



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 31 January 2021*

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, stricter restrictions apply on all masses. From Friday, 29 January 2021, our church can have 230 people with four-square-metre rule.



## REFLECTION

In the synagogue in Capernaum, Jesus encounters a man possessed by an unclean spirit. What was this unclean spirit? Of course, we can only speculate. Perhaps it was a spirit of injustice which meant that he was not paying his workers fairly. Perhaps it was the love of money. Perhaps it was the desire to be given the place of honour at the table, to be considered better than others and superior to them. When we hear references to someone possessed by an unclean spirit, we should not conjure up graphic images of demonic possession as portrayed in horror movies. The devil is too smart of that and will usually masquerade as something good, even virtuous, while hiding deeper motives. The man have been a respected member of the synagogue. Put simply, that man possessed by an unclean spirit could be you or me.

For a long time, this man could go comfortably to the synagogue and go home without feeling in any way disturbed about his life or actions. But when Jesus entered the synagogue and spoke with authority-the authority of God-the evil spirit in the man became deeply disturbed and threatened. Powerless against the Holy One of God, with a loud cry he came out of the man. It must have been a shocking but liberating experience for that poor man.

One of the greatest plays of the devil is to help us feel uncomfortable in our ways, to assure that we are very good, and everything is OK even when this is not the case. May the Lord visit us, as he visited the synagogue in Capernaum, and disturb anything within us that is not of God. May He drive out any forces of evil that may be finding a home within us, whether as individuals or as a Church community.

*God's Word 2021 Daily Reflections*



## 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 230 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)

**Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta**

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*Dear parishioners,*

We thank God that for 10 consecutive days, there were no cases of community transmission of Coronavirus. As such, from Friday, 29 January, easing of restrictions was announced.

But 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 with 230 people in the church including upstairs but still with 4 square metre rule.** 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.**

**The wearing of face masks is still mandatory in closed-in places, including places of worship. THIS IS STILL COMPULSORY, \$200 fine imposed for not wearing.**

**Congregation singing is STILL 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 230 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 230 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 **230 people inside the church including upstairs, on a first come, first, serve basis. Clune Centre will be open with speakers for attendees over 230.**

5. **In our 20 December bulletin, we had stated that Dispensation had been lifted but with the current easing of restrictions, no announcement yet from the Archbishop as of this writing. All Catholics but priests will be dispensed from Sunday and Holy day of obligations. Those unable to attend mass are encouraged to do Prayers at home, read scriptures**

**or watch 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 300 people with 4-square metre rule.
8. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with 230 attendees subject to 4-square-metre rule.
9. **Weddings** - can be celebrated with 230 guests inside our church. Other venues, 300 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](http://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au) as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: [info@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:info@olfkingsgrove.org.au) or Ph: 9150 9665**

*Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta*  
Parish Priest

## GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

FEBRUARY 2021

**1 Mon**

Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20 (323)

**2 Tue**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

Feast

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524)

Pss Prop

**3 Wed**

**Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop**

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6 (325)

**4 Thu**

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13 (326)

**5 Fri**

**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

Memorial

Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29 (327)

**6 Sat**

**Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

Memorial

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34 (328)

**7 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 (74) Pss I

## BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

**None in January 2021; next is**

Thursday, 4 February 2021

7:00 pm RSVP: 2 February 2021

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz,  
ph 0414 979 241; Myrna De La Pena,  
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## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, 31 January 2021

### First Reading

[Dt 18:15-20](#)

#### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.9](#)

**(R.) If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

### Second Reading

[1 Cor 7:32-35](#)

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

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 4:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Mk 1:21-28](#)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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

#### **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.

#### **Open Days at Coogee to honour Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor**

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up its home at 35 Dudley Street, Coogee to visitors for monthly open days throughout 2021 to allow Sydneysiders to pray at the tomb of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor and learn more about this 'saint in waiting'. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, numbers will be limited to 12 visitors at any one time. The next open day will be held on Sunday 7 February and you can register online at the new Eileen O'Connor website: <https://eileenocconnor.com.au/open-days>.

May Eileen's great courage and unfailing service to others, despite enduring great personal suffering herself, continue to inspire us today and may she soon be counted amongst the saints in heaven.

#### **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 **Coveney Street & Demaine Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions."





## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, 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, Betty Maguire, Michael & Eileen Neville, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, 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:

Araceli Esmilla, Gay Chan, Miguel Ventosa, Monina Feliciano, John Foxe, Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Warlito Del Pilar, Carolina Augusta Braga, Margaret Tai, Monica Cherry, Govind Reddy, Rosemary Cooley, John Fisher, Bishop Geoff Robinson, Michael Guerra, Raffy Hizon, Abla Nader, Kerry Single, Robert Powell, Fernande Cantrell, Edmund Pew.

**Anniversaries:** Phyllis Abela, Lisa Stragapede, Chantelle Delboe, Eliza Ferreira, Anunciada de Conceicao Resende Ferreira, Manuel De Jesus Ferreira, Ventura De Sousa, Getty Tan, Aswanto, Monita Indrajani, Peggy Finnimore, Palmira Agresti, Arnold Scott, Ettie Hunter, Patrick Greene, Angela Faccini, Leonard Walters, Brian Kennedy, John Sesta, Leonardo Chionchio, Aileen Poulton, Judith Pearson, Carmine Buda, Domenic Pisanu, William Hewitt, Michael Gannon, Jaroslava Mysak, Norma Balzer, Salvatore Ippolito, Jim O'Mara, Paul Welsh, Patrick Greene.

**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 & Raymond Coorie, Yvette Basha, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS 6/7 February

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	B Deady	T Ormerod
Commentator:	J Deady	S Fisher
Acolyte:	Ella	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	M Policarpo	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte :	Kelvin	Anthony



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.