

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 1 August 2021

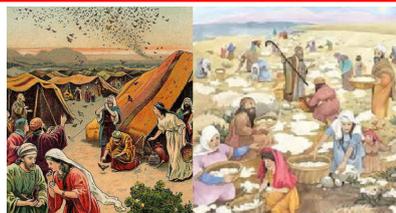


Complying with the NSW Government and Health Regulations, church is closed and all Masses have been cancelled until further notice.

**10am Mass
Sunday, 1st August
2021
will be live streamed.**

(only during lockdown)

To access: Go to our OLF Parish Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/olfkingsgrove/live_videos/ to connect to YouTube or use YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/4dbxqVcwqTY>



REFLECTION

When Scripture speaks of 'bread', it can bring to mind not only physical food, but the experience of human hunger and contentment, as well as God's providence, spiritual nourishment, and the work of human hands. Pause to consider 'bread' in your life, including the deepest hungers and satisfactions of your heart; the blessings in your life and work of your own hands.

Today's readings bring together all these dimensions. In John's Gospel, Jesus reminds his listeners that the miraculous *manna* of the Exodus story is God's gift, given to strengthen them spiritually and physically. Amid harsh desert conditions, the miracle serves to call the Israelites to trust God who feeds them with 'bread from heaven' (Psalm 77). Flowing from this sacred memory, something new and extraordinary is taking place for Jesus' listeners. The Father's gift come down from heaven and into the world to feed, nourish and give life, is Jesus himself, 'the bread of Life'. To receive Jesus is to receive the Father, to be enlivened with the very life of God. As Catholics, we hear in this Gospel a powerful summons to eucharistic faith. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*



**FEAST OF MARY
MACKILLOP
SUNDAY
AUGUST 8**

No Masses will be celebrated at Mary MacKillop's Place. The Chapel remains closed, Prayer resources are available on the website-<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-resources/>



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 FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You, as if you were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

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PARISH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS LOCKDOWN:

Dear Parishioners,

Following the directives from the Prime Minister and as affirmed by the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, all places of worship are to remain closed from 6:00pm, Saturday, 26 June to 28 August or until further notice.

This is an understandably difficult and painful decision for all Catholics and all people of faith. We adhere to this decision in order to assist in stopping the spread of the Delta strain coronavirus.

Accordingly, we are implementing the following measures:

1. The church is closed. There will be no public Masses nor liturgies, outdoor until further notice. There will be one live streamed mass this Sunday, 10:00am.
2. Catholics are dispensed from Sunday obligations during the lockdown period.
3. Funerals will still be conducted but with a limit of 10 people and need to comply with social distancing of 4-square-metre rule and mandatory wearing of face masks for all attendees.
4. Weddings are not permitted.
5. Baptisms are not permitted, except in case of emergency.
6. Anointing of the sick, and sick calls generally, are permitted in case of emergency.

Pastoral support

Whilst we are dispensed from our Sunday obligations there are ways we can still honour Sundays in these difficult times. Masses will be available for viewing live streamed in various churches within the Archdiocese or join ours at 10:00am this Sunday, details on front page. Others, please check: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

●If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, Father Casey and or Father Stephen are available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.

●At present, the situation is fluid and we are considering what can and cannot be done to support our community. We will keep everyone informed as decisions are made relating to ways to help you pastorally, particularly the vulnerable and those who are in need.

●It seems that because the new Delta strain of virus is so infectious, we are being asked to be even more cautious than during the previous year's lockdown. Hence, Parish office will be closed until further notice.

●Parish bulletins will be available online or hard copies may be collected from outside the church on Fridays after 1pm.

●At this time of the Covid-19 pandemic when so many people have already been affected financially, we understand how difficult things are, however we ask that you please continue to support the parish if you can, as we still need to maintain the church. Donations can be made via credit card, or direct deposit through our website. Alternatively, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) with our bank details on **page 4**. The new sets of envelopes for the financial year 2021/2022 and Tax Receipts are ready to be picked up when church and office will open after lockdown. Should you wish to give your donation without your set of envelopes, you may use any envelope with your name and envelope number written on it, then place your donation in the presbytery Mass Offering Box. Thank you for your kind contributions.

●Father Casey and Father Stephen will continue to celebrate daily and weekend Mass privately and offer Masses for the sick of the parish and for the whole community and the world. If you wish to offer a Mass for a loved one, you may bring the Mass request envelope and place it in the presbytery Mass Offering Box and either Father Casey or Father Stephen will offer the Mass privately.

