



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B) - 7 March 2021

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, easing of restrictions apply on all masses. From Friday, 12 February 2021, our church can have 460 people with two-square-metre rule.



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 460 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)

REFLECTION

The author of today's responsorial psalm speaks of God's law as refreshment for our journey through life. The law of God revives the soul; it gladdens the heart and brings light to the eyes.

I wonder if we think of God's law as refreshing. We can sometimes experience law as a burden imposed from without that restricts our enjoyment of life. Laws formulated by humans can have these characteristics but not the law of God. This law, expressed in the Ten Commandments and in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, reveals the wisdom and love of God for all. It is the law most true to our human nature. If we are faithful to this law we will be at rights with God, and in harmony with our fellow human beings and all of creation.

The Ten Commandments were given by God to the people of Israel more than three thousand years ago. They retain their validity and freshness. Not one commandment has reached its 'use by' date. To dispense with any one of these commandments would be to impoverish humanity, indeed, to threaten its very survival. Yes, 'the precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart'.

God's Word 2021 Daily Reflections



We are very thankful to sculpture Mr Jacek Luszyk for repairing our St Francis Statue. And to John & Tony Faddoul, and Joe Yammine for securing the statue in its new home. All this was done free of charge.

Thank you to Mr Tony Furfaro and Mr Carmine Torelli for their generous donation of time & talent for the new set up for the OLF Sacrament of Reconciliation Room which is in compliance to the Royal Commission.

Second Rite of Reconciliation—Wednesday, 10 March 7:00pm

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Dear parishioners,

We thank God that for many consecutive days, there were no cases of community transmission of Coronavirus. As such, from Friday, 12 February, 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 460 people in the church including upstairs with 2 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 no longer mandatory in closed-in places, including places of worship. But for our safety, I would highly recommend wearing of face masks if social distancing is not possible. We are trying as much as we can to keep our church a safe place in which all are welcome to come and worship the Lord. I will still be wearing mask especially during communion. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection and safety.

Congregation singing is now allowed as long as face masks are worn and 4 sq metre rule is observed.

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 10:30am-11.25pm, Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, 11:30-12:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass. Maximum of 460 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 460 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 **460 people inside the church including upstairs, on a first come, first, serve basis. Clune Centre will be open with speakers for attendees over 460.**

5. **From Friday, 12 February, dispensation had been again lifted. All Catholics (except those at risk, the elderly, the sick and those with compromised immune and respiratory systems) are once again obliged to attend Sunday mass and Holy Days. If restrictions are once again tightened, and church attendance is limited to one person per 4 square metre rule, the dispensation will again be in place. 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 2-square metre rule.
8. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with 300 attendees subject to 2-square-metre rule.
9. **Weddings** - can be celebrated with 300 guests inside our church. Same with other venues.

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 as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au or Ph: 9150 9665

Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
Parish Priest

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

8 Mon

Saint John of God, Religious (commemoration)
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 (237)

9 Tue

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious (commemoration)
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 (238)

10 Wed

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 (239)

11 Thu

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 (240)

12 Fri

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 (241)

13 Sat

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)

14 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 (32) Pss IV

Reminder

Men's Ministry Network Breakfast at St Thomas More Brighton-Le Sands
Saturday, 13th March

Starting with 8am registrations, Adoration, 9am mass with Bishop Umbers
The topic is—St Joseph and the Masculine Genius
Bookings are essential at sydneycatholic.org/maximus1
Tickets are \$20
For more information call parish office: 9567 3589

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 7th April 2021 8:00 pm
RSVP: 5 April 2021
Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai
Phone no: 0410 583 808



LENTEN SEASON SERVICES

Stations of the Cross Every Friday from
19 February

11:30am-English
7:00pm-English
1st & 3rd Saturday 7:30pm in Chinese

Wednesday: 10 March

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7:00pm
(Invited Priests to assist)

Saturday: 27 March Working Bee
from 9:45am

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Solemn Entry & Blessing of Palms at all Masses
inside the Church. You can bring your own Palm for
blessing. Palms will be available in the Church to be
distributed by volunteers. No touching.

