

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 4 July 2021*



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

**10am Mass  
Sunday, 4th July 2021  
will be live streamed.  
(only during lockdown)**



### COMMUNITY BUILDING WORKING BEE

A Working Bee will be held after lockdown, probably Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of July after the 9.15

am Mass or until further notice. Please keep that day and time free, for a chance to help clean and get to know your fellow parishioners!  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### REFLECTION

In the Scripture readings of today, Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus manifest their vocation as God's accredited ambassadors and prophets. Ezekiel is asked by God to go and preach to rebellious Israel. Paul, during his ministry, experiences the power of Satan as he is afflicted with a 'thorn in the flesh'. Jesus was misunderstood and rejected by the people of his own home town. They are prejudiced by their knowledge of him-'the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon'. They question among themselves: "Where did the man get all this?"

In all three situations, the protagonists are given strength and sustained by the power of God working in them. Jesus was aware of his role as the prophet sent by his Father and was not dissuaded by the opposition and rejection of his townsfolk. Paul experienced the power of Christ who assured him, "My grace is enough for you". And God promises Ezekiel that "Whether they listen or not, this tribe of rebels will know there is a prophet among them."

When we follow God's precepts and accept to be his messengers, we will experience moments of trial, misunderstanding and rejection. But we will always be strengthened and sustained by the plentiful grace of God.

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*



### 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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**Part time Parish Assistant: Fr Stephen Onyekwere**

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**Youth Coordinator: TBA**

**Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday**

**Imelda Dela Cruz - Thursday, Friday (Bookkeeper, Accounts)**

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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 until 9 July or 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 100 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.

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, Electronics Funds Transfer (EFT) with our bank details on **page 4**. The new sets of envelopes for the financial year 2021/2022 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

July 2021

**5 Mon Weekday**

**Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**

Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26 (383)

**6 Tue**

**Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**

Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38 (384)

**7 Wed**

**Blessed Peter To Rot**

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7 (385)

**8 Thu**

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15 (386)

**9 Fri**

**Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23 (387)

**10 Sat**

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33 (388)

**11 SUN FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13 (104) Pss III

## CATECHISTS WANTED

We are in need of at least two Catechists to teach years 3 (6 students) & 4 (12 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 also be doing something worthwhile to support our Community of Faith here at Kingsgrove. The School is also most appreciative of the work done by Catechists. We hope you are able to assist.

Enquiries: Peter Coleman 9787 2554

**Sunday 4th July 2021**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*First Reading*

[Ez 2:2-5](#)

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, "Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them."

**Responsorial Psalm**

[Ps 122. R. v.2](#)

**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

*Second Reading*

[2 Cor 12:7-10](#)

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

*Gospel Acclamation*

[See Lk 4:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

*Gospel*

[Mk 6:1-6](#)

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

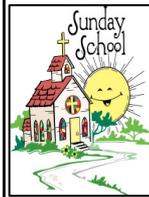
Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL**

We will be conducting our Winter appeal during weekend masses when church will open. We expect that the need for assistance will greatly increase due not only to the normal winter challenges but also the economic effects from the necessary lockdown measures taken by the Government to stem virus transmission. At the same time the COVID-19 restrictions for gatherings is having a dramatic affect on Church attendance numbers and we expect our Winter appeal this year will be significantly affected.

**We understand that you too may be affected but for those of you who can help, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Bernie Deady**

**Christ our Light Sunday School**



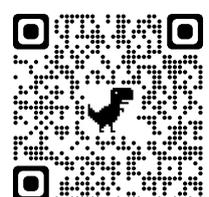
**\*\* Important Notice \*\* Sunday School planned to have a gathering this Sunday, 4 July but due to lockdown, we need to cancel the gathering!**

You are still welcome to register to join Sunday School by using a registration form using the QR code for the online rego.

**The new format of 2021 Sunday School is to send materials to the individuals or families registered twice monthly through the email. Parents are expected to share the materials with their young children in simple language. When there is enough number registered, we will start our "Sunday School by Correspondence".**

**Enquiry: Agnes Man - 0413 096 960**

**or email to: sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com**





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

### Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Noa Rose (newborn baby), Mercedes Nardella, Peter Carter, Filippa Stillone, John Ivers, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, David Ivers, 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, Margaret McCafferty, 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, Larissa Anne Salt, Ben & Lena Xuereb, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

### Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Enzo Bettini, Inocensio Sy, Andrew Maher, Peter Fang, Connie Sebial Naumanen, Maria Rowena Andin, Hernando Saclayan, Restituto Alarca, Jesus Cadiz, Franklin Cadiz, John Fick, Eduardo Agbuya, Jim Carlo Alivia, Emilia Perez, Valentina Pamittan, Gregorio Waban Snr., Dr John Byrne, Marianna Natoli, Sydney Dixon.

**Anniversaries:** Monica Tran, Rosina Hansen, John Edgton, Hedvig Szirt, Ellen Burke, Michael Freestone, Romeo Costa, Ranji Scott, Maria Corino, Ciro Gonano, Nela Auprince, May Ovens, Domenica Valenti, William Price, Jack Sachs, John Fulton, Betty Hughes, Janice Collins, Filippo Di Paola, Mary Leckie, Wai Fong Seeto, Brendan Dillon, Rumiz Erminio, Irma Lee, Patricia Hudson, Marie Smithson, Allan Collins, Anthony Camenzuli, Madeline McLennan, Caterina Nogare, John O'Sullivan, John Douglas, Severino Guiducci.

**Also For:** Felicidad Cadiz, Vincent Camuglia, Chehid, Maria & Samir Kayrouz, Joe Taouk; and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS

# CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



### 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.**

For your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below is our bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784  
Account Number: 502 5001  
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](mailto: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

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