

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C) - 19 May 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

A distinguishing mark of Jesus' disciples is their practice of love (Greek *agape*). Jesus gave this as a new commandment and badge at the Last Supper: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another' (Jn 13:34-35). Many things mark us as Christians and as Catholics: the sign of the cross, the Mass and other sacraments, our prayers and songs, our liturgical celebrations, our churches and places of worship—all inspired by Scripture and tradition. But at the heart of all of this and what holds all things together is the commandment of love: love of God and love of neighbour; love as Jesus loved us. Without love, all things fall apart.

The apostle Paul is emphatic: 'If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal...If I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do have love, I gain nothing; (1 Cor 13:1-3). Early Christians were slandered as haters of men, scum of the earth, even cannibals. The emperor Nero burned Rome and placed the blame on Christians, dressed them with animal skins, and fed them to the wild beasts in the arena. He burned them to light his imperial garden at night. Yet, pagans who come to know Christians were struck by them: 'See how they love one another!' When calamities and plagues struck a city, the pagans would flee for dear life, abandoning the sick and the dead. Christians, on the other hand, would remain and attend to the sick, and so saved those who would have easily died. They were not afraid to face death because of their believe in the risen Lord and their hope for the reward hereafter. Consequently, they not only survived but also converted many pagans to the faith. More than anything else, the practice of love led to the rapid spread of Christianity.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections

DEMPSEY AWARD—LES WALLWORTH

One of our long standing parishioners, Les Wallworth has been awarded the Dempsey Medal. The medal is awarded annually by the Archbishop of Sydney to members of the Catholic clergy and laity and primarily intended to recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution in the context of their local parish. Les has fulfilled the role of Parish Accountant/Treasurer for the greater part of the last 30 years. He has dedicated many days and hours to the financial support of the parish's operations and the needs of our priests, parish staff and ministries, while serving on the Parish Finance Committee, counting the Sunday collections and carrying monies to the bank for deposit. His commitment over so many years has been remarkable. Les and his wife Doreen recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. This award is a well deserved addition to that very special celebration. **Thank you Les and congratulations.**

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: Sue Lomi email: youth@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

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

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**FORMATION AND TRAINING COURSE FOR:
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the community in one or more of the following ways:

- distribution of the Eucharist at Mass
- taking Holy Communion to the sick/housebound
- conducting a Communion Service where a priest is unavailable for Mass

For those who are interested in this Ministry (and those wishing to attend the Acolytes Training Course), a two-night training course will be held:

When: Wednesday 5th & 12 June, 2019

Time: 7-9pm

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
89 Shaw Street
Kingsgrove. NSW. 2208

(Please note: both sessions are to be attended to receive certificate)

Required documentation for registration:

- Completed registration form (available from the church foyer and Parish Office)
- Endorsement by the Parish Priest
- Copy of your Baptismal Certificate

Enquiries: Liturgy Office 9307 8366 or Fr Casey

This course would also be an opportunity for current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes to renew their understanding of their ministry, as well as to support and mentor those undertaking training.



**Theatre Parties
Organised by the Women's
Social Support Group**

CHICAGO

CHICAGO Theatre Party has been booked for Wednesday 28 August 2019 at 1pm. It will be at the Capitol Theatre, Haymarket, Sydney. Cost: \$69.90 per ticket.

Tickets must be paid for by Friday 21st June 2019.

If you wish to go to either this Theatre Party please contact Veronica on 0412 216 166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our Organised Theatre Parties, including friends, husbands, relatives etc. Our special theatre party prices are for adults only.

From the Youth Coordinator- Sue Lomi

In this month of our Lady, I have been thinking much about how the association of spring (at least in the northern hemisphere lol) blossoming flowers, warm sunny days, new beginnings etc are a perfect representation and dedication to the 'New Eve'. I often think of the parallels found between our Lady and a simple rose, there's so many layers of likeness, metaphors and symbolism that we could divulge but I wanted to look at one image: the thorns of a rose. If we think of a fully blossomed rose in all its splendour; Its sweet fragrance; Its vibrant colour, it's easy to be overtaken by its beauty and brilliance that we ignore its thorns. The thorns of a rose are sharp and harsh in contrast to the delicate nature of a rose petal or the delightful fragrance it gives off which is why I have always thought of the thorns of a rose being a metaphor for our Lady's constant FIAT (yes). These thorns like our Lady's FIAT were always overlooked, but why? Suffering, trials, difficulties and pain are not attractive, they are also not what today's youth value because of the inconvenience, discomfort and unease it causes. Our Lady's FIAT was always strewn with thorns; The Prophecy of Simeon; The flight into Egypt; When the child Jesus was lost in the Temple; When she met her Son on the way as He carried His cross; When her Son's side was pierced with and lance and when her Son was laid in a tomb. At ever turn our Lady's FIAT gave rise to the sweet fragrance of our Lord's victory. Can we recognise and give thanks for the overlooked thorns in our own lives?

