



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B) 25 April 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

In the Church calendar, the fourth Sunday of Easter is known as “ Good Shepherd Sunday” . Today also marks ANZAC Day. There is a particular synergy between the readings for Good Shepherd Sunday and our commemoration of ANZAC day. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and says that he will lay down his life for his sheep. In a similar way, we remember all people who sacrificed themselves so that we could be free. While their deaths might be seen as tragic, Jesus ’ death is not. It is the incarnation of God ’ s mercy and love for us. God does not love us because we are good. There is nothing we can do to earn God ’ s love and mercy because God loves us first! Our response is to listen for God ’ s voice, to follow where God leads, to be one flock under one Shepherd.

The use of the word ’sheep ’ in this text is not in any way demeaning or dehumanising. Rather it goes to the essence of our very human need to be loved, and to feel secure in that love. No less than God in person of Jesus Christ is waiting for us, keeping us in view, watching over us, protecting us from the bad wolves of the world. Our relationship with the Good Shepherd is not based on money; Jesus not has not been paid to look out for us. It is a gift, waiting to be unwrapped, waiting for us to answer his call, waiting to bring us to God. The love that God gives, is the self-sacrificing love of the cross, seen from the perspective of resurrection faith. How do we experience God ’ s love? As a gift? Or as something to be earned?

God ’ s word Daily Reflections 2021



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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

APRIL 2021

26 Mon Easter Weekday

St Mark the Evangelist

Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10 (279)

27 Tue Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)

28 Wed Easter Weekday

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 (281)

29 Thu Easter Weekday

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Memorial

Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 (282)

30 Fri Easter Weekday

Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283)

1 Sat Easter Weekday

Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284)

or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Mt 13:54-58 (559)

MAY 2021

2 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 (53) Pss I

ARE YOU READY?

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



Attention: 'Our local OLF Vinnies is conducting a Barbecue fundraiser for our local community at Bunnings, Kingsgrove from 8 am Saturday, 1 May.

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.

Dear Fr Casey & all our kind parishioners,
How blessed are Laurie and I to belong to such a wonderful Parish with loving kindness, care, support & prayerfulness shown to us during our last 57 years and especially on the occasion of our 60th Wedding Anniversary. We thank you and all past and present priests and parishioners. May God continue to bless all of you.

Marie & Laurie Enright



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 **Kings Place & Kingsgrove Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions."

Appeal for Children's Liturgy of the Word - Leaders and helpers

If you have been thinking about getting more involved in parish life but cannot commit too much of your time, the Children's Liturgy Team Ministry might be just the thing for you this year.

We require leaders for Yr kinder to Yr 6, as well as helpers. The only requirement is that you are 18 years or older and willing to provide a Working With Children's Check.

Mentoring will be provided to you if you are new to the ministry, by an experienced leader.

The commitment required is a maximum of two Sunday mornings, once a term; the reward for all those involved is immeasurable.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry or have any questions regarding Children's Liturgy of the Word please contact Ana on the email or telephone number below.

Ana Naduva - Sacramental Coordinator

Phone: 9554 5752

Email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Monday

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



Women's Social Support Group

We will be having our first gathering for the year with a lunch at **Rations Café Kingsgrove RSL**.

Date: Wednesday 19th May, 2021

Time: 12:00 pm.

As we can only book a table for **20 people**, please contact me as soon as possible if you will be coming.

You can either **rsvp to Veronica by Monday 26th April 2021 on 0412 216 166** or email to vtierney37@optusnet.com.au.



We invite all Expectant Parents for a blessing on Sunday, 2nd May 2021 at the 10am Mass.



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, Carina Garcia, Timothy Sackett, Joan Coorey, Mark Anthony (Toby) Salvador, Connie Sebial Naumanen, Gil Palad, Flor Ramos, Aileen Munoz, Fr Ric Fernando, sdb, Leonardo Pagano, 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, 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:

Ted Cooper, Maria Ryan, Robert Wong, Vicente Co, Jr., Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, Fr Reg Wilson, Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy, AC, Fr Phil Crotty, Fr Michael McCarthy, Veronica Wanjiru, Lou Rovali, Sheryl Atenza, Dra. Rosette Santiago Hizon, Parma Spata, Vicente Sandoval, Jimmy Virata, Claire Hoare, Deodora Dimailig, Randy Aquino, Esme Roberts, Jim Carlo Alivia, Jack Minahan, Pietro Testa, Gemma Santiago, Dr Hermilo Jasminez, Ligaya Dungca, Pat Parkinson, Tony Iannella, Antonio Pinto, Emily Khoudair, George Mir, Adrienne Schneijderberg, George Ghostine.

Anniversaries: Jack Defina, Kevin McGreal, Aires Lopes, Dora Collis, Andrew Kirk, SR St Rook Osu, Josephine De La Motte, Pat Rowley, Norma Wigmore, Allan Foxe, Christine Harold, John Hickey, Mary O'Carroll, Patricia Compton, Ivan Bozic, Ellen Wheeler, Thelma Howard, Bertha Revell, Paul Soo Lee, Agnello D' Argenio, Janina Rodkiewicz.

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 1 & 2 May

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	B Deady	R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	J Deady	S Fisher
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	S Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte:	Anthony	Tom



"The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast". For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

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.

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

