



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

The Ascension of the Lord (Year A) - 24 May 2020



Complying with the NSW Government and Health Regulations, Masses resumed and church opened with restrictions and church directives.



REFLECTION

For forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, sometimes to one person, sometimes to a small group and on one occasion to more than 500 people, as St Paul reports. Then after about forty days these appearances ceased and the disciples realised that he had returned to the Father having completed his mission on earth. He had ascended into heaven.

Jesus' return to the Father does not however mean that he is no longer with us. St Matthew wrote his Gospel to reassure Christians that Jesus is still with us. At the very beginning of his Gospel, the angel tells Joseph that the child will be called Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. And in the very last words of his Gospel, which we hear today, Jesus says, "And know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time." And in the middle of the Gospel Jesus says, "when two or three come together in my name, I am there with you" (Mt 18:20).

While Christ is with us in spirit, we are now the hands and feet and heart of Christ in our world. It is we must go out and proclaim Christ to the ends of the earth. It is through us that people will meet the risen Christ.

God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections



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

The Australian Bishops entrust Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title Our Lady Help of Christians, seeking her intercession for the safety of all our people especially in this time of COVID-19 pandemic. "Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on 24 May, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. The entrustment of Australia to Mary Help of Christians will take place this Sunday, 24th May.

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Dear parishioners,

COVID-19 remains present and highly infectious in the community. With the relaxation of isolation measures and the approach of winter, an increase in cases is expected. We are therefore encouraged to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advice.

As with all churches, we are abiding by government regulations in order to facilitate a safe transition back from Covid-19 restrictions. The following timetable will therefore apply until we are able to further review what can safely and reasonably be allowed.

1. Last week, Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church was opened for personal prayer from 9.00am to 1.00pm Tuesday to Saturday only for a maximum of 10 people. Spatial distancing and hygiene directions apply. Church entry will be via the side door. It is a requirement by Archdiocese that attendees should put their name, telephone or email and postal address in the sheet provided upon church entry.

2. Daily Mass Tuesday- Saturday 9.15am
Saturday morning Mass will be followed by **confession** until 10.30am.

Please telephone 9150 9665 during office hours (Tuesday-Friday) to register your intention to attend. The secretary will confirm whether there is a place available as bookings will close once the limit of 10 attendees has been reached. The names of those registered for each Mass will be posted on the church doors.

On Fridays following the 9.15am Mass there will be **Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**.

3. Sunday Mass

10.00am Mass will continue to be live streamed: <https://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au> and click on **YouTube or Facebook link. Please join us.**

This will be followed by **another Mass at 11.30am**. This mass will not be live streamed.

The same booking system applies, so please call to register your intention to attend. Please note that we will try to provide those wishing to attend with an opportunity to do so with fairness and equity. Given that only ten people are allowed per Mass it may not be possible to attend on a repeated basis yet. We suggest that if you wish to attend Sunday Mass you register by the preceding Friday. We look forward to the day when all will be able to attend Mass as we were prior to the Covid-19 crisis.

4. All Catholics continue to be dispensed from Sunday obligations.

5. At-risk parishioners (elderly, the sick and those with compromised immune and respiratory systems) should still not attend.

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 20 mourners indoors or 30 mourners outdoors are permitted, in addition to celebrant and undertakers. A Requiem Mass can be foreshadowed after the COVID19 crisis has passed.

8. Baptisms may be celebrated with a limit of 10 attendees or they may be postponed until all the family can attend.

9. Weddings are permitted with up to ten people plus the couple, the celebrant and assisting ministers or they may be postponed until a fuller celebration is possible.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, Father Casey and Father George are 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.

Also, in order to further that connection, we would very much like you to send us a photo of yourself or your family. An A4 printout would be ideal as these will then be stuck onto the seats to create a virtual congregation. You may bring these to the office or slide them under the door of the meeting room next to 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

25 Mon Easter Weekday

Our Lady Help of Christians

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

26 Tue Easter Weekday

Saint Philip Neri, Priest Memorial

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)

27 Wed Easter Weekday

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

28 Thu Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

29 Fri Easter Weekday

Saint Paul VI, Pope

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

30 Sat Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

31 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY

Solemnity

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62)

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (63)

Pss Prop

On our 3rd of May Bulletin, we started a new section in our parish bulletin called

“Love in Action”. Here’s a story

of Judy Fleming, our active parishioner and volunteer, who showed her love for her neighbour and made her happy.

