



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) - 7 April 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
 7:30-8:30pm (in the oratory)
 Friday: 11.00am - 12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd
 Sunday of each month.
 (Please contact the Parish Office)

Weddings: By appointment
 (Please contact the Parish Office)



REFLECTION

What would have been the next chapter in the life of the woman in today's Gospel. Did she go away and sin no more? She lived in a society where public sinners were shunned by everyone, even their own families. There were no social security systems to help her as there are today. Perhaps here only option for survival was to continue as a prostitute.

But we do have reasons to hope that she found a better future, perhaps in the company of Jesus' followers. She has a remarkable strength of character. Her behaviour during her 'trial' foreshadows Jesus' behaviour during his trial-he too will remain silent before his accusers. She also remains standing before Jesus after all her accusers have left. At that moment she could have fled herself but waits in the presence of Jesus. She knows that something significant is happening here, and to her. Her wait is rewarded when Jesus speaks to her respectfully, quietly and firmly, and says 'neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.'

I'm sure Jesus words, 'neither do I condemn you', remained with her throughout her life. Maybe she was transformed by them. Maybe she did manage to create a new life for herself. I hope so. May we too have the courage to simply stand before Jesus in our sinfulness and allow him to speak to us. May we hear him say, 'I do not condemn you, go away and sin no more'.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections

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WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out at the parish office.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

LENTEN SEASON SERVICES

- Fridays:** 11:30AM & 7:30pm
Stations of the Cross
- Tuesday:** 9 April
2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7:30pm
- PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
Solemn Entry & Blessing of Palms at all Masses
(in the Parish Courtyard)
- Saturday Vigil:** 13 April 5.00pm
- Sunday:** 14 April –8.30am, 10.00am
5.00pm
- Holy Thursday:** 18 April - 7.30pm Mass of
The Lord's Supper & Washing of
the Feet. (Adoration in the Church
until 12:00am)
**(No morning Mass. Chrism Mass
at St Mary's Cathedral)**
- Good Friday:** 19 April 10am Stations of
the Cross 3pm - Commemoration of
the Lord's Passion (Fasting &
Abstinence exemption for those
who are sick or over 65)
- Holy Saturday:** 20 April - 7pm Solemn Easter Vigil
(No morning Mass)
- Easter Sunday:** 21 April - 8.30am & 10.00am
(NO EVENING MASS)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 28 APRIL, 2019

At Our Lady of Fatima,
Kingsgrove

- 2:00pm *Adoration of the Holy
Eucharist
Divine Mercy Prayers &
Confession*
- 3:00pm *Benediction*
- 3:15pm *Feast of Mercy Holy Mass*

For Divine Mercy Information & Prayers visit:
www.trustandmercy.com



*We would like to congratulate
Doreen & Les Wallworth
on their
60th Wedding Anniversary!*

"Gap Time" From the Youth

Co-ordinator Sue Lomi

More than often now we are replacing silent time with screen time. What does that mean? Think of this common scenario: You're in the self-service line at woollies and the place is a buzz with movement and noise. There are a few people in front of you and so you pull out your phone to check your social media. Nothing wrong with that right? "Scroll down"- "double tap to like"- check out what everyone is up to. We've all done it. Studies have shown that young people are spending an average of nine hours of their day on their phones; gaming, live streaming you name it.

The young more than often avoid awkward silence and lulls in conversation like the plague, why... perhaps because of "gap time" which is described as the time when we must wait, aren't busy, or are just standing or sitting around. "Gap time" has spread into almost every part of a young person's life because of the separation that occurs as they choose screen time over gap time. In the past these gap times were times to converse, think, pray, and reflect (There were no gadgets around to distract them). Nowadays, almost all our gap time is taken up by scrolling through social media, watching Netflix, or texting. All that time for personal reflection that is so crucial for our mental wellbeing and which is naturally built into our lives, is now gone. As humans we need gap time, we need quiet time to think, pray, and listen to ourselves and God. We all need time with our thoughts, to reflect with silence on our lives in order to nurture a spirit of gratitude. To numb out our 'gap time' and not cultivate it in ourselves and in our young by example is to our detriment.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS

There will be a blessing for Expectant Parents on Sunday 5 May at the 10am Mass.
Morning Tea will also be provided after mass.

Could Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will be available for the Easter services, please volunteer on the forms in the foyer of the Church. Thank you for your assistance.
The Parish Liturgy Committee.

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 of the Second Collection is appreciated.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 1 May 2019, 8:00 pm; RSVP 29
April Coordinator Contact : Tina & Tom Coorey
Ph: 9150 6016 / 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 **Capital 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.

MOVIE AFTERNOON

7 April (Sunday) starting at 1:30pm
"A true story of St Therese of Lisieux" –
Ordinary girl and extraordinary soul.

This film will be showing in McGinley Room (the upper room) in the Clune Centre. Language is English. Duration is 1 hour 36 minutes.

Coffee, tea and snack provided.
Free admission, all are welcome.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

The 8.30 am Sunday Mass is in urgent need of new readers to become part of the roster. Proclaiming the Word is a rewarding and privileged ministry and every assistance is given to those joining it.

