

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 27 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

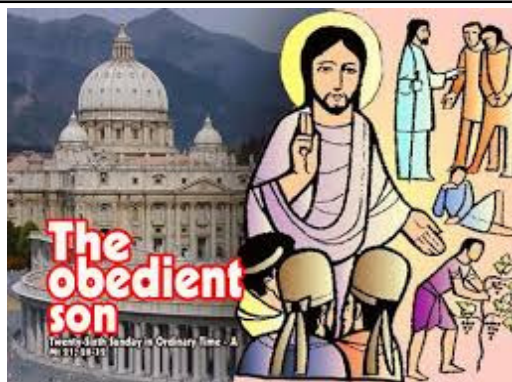
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9.15am
Friday: 12noon
Saturday: 9.15am & Vigil
 5.00pm
Sunday: 8:30am 10am
 & 5.00pm

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

One of the saddest statements we sometimes hear is that ' people cannot change '. " Can a leopard change its spots? " Some people ask derisively.

The Judeo-Christian tradition has always firmly rejected such deterministic views of the human person. Our Scriptures constantly affirm that it is possible for the wicked to renounce their evil ways and live. It is possible for a rebellious son to have a change of heart and do what his father asks of him, as Jesus notes in today ' s Gospel.

For this change to happen, two things are required. Firstly, the individual must recognise and accept that there is something in his or her life that needs to be changed. The efforts of others to help will be of no avail until the individual acknowledges that he or she has a problem, or has done wrong, and needs help. The author of today ' s responsorial psalm acknowledges that he is a sinner. He admits the sins of his youth.

Secondly, and most importantly, the grace of God is needed for positive change to happen. People battling with addictions of various kinds speak of the need to surrender to a higher power. The psalmist makes such a surrender to God in today ' s psalm. He extols none of his own virtues but puts all his hope in God who is good and upright and shows the path to those who stay.

If we humbly recognise areas where we need to change, and desire that change to happen, we can be sure that the grace of God will never be lacking.

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

Thanksgiving Mass

As you are aware this **Wednesday 30th of September I will be celebrating my 25th anniversary of priestly ordination.**

I thank the Lord for this gift of priesthood and for sharing his mission with me, enabling me to serve God and the Church.

It is a challenge to celebrate in the current environment, but we are thankful nonetheless that we are indeed able to celebrate, even if in a simplified and restricted way.

Regrettably, due to Covid restrictions relating to numbers of people allowed to attend, bookings are now closed. However, I want to thank everyone for your support and your desire to share this occasion with me. As the 25th anniversary is in fact my jubilee year and only a few a people are able to attend on the day, I would welcome the opportunity to visit the homes of families over the course of the next twelve months so that I may share with you the joys and blessings of this year. Further information about this will follow in future bulletins. **The 9:15am Mass of Wednesday 30th September will be cancelled to give way to the celebration of the 25th anniversary Mass at 10am in the presence of the Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP, whom we welcome to our parish for the first time.** For those of you whose booking has been confirmed, please ensure that you arrive by about 9.30 and expect to be seated by 9.50 ready to commence by 10.00am. Of the bookings confirmed, 100 people will be seated in the church, the remaining in the Clune Centre where the ceremony will be live-streamed. Communion will be given to everyone. **Please remember that, whilst not compulsory, it is highly recommended that we all wear masks so your compliance would be appreciated. Following Mass, there will be light refreshments at the Merici Centre at St Ursula's College, located about 50 metres from the church parking lot. Volunteers guide attendees on the day**

Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
Parish Priest

God Bless You
ON YOUR SILVER JUBILEE

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Fr Casey,

Congratulations on your 25th Priesthood Anniversary on Wednesday, 30th September! Thank you for your loving, caring and faithful ministry to our Parish. May you continue to be sustained by God's grace and may your life in God's service always be filled with joy.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

September 2020

28 Mon

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50 (455)

29 Tue

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Feast

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51 (647) Pss Prop

30 Wed

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62 (457)

October 2020

1 Thu

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12 (458)

2 Fri

The Holy Guardian Angels

Memorial

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459)/Mt 18:1-5, 10 (650) Pss Prop

3 Sat

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24 (460)

4 SUN TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43 (139) Pss III

ATTENTION READERS

The **INTERIM ROSTER** runs out on 10/11 Oct and a new one is to be prepared. Some of you may now be ready to come back on the roster. If so, please contact the Hobans within the next week. All readers, please advise of any change in **contact details** or circumstances. Thanks. The parish is very grateful to our 'skeleton crew' who have been able to cover the readings each week. Ph: 9502 4257 or jenniferhoban@bigpond.com

PARISH CALENDAR 2021

To assist in preparing the calendar, leaders of various ministries are requested to submit their dates for the calendar to the parish secretary, Katrina, by Tuesday, 20 October. Thank you, in anticipation, for your cooperation.



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)

Our parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

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. Alternatively, fill up the form at the church foyer. Thank you.

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 **Tomkins Street & Turon Avenue** love and prayers to our brothers and sisters living in praying for their needs and intentions."



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 7th October 2020

8:00 pm RSVP: 5 October

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai

Phone: 0410 583 808





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: Rosemary Cooley, Tom De Michele, Marilyn Ann Hurwitz, Bon Lambino, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, John Foxe, Robert Powell (John Powell's brother), Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, 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:

Vingenzo Ragona, Marilyn Ann Hurwitz, Antoine Hanna, Alyson Ha, Reynaldo Girado, Eliza Ferreira Yorbe, Christian E. Sapatua, Ida Bova, Reena Ayuyao Hubilla, Christian Sapatua, Paul Chouefati, Leslie Leong, Kalliope Enriquez, Linda Solari, Carmela Bruno, Candida Rossetti, (Teresa) Sim Lung Wong, Giorgio Casciola, Rolando Loreto.

Anniversaries: Mia Murray, Muriel Marjorie Duncan, Patricia (Pat) Mitchell, Mia Murray, Leone Gardiner, Robert Cranston, Teresa Connell, Mary Cordi, Shirley Phillips, John Walsh, Anthony Ovens, Amelia Montgomery, Patrick Kelly, Leila Lord, Sr Afna Hogan osu, Tony El-Gawly, Catherine Meek, Caterina Gallo, Ellen Kirk, Noel Dixon, Rafafaele Condoluci, Jacqueline Wenham, Cecelia Walters, Mary Hill, Duncan Stewart, Marie Nash, Domenico Galati,

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Constancia Alamo, Susana Gener, Italo Giannocolo, Frances Merenda; deceased Peter Khoury, Ibrahim Mitry, 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 3/4 October

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	P Frederick	R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	K Doherty	S Fisher
Acolyte:	Wilson	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T & C Pighin	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte:	Anthony	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 safeguarding@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.