

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Pentecost Sunday (Year B) 23 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

On the Jewish celebration of Pentecost which recalls God's establishment of a covenant with the people of Israel, the gift of the Spirit, "the power from on high" (Luke 24:49) opens a new relationship with God and humankind. Signs associated with the event at Sinai are recalled: thunder, lightning, and fire (See Exodus 19:16-20). The one nation, Israel, is transcended as peoples from many nations understand the disciples who are 'filled with the Holy Spirit; as they speak 'about the marvels of God'.

In the second reading Paul lists the contrasting characteristics of a life without the gift of the Spirit and a life 'guided by the Spirit'. We must examine those characteristics and hear Paul's exhortation: 'Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit'.

The Gospel reading reflects two passages from Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples. As he returns to the Father, the Spirit/Advocate will continue the presence of the divine among us. Filled with the Spirit, we will continue Jesus' mission of being witnesses to God. However, Jesus has not been able to communicate all the truths of God and God's design for us in the brief period of his ministry. He still has much to teach us. But that will be done down through the Christian ages in and through the presence of the Spirit/Advocate who has learnt from the Father, and 'will tell us of the things to come'. *God's word Daily Reflections 2021*

 **This weekend is the last of the 4 weeks of our parish' participation in the 2021 National count of mass attendance as requested by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Thank you to all volunteers for each mass who are doing the count.**



You're all invited to a Sausage Sizzle next weekend, 29 and 30 May after all masses, 5pm vigil, 8:30am, 10am and 5pm in

thanksgiving and to celebrate Fr Casey's receiving the prestigious gold Medal of Honour, officially known as the "Benemerenti Medal" from the Holy Father Pope Francis. Let's share with him our joy and happiness for this great honour of a well deserved award. All welcome.

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Dear parishioners,

All praise, glory and thanks to God that again for many days, we have no cases of community transmission of Coronavirus. As such, government had announced easing of restrictions from Monday, 17th May, 12:01 am.

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. **The 2 square metre rule had not been changed so we are still with 460 people in the church including upstairs.**

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 compulsory 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. Everyone should again wear face masks.

Congregation singing is now allowed.

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 change announced on **funerals** so still no cap outside church but still 460 attendees inside our church with observance 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

24 Mon (Eighth Week in Ordinary Time)

Our Lady Help of Christians

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34 Pss IV

25 Tue

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;

Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31 (348)

26 Wed

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Memorial

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45 (349)

27 Thu

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52 (350)

28 Fri

Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26 (351)

29 Sat

Saint Paul VI, Pope

Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33 (352)

30 SUN THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Solemnity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20 (165) Pss Prop



This Saturday, 22 May, there will be Adoration for an hour, 6:00 to 7:00pm right after the 5:00pm mass here in our church, also after Sunday 10am Mass, Adoration for an hour 11am to 12pm. This is to commemorate Pentecost 23rd May being **Pentecost Sunday, the church's birthday. (Please wear something red in celebration of Pentecost).**

For the solemnity of the **Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**, Sunday, 6th June, we will have procession inside the church at the 10:00am mass.

Pentecost Sunday 2021: Archbishop Fisher's Pastoral Letter, "Lead us Back to Mass for the Church's Birthday!" and Parish Resources from the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has released a new Pastoral Letter inviting Catholics to return to Mass this weekend Pentecost [Sunday \(23 May\)](#) and beyond.

A copy is available online on the *Go Make Disciples* website: www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

"The faith of the Christian community in the resurrection of the dead brings support and strength to those who suffer the loss of those whom they love"



Grief Care was invited to facilitate a workshop on Saturday 15th May for OLF parishioners, many of whom are members of the highly esteemed Carer's Group. Together we explored the theme: *"Companionship in Times of Loss, Grief and Trauma"*.

The session provided opportunities for listening to one another, sharing collective wisdom in the light of our faith, explored ways of communicating with one another in grief and looked at the importance of self-care. The community present brought such rich experience to our conversation and highlighted the capacity and capabilities for care that are so readily apparent in the OLF Parish.

