

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A) - 17 May 2020



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



REFLECTION

Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he will be physically present among them. He promises that the Father will send them the Holy Spirit, 'another Advocate', to be with them for ever. 'Advocate' is a legal term. An advocate is one who pleads our cause in court, who speaks on our behalf, who utters the words that we cannot, who stands beside us in very difficult situations.

As we give thanks for the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, we recognize that we in turn are called to be advocates for those people in our community who cannot speak for themselves. There are many organisations, often inspired by the Gospels, that are involved in advocacy-for refugees, for women and children being trafficked, for the mentally ill, the unborn and the aged who are unable to plead their own cause. And as St Peter reminds us in today's second reading, we are also called to be advocates for Christ by having an answer ready for people who ask us the reason for the hope we have. Let us remember that it is always the witness of our lives and our own personal stories, rather than complex theological doctrines, that attract people to 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 (introducing Step 1 of the relaxation of restrictions, new rules apply, please refer to next page)

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.

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

18 Mon Easter Weekday

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)

19 Tue Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)

20 Wed Easter Weekday

Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)

21 Thu Easter Weekday

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 (294)

22 Fri Easter Weekday

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 (295)

23 Sat Easter Weekend

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

24 SUN THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Solemnity

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 (58) Pss Prop

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

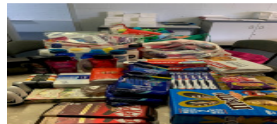
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Reference: Name & envelope number (if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction).

Dear parishioners,
Last week, we started a new section in our parish bulletin called **“Love in Action”**. Here’s one where our



parishioners had shown their love to stranded Seafarers. “For two weeks, we had put Notice in Bulletin seeking donations for stranded Seafarers trapped on ships coming into Sydney waters. Chaplain to the Seafarers, Sr Mary Leahy, said donations of shampoo, toothpaste, soap, body wash, deodorant, razors, knitted beanies and chocolates are desperately needed for the thousands of seamen currently stranded on ships on our waterfront due to the Coronavirus. The response from our **generous parishioners are overwhelming!** We have 12 bags full of items requested plus 2 gave cash donation. Thank you to all who poured out **love to care for the Seafarers’ needs.**”



COVID-19 remains present and highly infectious in the community. With the relaxation of isolation measures and the approach of winter, an increase in cases is expected. We are therefore encouraged to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advice. Following are the measures being implemented from Friday, 15 May 2020, in New South Wales:

1. Permission to reopen churches and to conduct religious gatherings comes with strict conditions; we must take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved. Whether for private prayer or for a formal gathering in a church, contact details of attendees will be recorded and spatial distancing and hygiene directions must be observed.
2. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church will be open for personal prayer from 9.00am to 1.00pm Tuesday to Saturday only for a maximum of 10 people. Spatial distancing and hygiene directions apply. Church entry will be via the side door.
3. **Sunday Mass** with resume for congregations of up to 10 attendees. Those wishing to attend will need to **contact the office and make a booking.**
4. **Confessions** will be from 9.30am-10.30am on Saturdays with a limit of 10 people in the church at once.
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. Live-streaming of liturgies will continue.
8. Fr George and myself will continue to celebrate daily Mass privately.
9. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
10. **For funerals** up to 20 mourners indoors or 30 mourners outdoors are permitted, in addition to celebrant and undertakers. A Requiem Mass can be foreshadowed after the COVID19 crisis has passed.
11. **Baptisms** may be celebrated with a limit of 10 attendees or they may be postponed until all the family can attend.
12. **Weddings** are permitted with up to ten people plus the couple, the celebrant and assisting ministers or they may be postponed until a fuller celebration is possible.

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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>

With my blessings in this holiest of seasons and a promise of my continuing prayers.”

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 Powell's 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, Warren Spinks.

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, Ray Mason, Anna Proietto, William Chaar, Esther Perez.

Anniversaries: Frances Bottaro, Nazzareno Vazzoler, Mary Fick, Charles Poulton, Brien McMahon, Maria & Antonio Pasquariello, Mary Rattray, Ruby Gibbs, Veronica Simpson, Jack Appleton, Patrick Evans, David Hutchens, Joseph Dimech, Dorothy McCready, Edwyn Givney, Giuseppe Carlino, Civita Parisella, Yeut Wah Leung Wong, Ronald Scott, Rolsa Arsi-Abiraad, Margaret Quilty, Pietro Mangogna, Salvatore Sgroi, Carmelo Nastari, Vittorio Cordi, Elizabeth Cooper, Thelma Brown.

Also For: Intentions of Pauline McMahon and Fidela Jasmin, deceased Winifred McCrennor, Catarina Vella, Muriel Lillian Knighton, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



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

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.

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/>