If you are able to assist, please contact Vince and Jenny Hoban on 9502 4257.
Many thanks.

ATTENTION ACOLYTES AND SERVERS

Rehearsals for the Easter Liturgies 2019 are as follows:

Wednesday 10 April @ 7pm – Good Friday

Thursday 11 April @ 7pm – Holy Thursday

Tuesday 16 April @ 7pm – Easter Vigil

The purpose of the rehearsals is for acolytes to familiarise themselves with the liturgy, allocate roles and ensure all that is needed for the liturgy is located and prepared. Thank you.

PRAYERS for our Parish:

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



PROJECT
COMPASSION

Salma lives with her husband, Masud, in the rural community of Gazipur, two hours from Bangladesh's bustling capital.

She was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013.

In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are still tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick, she experienced abdominal pain and couldn't eat. She sought the help of a midwife called Pronoti, trained by Caritas Australia's Safe Motherhood Program. Pronoti helped Salma safely through two pregnancies, thanks to her comprehensive training in midwifery, antenatal and postnatal care.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Micaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



**"Safeguarding in our Parish"
It is my responsibility and your responsibility!**

We are a community of parents and grandparents, children and youth, aunts and uncles. We want our parish to be a safe home for all of us. To assist our community John Deacon and Gina Guiffrida have agreed to take on the PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer) role. If you have concerns you wish to raise, you can contact them via the e-mail address

safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Y-FACTOR YOUTH CAMP

I'm excited to announce that we are joining the 2019 Region Camp for young people from Yr7- Yr12.

Date: 13 – 16 April, 2019

Venue: Benedict 16th Retreat Centre, Gross Vale

Cost: \$260 (including transportation)

The Youth will again sell cookies & cupcakes this Sunday to fundraise for the Camp. Looking forward to your support!

God bless!

NB: Please contact Sue via email if you have any further questions regarding the camp.

youth@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Committee Membership

The Parish Finance & Works Committee comprise voluntary members plus the Parish Priest and should comprise a minimum of 4 parishioners. If you are interested in participating in these committees please contact the parish office.



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 (Southhaven 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).

Parishioners who are Sick: Betty Maguire, Netta and Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, John Gouveia, Larissa Anne Salt, Bo Mercado, Portia Mariano, Grace Padlan, Ramon Syquia, 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:

Anne Marie Denny, Christopher Cassaniti, Nadim Nehme, Irene Silva, Elizabeth Coluccio, Elia Coluccio, David Wastie, Margerty Tallen, Beverly Brophy, Mary Lowe, Michael Guassardo, Keith Watson, Tina Lam, Angela Mitchell (Mansfield), Len Wicks, William McCafferty, Annette Cluff, Amy Quinn, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Daisy Crowder, Felisa Borromeo, Connie McInerney, Manuela Martins Loule, Terence Clark, Ruby Maglalang-Alvir, Walter Nunez, Renato Opilas, Eleanor Zante, Kristopher Santos.

Anniversaries: Edna Rowe, Marie Lynch, Bradley Saunders, Francis Howard, Joseph Liu, Deila Church, Grace Milazzo, Forunee Shamieh, Peter Derrig, Margery McSorley, Dorothy Gleeson, Doris Bunting, Emma Beaumont, Mary Perry, Theodore Lynch, Jessie Hicks, John Tangye, Olga Favero, Joan Chandler, Marie Laker, Jean Brightman, Edward Schofield, Patricia Silcock, John Quinn, Ann Peak.

Also For: Filippo & Annunziata Di Paola, Michele Raffaele, Irene Silva, Giuseppe, Bartolo, Mariana Tesoriero; Angelo, Vincenzo, Annunciata, Tilla Cusumano; Domenico, Vittoria, Natale Storniolo, Laurie McGuire, Winifred & Ralph McCreanor, Catarina, John & Robert Vella, Patrick & Mary McCafferty, Maria La Spada Snr, Maria & Joseph Natoli, Rosaria & Giovanni Natoli, Antonio Natoli, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

13/14 April

	5:00pm	8:30am
Readers:	V & J Hoban	V & J Dick
Commentator:	B Deady	E Russo
Acolyte	Win	Leslie
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Indonesian
Holy Good Store:	M Ravallion	M McCafferty
Warden:		A Garcia
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	J Deacon M Policarpio	
Commentator:	N Kevin	
Acolyte	Wilson	Teresa
Music:	Indonesian	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	G Macri, M Valix	
Warden:	A Macpherson	
Cleaning Roster:	T & N Ormerod, M & W Phillips	
Counters:	L & S Hua, Vincent	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	L & L Kasses, M Kelly, J Lui, M Chung
Sun 8.30am :	N Seneviratne, B & B Hayward
Sun 10.00am :	A Lam, A Greensmith, J Yazbeck
Sun 5.00pm :	Y Esteban, I Nehme, A Youd

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Lina & Ben Xuereb, 9 Hutchinson Street, Bardwell Park. 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, 1 May.

(Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM, before mass)

Next Sunday's Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

