



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 19 January 2020

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)
(will resume 1st Thursday of February)
 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

There is a good chance that today many parish communities will sing one of the well known versions of Psalm 39, 'Here I am Lord', based on the ancient hymn of David. While we may sing this hymn enthusiastically, our reality is that we are usually not here in the present. Instead we carry burdens from the past and are troubled with anxiety about the future. Often, the one place we struggle to be is where we are and in the reality of present moment. This does not mean we should forget the pain from the past or ignore our anxiety about the future since emotion (pain, anxiety or other) can only exist in the present. While what has happened in the past has already happened, our present feelings of guilt, grief, hurt or pain about a past experience are an opportunity for us today to experience the healing of God in the present. In the same way anxiety about the future is a present feeling and can be healed by God in the present. The only moment God has with us now is the present reality of the circumstances of this day. Let our prayer from this present reality be simply, 'Jesus: Here I am...'

The God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections

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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: _____



Prayer for Rain

God, our Father, you created our earth to nourish us and give us life, and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us.

We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land, our starving animals and our failing produce. Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought and bush fires. In your loving providence, send us abundant rain where they are needed soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gives new life to all living things. Amen.

STAMP DONATIONS

In December, the sisters of St Joseph acknowledged the 2019 donation of stamps by Parishioners and friends. In part, Sr Helen Saunders wrote:

On behalf of St Mary MacKillop today, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. We've had another wonderful year, raising approximately \$65,000. A great effort from many, many people!

From 2001 till now, the total raised is \$378,000.

It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop today continues.

Sr Helen Saunders

For Sisters of St Joseph

Please read the full text of her note which is pinned up in the church foyer. Donation of stamps can always be placed into the marked box there. Thank you all for your generosity and continued support.

Visit Of The Relics Of St Therese Of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, and her parents, Louis and Zelig, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. Here is a list of some churches where you can take this opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith.

- Sat 1st Feb—St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Arrival: 4:30 pm; All night vigil
departure 4:00 pm, Sunday, 2nd Feb
- Sun 2nd Feb St Michael's Catholic Church
26 Margaret St, Belfield
Arrival: 5:00 pm; All night vigil
Departure: 7:00 am 3rd Feb
- Sat 14 Mar—St Joachim's Catholic Church
2 Mills St., Lidcombe
Arrival: 2:30 pm; All night vigil
Departure: 6:00 am 15 Mar

Other schedules are posted at the church foyer and entrance doors.



Congratulations to George and Antonia Arrage, our Parishioners for around 45 years, on their 50 years wedding anniversary and unforgettable moments of love and happiness together.



"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.

The Catholic Weekly

Want to know what is happening in the Catholic Church here in Sydney, around the country and abroad? Then visit <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au>

The website has daily updates of breaking news, features, commentary and video from Australia and the world. The Catholic Weekly online has built a proud reputation as a news-breaking brand that sets the agenda on Catholic discussion. It is also mobile compliant and can be read anywhere, anytime at your convenience.

Healing Mass every first Thursday of the Month at St. Joseph Camperdown

Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy, Healing Mass
Every first Thursday of the month at St. Joseph Church, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050. Time: 7pm - 8:45pm All are welcome.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020**

First Reading

Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. *I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)*

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel

Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

TOWARDS THE PROMISED LAND

There are a few copies left of Enza's book. You can get a signed copy from the Pious Goods Store (\$15) or directly from Enza. The book presents snippets of her faith journey which find parallels and reinforce every believer's journey of faith.

ATTENTION READERS – NEW ROSTER

The new roster will soon be drawn up. It will include the Easter period. If you have not already done so, please advise of any change in your circumstances or dates to be taken into consideration. Email: jenniferhoban@bigpond.com or phone 9502 4257. Thank you.

INVITATION: You are cordially invited to an OPEN NIGHT to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of *The Gregorian Schola of Sydney*. The evening will begin at 6.30pm on **Thursday, February 13, 2020** at St Bede's Church, 43 Pymont Rd, Pymont. The programme will include singing by the schola. Digital copies of medieval manuscript sources will be shown including those composed by St Hildegard of Bingen d.1179. Audience participation will be invited with QandA. Bookings are essential and recommended early. Email Stephens.harry@gmail.com. Entry by voluntary donation. Enquiries 0418 230 322.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoren, (Huntington 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), Ellen Quirk & 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); Noel Spinks, (Bupa Bexley Nursing 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: Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Fr Emmanuel Seo, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Margolit Phillips, Angelo Taranto, Emilia Scali, Tak Ying Lau, Antonietta Roberto, Lou and Jean Rovali, Ray Mason, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Arcadia Soriano, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafih, Alida Banks, Renae Corban, Betty Maguire, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Ben Xuereb, Christine Gale, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Ivan Bozic, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased: Colin Burns, Pietro Modellino, Eddie O'Shea, Pasquale Cordi, Danielle Linkson, Maria Rose Condello, Timoteo Lagang, Lidia Zidaric, Patsy Dunne, Fr John Flynn L.C., Ailso Beveridge, Shirley Patricia Thomas, Victor Borg, Phillip Zammit, Patricia Byrne, John Vella, Sr.

Anniversaries: Augusto/Cleofe Hizon, Benjamin Dizon, Eva Munla, Patricia Matthews, Pat/Herbert McDonough, Ces, Myrtle, Norris & Laurel Pretti, Juan Agbuya, Nancy Taylor, Paul Deacon, Ann Morrissey, Damon Cordi, John Flanagan, Bruce Cramley, Amy Kelso, Kenneth Cherry, Rosina Tarantolo, Edna Clune, Rita Earley, Ruth Field, Lorenzo Gianotta, Ronald Watson, Kevin Dale, Anthony Van Beers, Charlie Dix.

Also For: For special intentions of Stead, Hickey & Powell Families, Tony Chan, Therese, Jamie, Joe, Gina Ottallah family, Guisepe, Bartolo, Mary Ann Grace Tesoriero, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Filippo Sollazzo, Bob-Joe Natoli, Gaetano, Angelo, Vince Cusumano, Victoria, Domenico Natale Stomiolo, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele, Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Maramba Close, Margaret and Marina Streets** praying for their needs and intentions.



ROSTERS

25/26 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	B & J Deady	N & T Ormerod
Commentator:	M Millen	J Fern
Acolyte	Anthony	Leslie
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Grant
Holy Good Store:	M Burgess	
Warden:		P Hizon
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	R Lansdwon E Hong	Youth
Commentator:	M Giffreda	
Acolyte	Michael	Win/Giok
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:		
Warden:	J Deacon	
Cleaning Roster:	L Patterson, J Quinn	
Counters:	L & P Coleman, J Lumapac	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	C & D Farag, E Hawkins
Sun 8.30am	:	R & C Doan, J Shori
Sun 10.00am	:	J Kim, D Pighin, E, I & J Wu
Sun 5.00pm	:	M Chung, J Lui, N Ng, W Setiadji

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Josephine & Angelo Iannotti, 84 Morgan Street, Kingsgrove. 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, 5th February 2020.
(Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM before mass)

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Thursday, 6 February 2020 8:00 pm
RSVP: 3 February 2020
Imelda Dela Cruz Ph 0414 979 241
Myrna De La Pena Ph 0490 410 896



Next Sunday's Readings: Australia Day Mass:
Is 32:15-18; Rom 12:9-13; Lk 12:22-32