“For the past 3 months my dear 94 year old next door neighbour, Betty, has not left her home except to walk in her garden. Her family were unable to visit but her wonderful niece and nephew and their family were there to help out with whatever she needed. During this 3 month period she celebrated her 94th birthday Unfortunately due to her isolation, she was unable to celebrate with her family. However her niece and nephew organised a hook-up with her family and stood out on the front lawn with their mobiles and she was able to talk with and see her family. My daughter, my grandchildren and myself also stood out on the front lawn armed with a small birthday cake and a battery operated candle and sang happy birthday to our dear neighbour Betty. These 2 surprises were wonderfully received and she was very happy. Last Thursday I was able to take her to the hairdressers for the first time in 3 months. It was the first time she was outside her home. She wore a mask and we took all the right precautions travelling to the hairdresser. She came out on top of the world. It also gave me a great deal of pleasure to see her so happy. I thank God for giving me this chance to help out my friend and neighbour Betty. God bless her and all our parishioners.”

Judy Fleming



Prayers from Our Parish to the World

In this time of isolation, when we are deprived of the Mass and Sacraments, we do not fear because we trust in Our

God. We are still the Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove Community. As a caring community, we reach out to each other in love and prayers, to our brothers and sisters living in our Parish, the City of Sydney, Australia, and the whole world, Bless and protect us all, guide our leaders, and guide our doctors and scientists in developing a vaccine.

Exploring the Seasons of Grief

The Grief Care team from Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria is conducting Zoom seminars on Understanding Change, Loss and Grief. Grief doesn't just occur as a result of a death. Many changes can lead to grief. Many people are experiencing grief due to the changes caused by COVID-19 restrictions. We explore:

How change, loss, grief and behaviour might interact.

The effects of grief on our bodies, minds, and emotions.

How to take care of ourselves and others in grief.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Leonie Duck:

Email: Leoned@catholiccemeteries.com.au: 0412 497843.



We offer care, empathy and compassion to nurture all to live their grief.



PARISH DONATIONS Thank you in advance for your continued financial support of the parish either by the planned giving envelopes or by credit card. Your contributions will enable us to keep the parish running. We don't want to pressure you and understand current circumstances but if you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated.

We now have the facility for credit card donation through our website: www.olfkingsgrove.org.au. Please Click on **SUPPORT US on the top right of screen, then Donate, and Click here to donate to Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove**. There is a drop down arrow to select biller code for the type of donation you wish to give, either Planned Giving, First Collection, Second Collection, etc., then follow the next steps.

Alternatively, for your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below are our bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784
Account Number: 5025001
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove

Reference: Name & envelope number (if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction).

Virtual Pentecost Pilgrimage

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual free pilgrimage which began on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks.

The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost while public Masses are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world.

To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to www.pentecostpilgrimage.com and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.



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), (Huntingdon Gardens).

Parishioners who are Sick: Robert Powell (John Powell's brother), James Crito, Bambina Canosa, Jun Letran, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Margolit Phillips, 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, Linna Mitchell, Warren Spinks.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Brian McMahon, Ian Ravaillon, Ivan Bozic, Jean Rovali, Apolonia Gener, Dr Antonio Lahoz, Catalino Mata, Juju Dizon, Ellen Quirk, Laraine Lay, Ray Mason, Anna Proietto.

Anniversaries: Pat Mann, Eileen Oglivie, Francis Scanlon, Agnes Monaghan, Ignacy Tymkin, Millie Simon, Catherine Twyford, Fr Peter Guiren, Amelia Swain, Carol Leydon, Genevieve Morrissey, Cecile Wren, Mary Fick, Maria Pennisi, Augustino Palamana, Jean Collins, Eileen Charlier, Luigi Robertson Winifred Weir, Alice Hamsy, Luc Bertules, John Brightman, John Taylor, Margaret Jones, Frances Bottaro, Nazzareno Vazzoler, Maria & Antonio Pasquariello.

Also For: Intentions of Pauline McMahon and Fidela Jasmin, deceased Winifred McCrennor, Catarina Vella, Muriel Lillian Knighton, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



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 epidemic. 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!"

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

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.

Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage here- <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>