We wish to thank Fr. Casey for his leadership and advocacy for sustaining and nurturing grief & trauma-informed care in the OLF community and to the Grief Care facilitators Paige and Carmela for their excellent work in promoting and organising the session to run so smoothly.

May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire, energise and work through you all as you offer God's consolation to those who mourn and companion one another in times of sorrow.

Monique Choueifati

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

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). Enquiries - John Deacon 0418 77 88 56.

1st Holy Communion – 2021

The 1st Holy Communion Preparation has begun! We had the Commitment Mass last Saturday 8th May at 9.15 am, and the children are now having their Small Group preparation sessions which began on Tuesday 11th May and will run for four weeks until the 6th of June.

The children with at least one parent are required to attend these sessions.

The 1st Holy Communion is scheduled to take place on Saturday, the 12th and the 19th of June at 10.30am.

Photos of the children preparing for the sacrament are displayed at the back wall of the Church.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they do their preparation towards receiving Jesus' saving love in the Eucharist for the first time.

For enquiries regarding the sacramental programme, please contact the Ana on the contacts below.

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Women's Social Support Group

INVITATION TO ANY WOMEN NEW TO OLF PARISH.

We would like to extend an invitation to any new women in our Parish who might like to come along and share in some of our outings and events.

Our group comes together for many social occasions for various activities; such as lunches, dinners, morning teas, tours, theatre parties and a Christmas Party Dinner at the end of the year.

The idea of our group is mainly social and to enjoy each other's company. We have lots of laughs and fun. Sharing in each other's life experiences can be a wonderful experience, as we travel on this journey of life we are all on.

There is nothing like sharing a meal or a cup of tea and enjoying some lovely chats with some wonderful ladies.

You do not have to attend every event, you just come to the ones that you can.

There are no heavy commitments with our group, just a chance to spend time together.

So please watch for our notices and we love to have you come along and join us.

I hope to see you at our next event.

Veronica Tierney (Ph: 0412 216 166)



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny, Colin Chandler (Huntingdon Gardens), Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove), Mike Skennar (Maronite Sisters Village, Dulwich Hill), Jane Gallo (Blakehurst Aged Care Centre), Patricia North (Southaven 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), Caterina Ancona (Estia Health Bexley), Justina De Bellis (St George Aged Care).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick: Shirley Farrell, Filippa Stillone, John Ivers, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravailion, David Ivers, Steven Holman, Carina Garcia, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, 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, 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, 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:

Emilia Perez, Valentina Pamittan, Emily Geronimo, Dr John Byrne, Marianna Natoli, Sydney Dixon, Ted Cooper, Maria Ryan, Charito Hilario, Smriti Victoria, Robert Wong, Mario Carta, Vicente Co, Jr., Gaudencia Mendoza, Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, Fr Reg Wilson, Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy, AC.

Anniversaries: Pat Mann, Maria Vitolo Naduva, Bob Gehrig, Lorna Watson, Ellen Payne, Norma Lynch, Jason Shori, Rosa Severino, Molly Williams, Daniel Overton, Mario Favaro, Mavis Holmes, Anna Their, Nicholas Enriques, May Hinchcliffe, Francesco Gillio, Pia Crosariol, Vincent Haavisto, Fr Brian McGinley, John Sheehan, Lesbia Piper, Dorothy Starr, Frederick Hancock, Mary Ashworth, Ruby Mitchell, James Faulkner, Campagna, Peter Harvey, Ciro Gonano, John Kelleher.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Josephine, Challita, Khawla, Akl, Joan McCreanor, John McCreanor, Pinkie Jasmin; deceased Comemoracion, Eufrazio, Emora & Maritess Pagunuran, John Ringo Little, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 29 & 30 May

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	L Corbett	P Lee
Commentator:	S Camporeale	R Naderuzzam
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	M Policarpio	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte:	Michael	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>

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.

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 **Lynesta Avenue & Mabel Street** praying for their needs and intentions."



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 2nd June 2021 7:00 pm
RSVP: 28 May
Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey
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