



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C) - 26 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)



REFLECTION

Part of Jesus' Last Farewell is the assurance that he will not leave the disciples 'orphans'. Hence, he tells them not be troubled or afraid. The *parakletos* is coming, sent by the Father in his name. The New American Bible, the New Revised Standard Version, and the Jerusalem Bible consistently use 'Advocate' to translate this Greek word. Other translations render it as 'Paraclete.'

In earlier Greek, *parakletos* signified one called in to be a person's defense, a helper in court, one who pleads the cause of another. During the time of Jesus, the Jews-largely ignorant of the Roman law and language-usually employed Roman 'advocates' in their trials before the Roman courts.

By referring to the Holy Spirit as 'Advocate', Jesus describes what is the work and the office of the Holy Spirit. Aside from being the Spirit of gifts and empowerment sent from the Father to continue the mission of Jesus, this Spirit is Counsellor, Helper, Comforter, and Intercessor. He will teach us (cf Jn 14:26) to testify about Jesus (cf Jn 15:26). On the other hand, by the Johannine reference to Jesus as 'Advocate', we are made to realise that though physically unseen by us, Jesus will continue to mediate for us in the glory of the Father. Hence, the believers draw comfort from the fact that Jesus is now with the Father. They will have the gift of peace because they have divine comforters, guides, and intercessors from their two 'Advocates'.

Wounded, battered and tempted, we may find life to be a 'trial'. But with the divine 'Comforters'-the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit-by our side, we shall not be afraid. For if God is with us, who can be against us? *God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections*

DEMPSEY AWARD –MARGARET MCCAFFERTY

Margaret deeply involved herself in the Church community. She worked voluntarily for Monsignor Cronin to keep accurate accounting records for the Parish.

Margaret is a very active and involved member of the Catholic Women's League-concerned with the social and moral issues affecting family life in today's society. The Kingsgrove CWL receives reports on current issues-trafficking of women and children, refugees, poverty in Australia, youth unemployment, violence and asylum seekers. Members of the Kingsgrove branch actively work to support groups working on Justice issues.

Margaret supports fundraising initiatives for the project of the year-these included support for St Vincent de Paul Society (local Group), children's mission, St Anthony's Family Care, Canna Community, and the Ursuline projects of building wells in Sudan to increase women's safety and roads in Cambodia to allow children's access to school during the wet season.

In 1995 Margaret volunteered to work for the Josephite Sisters in North Sydney. She conducts tours of the McKillop Museum each Monday. She relates well with adults, seniors, students and members of Religious Orders who visit the Museum. She is generous with her time and if a guide is ill or absent she is ready to give added help.

Margaret is a quiet self-effacing worker. She draws no attention to herself. The Dempsey Medal would be a fitting acknowledgement of her unique contribution to the Parish and Church community.

Fr Casey and the parish community congratulate Margaret on her reception of this award.

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Assistant Priest: Fr George Sigamony

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifat: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Ana D Naduva, email: ofsacramentalcoordinator@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.

Seeking new helpers for Baptism Preparation evenings. If you think you could give 1 hour of your time, 3 or 4 times a year, to assist with baptism preparation, please contact Tina Coorey on phone 0423 854 633.



**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.

**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:

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

MOVIE AFTERNOON

2 June (Sunday) starting at 1:30pm

“FIRE PROOF” is an entertaining and challenging reminder of what it takes to win in marriage!

This film will be showing in McGinley Room (the upper room) in the Clune Centre. Language is English. Duration is 2 hours.

Coffee, tea and snack provided. Free admission, all are welcome. We specially invite couples to this Movie.

Mass Collection-Reminder

Please keep in mind that the First Collection is used to support the Clergy in the Parish and beyond. The Second Collection is for the maintenance of our Parish and to meet other regular financial commitments. Your support to the Second Collection is appreciated.

Counselling available with no waitlist

Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence. **Call CCareline on 13 18 19** to find out more or email:

connect@catholiccare.org



PRAYERS for our Parish:

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

Sunday, 26 May 2019: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and [Barnabas](#) had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and [Barnabas](#) and others of the church should go up to [Jerusalem](#) and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to [Antioch](#) with Paul and [Barnabas](#); the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as [Barsabbas](#) and [Silas](#), both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in [Antioch](#), [Syria](#) and [Cilicia](#). We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with [Barnabas](#) and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and [Silas](#), who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me [Jerusalem](#), the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of [Israel](#); on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of the one of

the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.



"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.



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, 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, Nazzareno Vazzoler, Felino Katigbak, Anna Khatrar, 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, Ric Manabat, Grace Padlan, Ponciano Santiago.

Anniversaries: Pat Mann, Pat Haavisto, Nicholas Enriquez, Dorothy McCready, Edwin Givney, Giuseppe Carlino, Civita Parisella, Yuet Wah Leung Wong, Ronald Scott, Margaret Quilty, Pietro Mangogna, Salvatore Sgroi, Carmel Nastasi, Vittorio Cordi, Elizabeth Cooper, Thelma Brown.

Also For: Muriel Lillian Knighton, 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

1/2 June

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	M Millen P Lee	M McCafferty M Nigem
Commentator:	J Hoban	J Dick
Acolyte	Win	Pak
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Grant
Holy Good Store:		
Warden:		D Fisher

	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	T & S Coorey	
Commentator:	S Sicari	
Acolyte	Michelle	Kelvin
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	G Macri	
Warden:	J Valix	
Cleaning Roster:	A Xuereb, K Widjojo, M Setiawan, S Sunarto	
Counters:	V Tam, A Ho, V Au	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	A & E Hawkins, C & D Farag
Sun 8.30am	:	A Larsen, I Nehme, A Youd, Y Esteban
Sun 10.00am	:	A Lansdown, C Coorey, R Sicari, J Khouri
Sun 5.00pm	:	A Lam, A Greensmith, J Yazbeck

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Anita & Ernesto Dalag, 134 Wollie 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, 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 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