Saturday Vigil: 27 March 5.00pm

Sunday: 28 March -8.30am, 10.00am
5.00pm

Holy Thursday: 1 April - 7.00pm 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: 2 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: 3 April 9:00am RCIA Liturgy;
7pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 4 April - 8.30am, 10.00am &
11:30am
(NO EVENING MASS)



Please take home a Project
Compassion box and or a
set of donation envelopes
and support Caritas

Australia this Lenten Season themed "Be More". These
are at the church foyer. Through your generosity and by
aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the
world's most vulnerable people build better futures for
themselves, their families and their communities. You
can donate through these boxes and envelopes or by
visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or call
1800 024 413.

WHICH RITE IS RIGHT?

The Church offers three Rites for the celebration of the
Sacrament of Penance, all of which allow for contemplation of
the ways in which we have fallen short of our baptismal
commitment.

I: Offers the individual time one-on-one with a priest who
prays with the penitent, helps him/her examine their life and
offers spiritual guidance.

II: Shows more clearly the communal nature of sin. The
community shares Scripture, examines conscience together
and, as one, gives thanks for the infinite mercy of God. The
individual confession is witnessed by the community who
pray for each penitent. Out of consideration for others, one
or two areas of concern are confessed. If longer is needed, the
First Rite should be approached.

III: Rarely used, it takes place where the number of penitents
makes individual confession impossible, or in exceptional
circumstances where time is of the
essence e.g. in war.

On Wednesday 10 March at 7pm we will prepare ourselves for
Easter as a community by celebrating the Second Rite.

Lenten Retreat Day

SATURDAY 13th MARCH

Facilitator: Fr Percival Savare, OSA
9:15am Mass
9:45am Tea/Coffee
10:15am start session till 2:30pm
All Welcome Please book at Parish Office

CATHECHISTS WANTED

We need two Catechists to teach year 3 (6 students) &
year 4 (10 students) at Kingsgrove Primary School.
Lessons are on Thursdays, 2pm to 2:30pm, and are easy to
follow. No previous teaching experience is required and
training and support is provided.

As well as enriching the faith of some great children, you
will enrich your own faith. You will also be doing
something worthwhile to support our Community of Faith
here at Kingsgrove. We hope you are able to assist.

Enquiries: Peter Coleman 9787 2554



Our Lady of Fatima
Primary School
Open Day
Friday 26 March
9:20 am - 10:50am

Enrolments for Kindergarten are now open. If you have
a child wishing to attend Kindergarten in 2022 please
collect an enrolment pack from the school office.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2022 close end of April.



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 **Fortescue Street & Fowler 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); 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), Anne Sheerin (Holy Spirit Aged Care, Croydon).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, John & Maureen Dowd, Elisa De Guzman, Nelly Vanzyl, Rosa Alaso, Rhose Cunningham, 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 Crito, 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:

Pietro Testa, Dr Hermilo Jasminez, Pat Parkinson, Antonio Pinto, Emily Khoudair, George Mir, Adrienne Schneijderberg, George Ghostine, Teresa Lai-Wah Leung, Araceli Esmilla, Nestor Reforma, Ana Pelaez, Gay Chan, Miguel Ventosa, Ramona & Danilo Feliciano, John Foxe, Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Warlito Del Pilar, Carolina Augusta Braga, Monica Cherry, Govind Reddy, Rosemary Cooley, John Fisher, Bishop Geoff Robinson, Raffy Hizon, Abla Nader, Kerry Single, Robert Powell, Fernande Cantrell.

Anniversaries: Maureen Fulton, Andrea Carmelo Di Francesco, Rosaria Malfitano, Ottavio Di Benedetto, Celine John, Elsie Scott, Anthony Cutrie, Delia Smith, Patrick Carroll, Rita Bortolozzi, Francis Connolly, Ann Wilson, Iris Burns, Rita Burbidge, Rita Irwin, Frank Gard, Keith Compton, Istvan Kiss, Veronica McNamara, Francesco Giglio, Reginald Carroll, Allan Robertson.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of George & Nawal Ajami, deceased Wadad & Hanna Ayoub, Antoun Saad, Boutros Maroun, Owen/Peronace family, Simon, Mary Fick family; deceased John Ringo Little, Paul & Reymond Coorie, Yvette Basha, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 13/14 March

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J & J Henderson	T Ormerod
Commentator:	J Hoban	N Ormerod
Acolyte:	Ella	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte :	Anthony	Tom



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 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.