**Christ our Light Sunday
School**

Sunday School had resumed last 5 May for Term 2.

- 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.

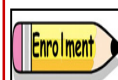
Dates and topics for Term 2 are:

19 May – *Elijah Prays* 02 Jun – *Daniel & the lion*

16 Jun – *Jonah & the whale*

We look forward to meet our old students and welcome new students. Enrolment forms are in the foyer of the Church. Please complete and bring along on the first lesson. Enquiry: Anita Sicari - 0403 183 151

Or marggphil@yahoo.com.au



**Enrolments for OLF
Kindergarten 2020**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 opened Friday 8 March. If you have a child wishing to attend Kindergarten in 2020, please collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Enrolments for } Kindergarten 2020 will close May 31 2019.

Sunday, 19 May 2019: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and [Barnabas](#) went back through [Lystra](#) and [Iconium](#) to [Antioch](#). They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through [Pisidia](#) and reached [Pamphylia](#). Then after proclaiming the word at [Perga](#) they went down to [Attalia](#) and from there sailed for [Antioch](#), where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, band your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new [Jerusalem](#), coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,

God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,



"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 attend a Safeguarding Workshop, to be held in the Clune Centre on Sunday 23rd June at 3 pm. Alternately, volunteers can 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.

PRAYERS for our Parish:

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





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 Lozzaro (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).

Parishioners who are Sick: Norman & Caterina Ancona. 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, Portia Mariano, Grace Padlan, Ramon Syquia, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Zon Gueco, Terese Mitry, Ben Xuereb, Emma Hogan, 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, Anna Fiamingo, Samar Munoz, Paul Moras, Mauro Aguilar, George Mir.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased: Ron Hoban, Anna Khattar, Chu Yan Yeung Lo, Agnes Sngay, Rev Fr Leo Baker, Paula Giulac, Anne Marie Denny, Christopher Cassaniti, Nadim Nehme, Irene Silva, Elizabeth Coluccio, Elia Coluccio, David Wastie, Gerry Bongabong, Fr. Joel Victorino, Stephanie So, Ric Manabat, Guadalupe Cabacungang, Fr John Pearce.

Anniversaries: Mary Fick, Maria Lumapac, Maria Pennisi, Salvatore Sgroi, James Cregan, Thomas Traynor, Nancy Fazzari, Sylvia Stephens, Frederick Hollmen, Nancy Howard, Maria Sollazzo, Francis Butler, Vito Scardino, Ethel Tangye, Charles Poulton, Mary Rattray, Ruby Gibbs, Veronica Simpson, Jack Appleton, Patrick Evans, David Hutchens, Joseph Dimech.

Also For: Jamel Khouri & Family, Haia Khour & Family, Bob & Joe Natoli, Michael & Pipiana Ibasco, Hizon & Consunji Family, Mary Fick and Family, Filippo & Annunziata Di Paola, Michele Raffaele, Maria Aleixo, Irene Silva, Giuseppe, Bartolo, Mariana Tesoriero; Angelo, Vincenzo, Annunziata, Tilla Cusumano; Domenico, Vittoria, Natale Storniolo, Laurie McGuire and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

25/26 May

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	V & J Hoban	V & J Dick
Commentator:	K Doherty	E Russo
Acolyte	Thomas	Jeremy
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Grant
Holy Good Store:	M Burgess	
Warden:		P Hizon, L Coleman

	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	R & K Lansdown	
Commentator:	K Ryan	
Acolyte	Wilson	Teresa
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:		
Warden:	J Deacon	
Cleaning Roster:	F & G Cassar, M Lorzanto	
Counters:	S Mai, A Lui, L Zhong	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	L Kasses, M Kely J Lui, M Chung
Sun 8.30am	:	R & C Doan, K Loho
Sun 10.00am	:	D Pighin, J Kim, S & H Tandaovong, E Wu
Sun 5.00pm	:	J & J Ung, N Ng

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Josette & George Sukkar, 32 Coveney Street, Bexley North. 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, 5 June. (Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM, before mass)

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 5 June 2019, 8:00 pm
RSVP 3 June
Coordinator Contact :
Tina & Tom Coorey
Ph: 0423 854 633



Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc: 21:10-14.22-23;
Jn 14:23-29