●We encourage you to continue praying, to read and ponder on the Sacred Scriptures, to pray the Rosary and your favourite devotions individually and, ideally, as a family too.

●Let us connect with one another spiritually by pausing for a minute of silence and praying one Hail Mary at 12:00 noon every day. These are challenging times, please do not be disheartened. Let us shake Heaven with our prayers and care and support one another in faith. Our Lady of Fatima, our celestial Mother, walks with us so let us turn to her in prayer. We are all one on this journey. May God bless us all.

Father Casey and Father Stephen

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

August 2021

2 Mon Weekday

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21 (407)

3 Tue

Saint Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 (408)

4 Wed

Saint John Vianney, Priest, Memorial

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28 (409)

5 Thu

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23 (410)

6 Fri

The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10 (614) Pss Prop

7 Sat

Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20 (412)

8 SUN NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), Virgin

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51 (116) Pss III

On Tuesday evenings in August, the Parish Renewal Team is offering an **online leadership formation series** for all serving in parishes and those seeking to serve. Led by the Asia Coordinator at The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Fr David Braithwaite SJ, the series will focus upon basics in Christian leadership and how we can grow as people who lead others to Christ. Bishop Richard Umbers will attend the first evening to introduce Fr Braithwaite and pray with those attending the series. Topics include:

- 3 August: The Wounded Servant: The Foundations of Christian leadership
- 10 August: Leadership for Mission: Responding to Christ's Sacred Heart
- 17 August: The Recollected Leader: The Spiritual Practice of Making Better Decisions
- 24 August: Love that Risks: Creating Communities of Growth and Innovation

To register go to <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/> or for more information contact Tania Rimac at tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org.

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First Reading

[Ex 16:2-4, 12-15](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v.24](#)

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Eph 4:17, 20-24](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 4:4](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Jn 6:24-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to
eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his
seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

"Public School children's SRE - Learning From Home

Lessons

Catholic Scripture taught in Public Schools is called Special Religious Education (SRE).

To access learning from home lessons, for kindergarten through to year 12, please go to the following link;

<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lesson>
The lessons are extremely well done and are worth parents having a look at as well as their Public School children completing them."

Thanks and God Bless,

Peter Coleman
OLF Kingsgrove, SRE Coordinator



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), 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), Shirley Farrell, (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care); Anthony (Tony) Redford (Pathways Cronulla Pines), Anne Sheerin (Holy Spirit Croydon) Caterina Ancona (Estia Health Bexley), Justina De Bellis (St George Aged Care).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Noa Rose (newborn baby), Jocelle De Vera, Mercedes Nardella, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, Steven Holman, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, Joan Coorey, Rose Aves, Aileen Munoz, Fr Ric Fernando, sdb, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, 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, Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, 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.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Mark Chiu, Michael Skennar, Patrick Lehane, Filippa Stillone, Margaret McCafferty, Catalina Mitchell, Esme Trainor, Maria Ferraro, Joseph Semiana, Robert Howe, Rita Maini, Enzo Bettini, Emerson Ingco, Erminda Amul Aya, Inocensio Sy, Peter Fang, Connie Sebial Naumanen, Maria Rowena Andin, Hernando Saclayan, Restituto Alarca, Jesus Cadiz, Franklin Cadiz, John Fick, Valentina Pamittan, Gregorio Waban Snr., Dr John Byrne, Marianna Natoli, Sydney Dixon.

Anniversaries: Brother Charlie Aquilina, Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Joseph Darman, Harry Scott, Leonard Dalton, Eileen Tolhurst, Thomas Harte, Antonino Camuglia, Norma Hyde, Robert Lee, Keith Carolan, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Doreen Foley, Adolfo Cardenzana, Harold Montano, Bessie Baker, Nicholas Touma, Veronica Lay, John Burton, Vittoria Certoma, Peter Mak, Brian Galvin, Leslie McAvinue, Laurie Maguire.

Also For: Prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Michael Skennar's Funeral on Friday 30th July at 11:00 am will be live streamed:

<https://youtu.be/ufC9fXbSork>

**BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

ROSTERS

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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.**

PRAYERS from Our Parish to the World

In this time of isolation, when we are deprived of the Mass and Sacraments, we pray for each other and trust in Our God. As a caring community of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, we reach out to each other in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters living in our Parish, the City of Sydney, Australia, and the whole world. Bless and protect us all; guide our leaders; guide and protect our doctors, nurses and medical providers; and inspire scientists in developing ethical and safe vaccines.



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Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784
Account Number: 100000143
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish,
Kingsgrove
Reference: Name & envelope number
(if applicable)



"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.

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