here in our parish will not be the same. We wish and pray that the path she had chosen to take is God's will for her and her family. Thank you, Sue for your dedication, commitment and diligence in your role. We will surely miss you and always look forward to see you around in the church or elsewhere.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2019/2020

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection from last 2 weekends. Please ensure you check your name with corresponding address and pick up the correct one. If you are not a member of the Planned Giving, you may contact the Parish office to join the Planned Giving Program.

This year, we are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese was able to increase our tax deduction to 30% for the financial year 2019/2020.

Instead of envelopes, you could opt for monthly deduction using your credit card which is more economical and efficient for the Parish.

Tax receipts for Planned Giving, CWF, Project Compassion and Priest Retirement Fund up to 30 June 2019 for are now available for collection from the church foyer.

If you no longer claim tax on your donations and do not require tax receipt for the next financial year 2019/2020, please advise the parish office.

Thank you to all contributors for your ongoing financial support.

From the Finance Committee

The 2018 Audited Financial Reports of the Parish were recently received. Parishioners are welcome to visit the office during office hours, preferably on Thursdays and Fridays to look at the reports. Unaudited reports as at 30 June 2019 are also available for perusal.

Mass Collection-Reminder

Please keep in mind that the First Collection is used to support the Clergy in the Parish and beyond. The Second Collection is for the maintenance of our Parish and to meet other regular financial commitments. Your support to the Second Collection is appreciated.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Thursday, 8 August 2019, 8:00 pm
RSVP: 5 August 2019

Coordinators:

Imelda Dela Cruz, Ph: 0414 979 241
Myrna De La Pena Ph 9759 5761



Sunday, 14 July 2019: Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading Dt 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?"

Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)

4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel

Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your

God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'



"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

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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.

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.

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home?
CatholicCare's Home Care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence.
Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

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), Leila Pearson, Ellen Quirk & Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper (Huntingdon Gardens) Marjorie Boyd & Patricia North (Southaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), Moncia Cherry (Leigh Place, Roselands), Patricia Byrne (Ferndale Gardens, Mortdale); Noelene Bennett and Enid Taylor (John Paul Village); Carmela Lazzaro (Menaville Nursing Home); Nancy Dawson (Stella Maris Retirement Home); Noel Spinks, sick (Bupa Bexley Nursing Home); Pat Parkinson (Bexley Park Aged Care); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Patrick Lehane (Homewood Aged Care), Eileen Gehrig (Uniting Mirinjani Nursing Home).

Parishioners who are Sick: Josie Wenko, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafih, Milly Cerney, Lynne Langley, Renae Corban, Betty Maguire, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, John Gouveia, Larissa Anne Salt, Bo Mercado, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Zon Guecco, Terese Mitry, Christine Paull, Ben Xuereb, Honorato Letran, Raiyne Saunders, Christine Gale, Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Lola Jay Nehme, John Yassa, Baby Vivienne Marnell, Anna Rudan, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Ivanka Andrijic, Ivan Bozic, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased: Mato Puljic, Marcelo Pamintuan SR, Helen Foster, Pui Yu Cheung, Antonietta Ferlito, Maria Pantanella, Lourdes Palma, Nila Tiplady, Purita Rivera, Barry Davidson, Anna Fiamingo, Giuseppina Tasselli, Domenico Stanco. .

Anniversaries: Maxwell Pemberton, Charlie Nigem, Adam Berger, May Ongley, Alexander David, Hester Hoban, Margaret Law, Sheila Gilligan, Patrick Byrne, Paul Morone, George Homsy, Maria Provera, Alexander King, Harry Arens, Jean Pemberton, Olga De Campo, Frank Dim arco, Joseph Sealey, Leslie Ireland, Aubrey Maxwell, Hazel Doyle, Rachel Dowley, Joseph Caruana, Eileen Kenyon.

Also For: Special intention of Saed, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele, Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, Kevin Quintal, Rustico and Florita Maglupay, Laurie Maguire, John Buckley, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Jamel Khouri & Family, Haia Khour & Family, Hizon & Consunji Family, Mary Fick and Family, Bartolo, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

20/21 July

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	J & J Henderson	S Fisher S Wong
Commentator:	K Doherty	J Dick
Acolyte	Win	Jeremy
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Thea/Margolit
Holy Good Store:	Nelochana	T Valdoria
Warden:		

	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	R & K Lansdown	
Commentator:	S Graham	
Acolyte	Kelvin	Wilson
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	M Ravallion	
Warden:	J Valix	
Cleaning Roster:	F & G Cassar, M Lorzanto	
Counters:	R Cleary, M Kane, Y Madden, J Freeman	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	A & S Nacarella, P Warner, R Mulia
Sun 8.30am	:	N Seneviratne, B & B Hayward
Sun 10.00am	:	D Pighin, J Kim, S & H Tandoavong, E Wu
Sun 5.00pm	:	J & J Ung, N Ng

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Flor Valencia, 1 Girraween St, Cnr Kingsgrove Ave. Rosary is recited each evening from Monday until Friday at 7.30pm. All friends and neighbours are most welcome.



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONAL PRAYER AT OLF CHURCH KINGSGROVE

Please join us every first Wednesday of the month, immediately after the weekday morning Mass, around 9:45 AM for special prayer session of devotional prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The next session will be on Wednesday, 7th August. (Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM before mass)

A St George Deanery Rosary Prayers by a Group is held inside our Saint Bernadette Carlton Church on the 1st Monday of each month at 7.30pm. One of the primary intentions of the Rosary prayer group is to pray for the sick and dying patients in our local St George Public and Private Hospitals. All welcome!
Gary Cartmer
Chaplain, St George and RPA Hospitals

Next Sunday's Readings:

Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

