



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 24 January 2021

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, stricter restrictions apply on all masses. From 3 January 2021, our church can have 100 people with 4-square-metre rule.



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, 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:00pm no booking for 100 people but needs to register on entry on main church door; same with weekday masses. No booking for all these masses

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

A fisherman's life demands hard work and strength of character; it requires courage, firmness, and patience. It comes as no surprise, then, that Jesus should call strong, brave, and highly spirited fisherman of the Sea of Galilee for the work of being 'fishers of men'. Both fisherman and 'fishers of men' must work in teams. Fishing with a dragnet requires the concerted efforts of a crew of one boat or even two boats. Likewise, Jesus' followers must learn how to work together so they are sent on mission in pairs. (Luke 10:1).

Both fishing and preaching the word of God entail patience and perseverance. The ordinary fisherman cannot determine where the fish are and when they will come near. Preachers cannot afford to give up either. They must believe that success will come in God's time. The fisherman must have courage to go out into the sea despite the threat of a storm that is always there. The preacher must contend with persecution, cynicism, and skepticism: the apostles will die for the faith they proclaim.

Today is *Sunday of the Word of God*. According to Pope Francis, it is 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.' The Holy Father suggests that 'a day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.'

The community of God's people is called to venture into the deep to proclaim God's Word and catch people for the Kingdom.

God's Word 2021 Daily Reflections



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Dear parishioners,

There are no changes yet to the stricter restrictions that took effect from Sunday, 3rd January.

We have to continue to be careful and take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. **We are again back to 4 square metre rule with 100 people in the church.**

Indicators are in each pew for the limit of number of people to sit unless from same household. Dot markers are placed where people should sit. **No booking required on all masses but on a first come, first serve basis.**

It is always a requirement that attendees should register before entering the church. It is compulsory that registration now is through scanning the Service NSW QR code using smartphones with Service NSW App. For those with no smart mobile phones please write your 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 made the wearing of face masks mandatory in closed-in places, including places of worship. THIS IS NOW COMPULSORY, \$200 fine imposed for not wearing. Congregation singing is now cancelled until further notice. 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 will be wearing mask during and after mass as required by the Archdiocese. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection and compliance.

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 9:15 am** morning Mass is followed by **Confession until 10.30am. No booking required.**

4. **Weekend Mass, regular schedule resumed, maximum of 100 people. All weekend mass - no Booking required**
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
10:00am
5:00pm

Please come early when attending mass for registration and to secure your seats. Until further notice, we are allowed **100 people inside the church on a first come, first, serve basis. Clune Centre will be open with speakers for attendees over 100.**

5. **In our 20 December bulletin, we had stated that Dispensation had been lifted but with the current situation of more cases of Coronavirus going around, dispensation is again back until further notice. All Catholics but priests will be dispensed from Sunday and Holy day obligations. Those unable to attend mass are encouraged to do Prayers at**

home, reading scriptures or watching live streamed mass on TV and asking God for graces normally received at Holy Communion.

6. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
7. For **funerals** up to 100 people with 4-square metre rule.
8. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with 100 attendees subject to 4-square-metre rule.
9. **Weddings** - can be celebrated with 100 guests inside our church. Other venues, 100 people.

All of these notices might change depending on the Covid 19 situation.

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, thanksgiving 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

Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
Parish Priest

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

January 2021

25 Mon

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Feast

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519) Pss Prop

26 Tue Australia Day

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Memorial

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 3:31-35 (318)

27 Wed

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20 (319)

28 Thu

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25 (320)

29 Fri

Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34 (321)

30 Sat

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41 (322)

31 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 (71) Pss IV

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

None in January 2021; next is

Thursday, 4 February 2021

7:00 pm RSVP: 2 February 2021

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz,
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ph 0490 410 896



Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, 24 January 2021

First Reading

[Jon 3:1-5. 10](#)

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4](#)

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Cor 7:29-31](#)

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mk 1:15](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 1:14-20](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark *Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, READERS

Please advise if you are ready to rejoin the roster.
The current roster runs out on 13/14 Feb. Thank you.

Thinking About Priesthood?

A Seminary Open Day will be held on Sunday 14 February 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9am and a public Mass at 10:00 AM. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

For registration or more information visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org.

OLF PARISH CALENDARS 2021 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

We need volunteers to be rostered as main entrance door attendants/counters at each of the weekend masses to oversee our compliance with safety directives. If you are interested, please call Parish Office, 9150 9665, Tuesday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm.

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 **Colvin Avenue & Colwell Street** praying for their needs and intentions."





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoran, 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 (Southhaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), 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); Anthony (Tony) Redford (Pathways Cronulla Pines), Victa Hanzel (RFBI Lakemba Masonic Village).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick: Danilo Feliciano, Ramon & Caridad Hizon, Kevin Ryan, John & Maureen Dowd, Elisa De Guzman, Nelly Vanzyl, Rosa Alaso, Rhose Cunningham, David Burrell, Joanne Dick, Caterina Ancona, Joe Millen, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Carol Braga, Betty Maguire, Michael & Eileen Neville, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, Angelo Taranto, James Crlto, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Antonietta Roberto, Lou Rovali, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Ben & Lena Xuereb, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased: Miguel Ventosa, Monina Feliciano, John Foxe, Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Warlito Del Pilar, Carolina Augusta Braga, Monica Cherry, Govind Reddy, Rosemary Cooley, John Fisher, Bishop Geoff Robinson, Joel Tonel, Michael Guerra, Raffy Hizon, Abba Nader, Wilson Villamala, Kerry Single, Robert Powell, Fernande Cantrell, Edmund Pew.

Anniversaries: Chiara D Francesco, Nancy Taylor, Sr Mary Evangeline Lowe, Angela Mitchell (Mansfield), Fr John McSweeney, Mother M. Loretto Cleary o.s.u, Mrs M.K. Lie, Catherine Buckley, Herbert Manning, Hercules Malesci, May Harris, Gertrude Eivers, Gladys Greene, Giuseppe Tesoriero, Andrew Popplewell, John Stanley, Giuseppe Vilgianti, Raymond Sharpe, Thelma Bergerson, Fiorini Protasi, Ofelia Sadio, Gregory Henderson, Kevin Alting, Wayne Sweeney, Bik Sam Chan.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Jason Jasmin; Gener-Jasmin family, Hizon-Consunji family and friends, Powell, Stead & Hicky families; deceased Arcadia Soriano, Estefania Gundayao, Juan Agbuya, John Ringo Little, Paul & Reymond Coorie, Yvette Basha, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 30/31 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	P Frederick	R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	S Camporeale	P Lee
Acolyte:	Michelle/Alyssa	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	C Pighin	Youth
Commentator:	T Pighin	
Acolyte :	Tom	Michael



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 safeguardingequities@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.