

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 Easter (Year B) 2 May 2021

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, easing of restrictions apply on all masses. From Monday, 29 March 2021, our church can have 460 people with two-square-metre rule.

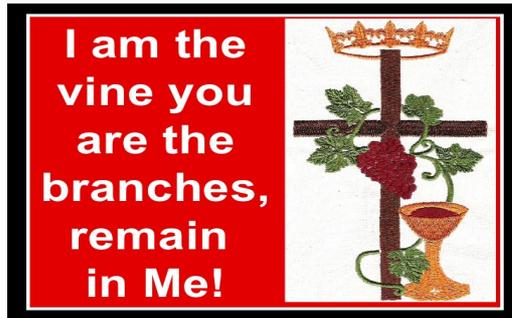


MASS TIMES

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

John 15:1-6:3 is located at the very heart of John's account of Jesus' final night with his disciples (John 13-17). Today's Gospel, taken from the opening verses of this central passage, uses the model of a vine and its branches to instruct the disciples on the need to maintain union with Jesus. The word that best expresses what Jesus is teaching in these verses is 'remain'. Some translations of the Greek original use the expression 'abide'. The expression appears six times in this Gospel. The relationship between the believer and Jesus should be one of deep intimacy where the life of the believer, described as a branch, draws from the richness of Jesus who identifies himself as the vine.

Jesus tells of two possibilities. Those who remain in Jesus bear fruit, receive all the blessings that they request, and are truly disciples of Jesus. Those who do not remain and fail to bear fruit will be removed from their source and thus die. Jesus warns: 'Cut off from me you can do nothing'. The opposite is also true: by remaining in Jesus, the disciples can do everything. The theme of 'remaining' does not end as Jesus concludes his references to the vine and the branches. As we will see next Thursday and next Sunday, remaining in Jesus leads to dwelling in his love, but it also generates hatred.

God's word Daily Reflections 2021

CWF May Parish Appeal The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal is happening next weekend and we need your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney – including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities. Special envelopes will be available. Please give generously. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Thank you.

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Youth Coordinator: TBA

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Dear parishioners,

All praise, glory and thanks to God that for many days, there were no cases of community transmission of Coronavirus. As such, the government announced further easing of restrictions from Monday, 29 March.

But we still 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 still 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 and public transport. 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 during communion. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection and safety.

Congregation singing is now allowed provided 2 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. No more cap for **funerals** but still observe 2-square metre rule.
8. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with 460 attendees subject to 2-square-metre rule.
9. **Weddings** - can be celebrated with 460 guests inside our church. No more caps on 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

May 2021

3 Mon

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Feast

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 (561) Pss Prop

4 Tue Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)

5 Wed Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)

6 Thu Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)

7 Fri Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 (289)

8 Sat Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)

9 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17 (56) Pss II

THE MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To Thee I come; before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions; but In Thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

ARE YOU READY?

The new roster for readers will begin this month. If you are feeling confident enough to return to your ministry, please contact the Hobans. Thank you.
jenniferhoban@bigpond.com

Being a Companion to Those in Grief

Facilitated by Grief Care



Join us to learn more about how we can create caring communities for those experiencing loss, grief, bereavement and trauma. An interactive and dynamic 3 hour workshop that is designed to draw on our own innate individual wisdom as well as to inform.

The workshop aims to provide a safe space where participants can explore:

- Contemporary understandings of loss, grief, trauma and bereavement, including 'living losses'
- The role of the Companion
- Communicating with those in grief
- Responding to the uniqueness of families and individuals
- Self-care and boundary-setting

Saturday 15 May
10.00am - 1.00pm
Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove Parish Hall
89 Shaw St, Kingsgrove NSW 2208

RSVP:
pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au
or phone 02) 9150 9665



In collaboration with Grief Care Australia, OLF Parish Caring and Support Group, would like to invite you to attend a free three hours interactive session on Saturday, 15th May 2021 at 10:00am in the Clune Centre to gain an awareness on the importance of understanding loss and companionship.

Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Monday
Come and give thanks to Our God for all blessings you have received, with the **Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**. Monday 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the courtyard adjacent to the church).



This weekend and over the next 3 weekends, as requested by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, our parish will participate in the 2021 National count of mass attendance.

