



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 16 August 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

The three readings today highlight that God's love is for everyone. The foreigner in Israel, the pagans mentioned in Paul's letter to the Romans, and the Canaanite woman in the Gospel were all seen as outsiders by the Jewish people. Yet, the readings stress that all are accepted by God if we choose to follow God's law, repent and turn to receive God's love. As I reflect on today's readings, do I need to widen my acceptance to include those who are seen as outsiders today? As I listen to the readings and reflect on God's love for everyone, how can I strive to accept everyone as Jesus did?

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,

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, Father George and myself are 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.

On a disappointing note, sometime between Saturday night, 1 August and Sunday morning, the statue of St Francis of Assisi, located in the Garden of Peace, was vandalised; it was knocked to the ground, beheaded and the head itself is now missing. It is sad and disturbing that this should happen, it is a desecration and an offence to our religious beliefs and sensitivity. The police have attended and are investigating, unfortunately the CCTV cameras did not capture any useful information. Like St Francis of Assisi, a man of peace and prayer, we too pray for peace everywhere in the world and for everyone, including those responsible for this reprehensible action. We pray also for all who have lost their faith and those yet to find it.



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

August

17 Mon

Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22 (419)

18 Tue

Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30 (420)

19 Wed

Saint John Eudes, Priest

Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16 (421)

20 Thu

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14 (422)

21 Fri

Saint Pius X, Pope

Memorial

Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40 (423)

22 Sat

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Memorial

Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12 (424)

23 SUN TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 (121)Pss I

PARISH DONATIONS Thank you 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).

Catholic Weekly available again in parishes

With all churches reopened for Mass across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the hard copy edition of the Catholic Weekly is available again in parishes this weekend for \$2.00.

Collect your Catholic Weekly as you leave Mass today and support our Archdiocesan newspaper.

The Catholic Weekly has gone Digital!

With The Catholic Weekly returning to print, some of you might prefer to read it electronically on your desktop, tablet or mobile. Subscribe to The Catholic Weekly Digital Edition at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/product/the-catholic-weekly-digital-edition/> and be the first to receive the latest catholic news and opinion.

ATTENTION READERS

The INTERIM ROSTER runs out on 29/30 August and a new one is to be prepared. Some of you may now be ready to come back on the roster. If so, please contact the Hobans within the next week. All readers, please advise of any change in **contact details** or circumstances. Thanks. The parish is very grateful to our 'skeleton crew' who have been able to cover the readings each week.
Ph: 9502 4257 or jenniferhoban@bigpond.com

New Dates for Plenary Council

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the National Plenary Council Assembly has been postponed to October 2021 (Adelaide) and April 2022 (Sydney). The discernment papers foundational to the development of the working paper and ultimately the agenda for the Assembly are available on the National Plenary Council webpage under the discernment tab:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

We need volunteers to be rostered as main entrance door attendants/counters at each of the weekend masses to oversee our compliance with safety directives. If you are interested, please call Parish Office, 91509665, Tuesday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm. Alternatively, fill up the form at the church foyer. Thank you.

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 **Sarsfield Circuit & Shaw Street**, praying for their needs and intentions."



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

2nd September 2020

8:00 pm RSVP: 1 September

Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey

Phone: 9150 6016

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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: Rosemary Theodoris, 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:

Peter King, Frederick King, Giorgio Casciola, Frida Katigbak, Victoria Rodriguez Laki, Ivan Bozic. Felicidad Cadiz, Maria Nguyen Thi Tu, Filomena Florival De Araujo, Peter McGlinchey, Dougie Harris, Arturo Iponla, Margolit Phillips, Dr Felix Merlino, Angelo Di Mateo, Josephina Parise, Souad Ziter, Ian Ravailion, Jean Rovali.

Anniversaries: John Ryan, Portia Mariano, Jack Maidment, Ram Reddy, David Pagnacio, Tony Bottaro, James McGrath, Tony Duff, Stephen Haris,, Rita Cole, Joseph Garcia, Frances Lee, Jean Taylor, Joseph McDonald, Esther Bye, Joseph Miletic, Alfred Cooke, Ellen Robinson, Harold Johstone, Felicity Garai, Tom Conwell, Samuel Watts, Fillippo Sollazzo, Joseph Cassar, Kevin O'Keefe, John Roche, Edna Redman, Letitia Carroll, Charlotte Sjostrom, Alan Heagney, Phyllis De Vilnits,

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions for Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Marietta Aquino, 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 22/23 August

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	K Doherty	R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	P Frederick	S Fisher
Acolyte:	Michelle	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	C Pighin	Youth
Commentator:	T Pighin	
Acolyte :	Anthony	Jeremy



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.