



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 18 August 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



REFLECTION

It is hard to imagine anyone who listened to Jesus' teaching remaining indifferent to it. Some of his hearers did accept the challenge and the cost of discipleship; but others we may be sure, supported Caiaphas's judgement: "It is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed" (Jn 11:50). Some were attracted by teaching, astounded by the fact that "he taught as one having authority, and not as their scribes" (Mt 7:28-29). Others, especially the religious leaders, denounced him when he presumed to challenge their cherished assumptions and the traditional law that they were pledged to interpret and uphold. Jesus experienced rejection in Nazareth even from his turmoil in the society of his day was willed by him, this was surely not his intention. It was simply a recognition on his part that such division would be an inevitable consequence of the demands he made on anyone who wished to follow him. Persecuted Christians today witness to the fact that this remains the case.

The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections



**OLF PARISH
 COMMUNITY
 BBQ**

**This Sunday,
 18th August, after 10am
 Mass.**

All welcome!!

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Assistant Priest: Fr George Sigamony

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifati: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Ana D Naduva, email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Youth Coordinator: TBA

Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

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

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WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out at the parish office.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School resumed 4 Aug for Term 3.

- Kindy & Primary to attend lessons.
- High school students to be helpers
- Parents & parishioners to join the Sunday Mass Reading Sharing Group.

All are to gather in the Clune Centre at 8:50am for 9:00am start. Parents are to pick up their children at 9:50am for 10:00am Mass.

Dates and topics for Term 3 are:

- 18 Aug –*The Twelve Apostles*
- 01 Sep –*Sermon on the Mount*
- 15 Sep –*Jesus heals the Paralysed Man*

We look forward to meet our old students and welcome new students. Enrolment forms are in the foyer of the Church. New students please complete and bring along on the first lesson.

We are also looking for additional teachers. Resources and materials are provided for use in the lessons. Anyone likes to join the Sunday School team, please contact Anita or send an email to Agnes.

Enquiry: Anita Sicari - 0403 183 151
Or agnes.man@optusnet.com.au

New English speaking RCIA class will be started on 23/8/19, meeting on every Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm. Cantonese speaking class already started on 10/7/19, meeting every Sunday from 10am to 11.30am. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or know anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Parish office or Leslie Phua ph 0430 383 684
Mary Leung ph 0414 533 011.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2019/2020

Please ensure that to take your envelope after mass. This will be the last weekend that they will be in the church foyer. Unclaimed envelopes this week will be returned to the Parish Office.

Tax receipts for Planned Giving, CWF, Project Compassion and Priest Retirement Fund up to 30 June 2019 will still be available for collection at the church foyer till end of August.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Thursday, 5 September 2019, 8:00 pm
RSVP: 5 August 2019
Coordinators: Tina and Tom Coorey,
ph 9150 6016; 0423 854 633



From the Archbishop

As you would know, the bill to legalise abortion up until birth, with very few safeguards for mothers or children, passed the Legislative Assembly. It now moves to an inquiry before a vote in the Upper House.

To that end, a petition is being organised to ask Upper House members to vote against the bill. A copy of the petition is at the church foyer.

I request that the petition be available for parishioners to sign at Masses over the next two weekends, and returned promptly to the Archdiocese and in any event, by no later than **Tuesday, 20 August 2019** so that petitions can be collated, counted and presented to the Legislative Council. Our Life, Family and Outreach team will be helping to co-ordinate volunteers to assist in parishes. If you have any enquiries, please contact Monica Doumit, Director of Public Affairs and Engagement, on 0417 102 103 or monica.doumit@sydneycatholic.org.

I ask you also to continue to pray that the bill will be defeated, and that a civilisation of life and love will prevail.

Join the peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.

DATE: Tuesday 20 August.

WHERE: Martin Place (Macquarie Street side)

TIME: 6pm until 9pm (including vigil outside NSW Parliament)



"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.

**Sunday, 18 August 2019: Twentieth Sunday
In Ordinary Time - Year C**

First Reading

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **(R.)**

2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**

3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**

4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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.

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.



Thank you for your generous donation to the first CWF Appeal for the financial year ending 30/06/2020. We banked \$3,685.60.

**Vocations Enquiry Day with Capuchin Friars
Saturday 24 August (2-7pm)**

Young men (18-35) are invited to come and hear about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. The Capuchins will host this opportunity to hear about our way of life, to pray, and have your questions answered. St Fiace's Parish Hall (top of the driveway at 98 Catherine Street, Leichhardt). Concludes with dinner. For those who would like, there will be the optional opportunity to then go out on the Friars' Van - which is a Capuchin ministry to the homeless in Sydney. To register, contact Fr Thomas: 0432 362 052 or vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au



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: Carina Garcia, Dorina Jasmin, Stephen Doyle, 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 Gucco, Terese Mitry, Christine Paull, Portia Mariano, 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:

Maria Buda, Lyn Cameron, Mary Umbers, Maria Portia Mariano, Teresa Ridolfi, Maria Tropea, Mato Puljic, Marcelo Pamintuan SR, Helen Foster, Pui Yu Cheung, Purita Rivera, Virginia and Zenaida Agbuya.

Anniversaries: Filippo Sollazzo, Saieda Mir, Tom & Shirley Ravaillion, Otelia Inso, Vivian Servan, Lamia & Khalil Mourched, Catarina Vella, Brian Carr, Michael Rodkiewicz, Silvano Pighin, Martin Johnson, George Trainor, Rhonda Barnes, Elizabeth Millet, Dot Ryan, Maria Di Franco, Steven Hujber, Alan White, Ted Boyc, John Ryan, James McGrath, Tony Duff, Stephen Haris, Ram Reddy, Rita Cole, Joseph Garcia, Frances Lee.

Also For: Simon Ghosen, Maria Aleixo, Nina Angeles Moncay, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele, Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, Kevin Quintal, Rustico and Florita Maglupay, Laurie Maguire, John Buckley, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Mary Fick and Family, Bartolo, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

24/25 August

| | 5:00pm | 8.30am |
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| Readers: | V & J Hoban | E Russo L Xuereb |
| Commentator: | K Doherty | N Ormerod |
| Acolyte | Anthony | Pak |
| Music: | Mary/Agnes | Grant |
| Holy Good Store: | M Burgess | |
| Warden: | | A Garcia |
| | 10:00am | 5:00pm |
| Readers | J Deacon S Graham | |
| Commentator: | L Lee | |
| Acolyte | Michael | Teresa |
| Music: | 10am Choir | Youth |
| Holy goods Stall: | | |
| Warden: | M Kane | |
| Cleaning Roster: | L Paglia & The Italian Group | |
| Counters: | V Tam, A Ho, V Au | |

Altar Servers:

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| Sat Vigil | : | A & E Hawkins, C & D Farag |
| Sun 8.30am | : | A & S Nacarella, P Warner |
| Sun 10.00am | : | A Lansdown, S & R Sicari, J Khouri |
| Sun 5.00pm | : | A Lam, A Greensmith, J Yazbeck |

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Enza Rugerio, 24 Robert Street, South Belmore. 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, 4th September. (Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM before mass)

PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Colvin Avenue and Colwell Street** praying for their needs and intentions.



Next Sunday's Readings:

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7; 11-13; Lk 13-22-30