Thank you to all volunteers for each mass who will do the count.

On Sunday 9th May, Mothers' Day, the 10am Mass will be a Family Mass. This is a special day for all mothers and it is hoped many families will join us for this special celebration of the Eucharist.

Share interesting news from our parish with Catholic Communications

The team in Catholic Communications with the Archdiocese of Sydney is keen on hearing any interesting news from our parish, including landmark parish milestones and parishioners' awards and other achievements for potential inclusion in *The Catholic Weekly* and the broader media as well. If you have a good story to share, please contact Michael Kenny. Email: michael.kenny@sydneycatholic.org



There will be blessing of Expectant Parents this Sunday, 2nd May 2021 at the 10am Mass.

HEALING MASS

Friday, 7 May, 12:00 noon All welcome.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

If you are required to minister Communion at Mass but have not brought a mask with you, please be advised that masks are available on the Credence shelf beside the organ.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Tuesday, 11th May 2021 7:00 pm
RSVP: 6 May 2021
Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz ph 0414 979 241;
Myrna De La Pena ph 0490 410 896
Phone no: 0410 583 808



SAT MAY 8 AT 12 PM UTC+10
"Focolare Fijian MasterChef"
Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove - Sydney, NSW

JOIN

AN INVITATION TO A SPECIAL EVENT!!!

Vanua Levu the second largest island in Fiji was hit by a cyclone in December 2020 with destruction to buildings including a school.

The Focolare community is organising a fundraising lunch to help support the recovery. Our fundraiser is called "Fijian MasterChef". You can be a contestant and pay \$10 to enter and bring along a Fijian Dish you have created. Judges will choose the best dish! You can also taste the other contestants' dishes.

Come and Join in the Fun from 12 noon to 2.30pm on the 8th May at Our Lady of Fatima Church 89 Shaw St. Kingsgrove. To register your participation please **call Margaret Brown on 8971 8373 or Ana Naduva on 0406 983 601.**



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 **Kingsgrove & Kingsland Road** praying for their needs and intentions."



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny (Huntingdon Gardens), Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove), 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:

Priscilla Watson, David Ivers, Steven Coleman, Carina Garcia, Timothy Sackett, Joan Coorey, Mark Anthony (Toby) Salvador, Connie Sebial Naumanen, Gil Palad, Flor Ramos, Rose Aves, Aileen Munoz, Fr Ric Fernando, sdb, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, John & Maureen Dowd, Elisa De Guzman, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, 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, Antonietta Roberto, 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:

Marianna Natoli, Sydney Dixon, Ted Cooper, Maria Ryan, Robert Wong, Mario Carta, Vicente Co, Jr., Gaudencia Mendoza, Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, Fr Reg Wilson, Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy, AC, Lou Rovali, Sheryl Atienza, Dra. Rosette Santiago Hizon, Parma Spata, Vicente Sandoval, Jimmy Virata, Claire Hoare, Deodora Dmailig'.

Anniversaries: Paul Lee, John Byrne, Jesus & Felicidad Cadiz, Pedro Sr Lumapac, Maura Lumapac, Maria Rosa Livolsi, Antonino De Fina, Luigi Giannoccolo, Ivan Bozic, Edgardo Navarro, Charles Hanson, Zita Treharne, John Fazzari, Jack Bye, Theresa Magocky, Giovanna Fasulo, Giuseppe Festa, Daniel Williamson, James Dowd, Theresa Batman, William Narramore, Joseph Jenkins, Eva Hallinan, Hubert Byrnes, Mary Anglim, Francesco Fogliani, Ian Ravallion, James Cregan, Thomas Traynor, Nancy Fazzari, Sylvia Stephens, Frederick Hollman, Nancy Howard, Maria Sollazzo, Francis Butler, Vito Scardino, Ethel Tangye, Charles Poulton, Mary Rattray.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Pinkie Jasmin; deceased Engracia Iponla, John Ringo Little, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 8 & 9 May

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	M Millen	E Russo
Commentator:	T Abela-King	P Lee
Acolyte:	Ella	Michelle
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T Pighin	Youth
Commentator:	C Pighin	
Acolyte:	Kelvin	Wilson



The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. ... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

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>

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.