

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 20 September 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

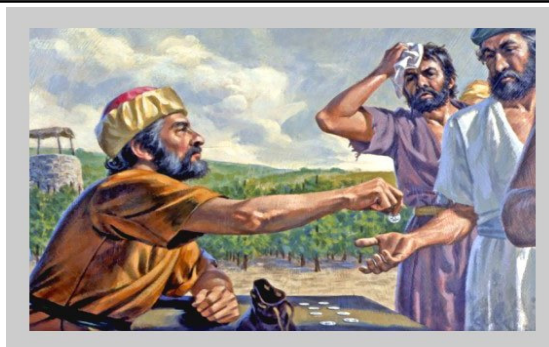
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9.15am
Friday: 12noon
Saturday: 9.15am & Vigil
5.00pm
Sunday: 8:30am 10am
& 5.00pm

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

Today's responsorial psalm contains Israel's oldest theological assertion about God - 'The Lord is kind, full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love, good and compassionate to all'. From the time of exodus from Egypt (Exodus 34:6-7), this was to be the Israelites' experience of God.

Today's liturgy puts to us a question that, at first sight, is quite surprising: Are we happy that God is good and compassionate to all?

Certainly, we are pleased that God is merciful towards ourselves. But how do we feel when we observe the mercy of God towards others, especially those we feel are less deserving of God's love? Are we like the workers in the vineyard mentioned in today's Gospel parable who have worked all day and feel resentful that the owner is so generous to the latecomers? Perhaps we feel that God is more generous to others than to us.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that such thoughts are evil and should be abandoned. Though God's ways are often beyond our comprehension, we can be sure that the kindness of God flows also to us without measure or limit. Rather than be resentful, let us rejoice with all creation in God whose mercy and compassion far surpass any of our limited notions of fairness and justice.

God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections

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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 150 people.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, I am 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.

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

September

21 Mon

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Feast

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643) Pss Prop

22 Tue

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 (450)

23 Wed

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Memorial

Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)

24 Thu

Ecc 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 (452)

25 Fri

Ecc 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 (453)

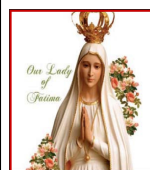
26 Sat

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Ecc 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)

27 SUN TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 (136) Pss II



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

Celebrating Father Casey's 25 years of ordination to the priesthood

Dear parishioners,
Wednesday, the 30th of September 2020 will mark the 25th anniversary since my priestly ordination. It is with great joy that I would like to invite you to share in my happiness as I celebrate this great gift of the priesthood that God has bestowed upon me. It will also be an occasion for us to welcome the Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP who will be visiting our parish for the first time and joining in the celebration of the Eucharist. Much as it would be my absolute pleasure to celebrate with the whole Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove community, current circumstances do not permit that to happen. Regrettably, with the need to abide by Coronavirus restrictions, we are bound to a limit of 100 attendees and the observance of social distancing.

The celebratory Mass is due to take place at **10am on Wednesday, 30th September**. If you wish to attend, please register by calling the parish office during office hours to book your place. It is also advisable to arrive early, about 9.30am, so as to all be ready to begin by 10am. 9.15am Mass will be cancelled for that day.

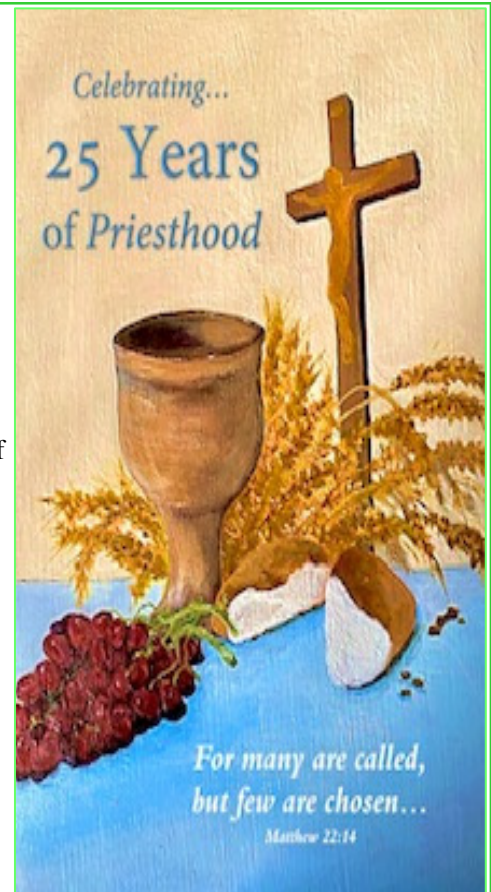
I understand that there may be more people wishing to attend than we can accommodate, therefore we will try to live stream the Mass if possible. However, this is yet to be confirmed.

Following Mass, light refreshments will be served.

Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Parish Priest

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church



Patriarch Bartholomew has spoken in particular of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet, for "inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage", we are called to acknowledge "our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation ... For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins". For "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God". Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

CARING FOR CREATION

For safe, responsible disposal of the following: solvents, cleaners, batteries, acids, florescent tubes and globes, paint, smoke detectors, pesticides etc.

**Chemical CleanOut Sunday 20 Sept
Mortdale Depot (entry Depot Road)
9.00-3.30pm**

Further details www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 7th October 2020

8:00 pm RSVP: 5 October

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai

Phone: 0410 583 808



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 **Thorpe Road & Todd Street** praying for their needs and intentions."



A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it; that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to recognise we are profoundly united with each creature. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. **Amen.**

Pope Francis in Laudato Si' (adapted)



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 (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).

Parishioners who are Sick: Marilyn Ann Hurwitz, Bon Lambino, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, John Foxe, Robert Powell (John Powell's brother), Angelo Taranto, James Crillo, 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.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Eliza Ferreira Yorbe, Christian E. Sapatua, Ida Bova, Reena Ayuyao Hubilla, Christian Sapatua, Paul Choueifati, Leslie Leong, Kalliope Enriquez, Linda Solari, Carmela Bruno, Candida Rossetti, (Teresa) Sim Lung Wong, Giorgio Casciola, Rolando Loreto.

Anniversaries: Jesus Cadiz, Pedro Inso, Constantino Arquilla, Aimee Carroll, Doreen Dewick, Paul White, Salvatore Formica, John Tormey, Giovannina Cusamano, David Lecki, Robert Alexander, Juana Hilario, Violet Madden, Madge O'Brien, Bernard Haymen, Sara Salter, Angelina Cardenzana, Vincent Connell, Helen Cranston, Raoul Zini, Mavis Maxwell, Len Hoven, Jack O'Connor, Wing-Lau Leung, Mimi Lo Curzio, Cecilia Zacaropolous, Alma Hudson, Violet Bolster, Frank Schneijderberg, Reginald Beaven, Robert Wilson, Patricia Mitchell.

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Amedeo, Maria & Pietro Modellino, Anna & Michael Silvestre; deceased Peter Khoury, Ibrahim Mityr, Maria & Vince Camuglia, Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Lesley Campbell, Mike Kelly, Ottavio Di Benedetto, prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 26/27 September

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| | 5:00pm | 8.30am |
| Reader: | T Abela-King | J M Touma |
| Commentator: | N Kevic | P Lee |
| Acolyte: | Michelle | Jeremy |
| | 10:00am | 5:00pm |
| Reader: | S Coorey | Youth |
| Commentator: | S Sicari | |
| Acolyte: | Michael | Tom |



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 safeguardingequiies@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.