

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 11 July 2021

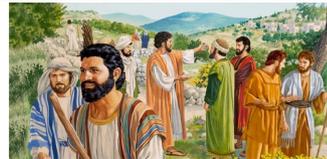


Complying with the NSW Government and Health Regulations, church is closed and all Masses have been cancelled until further notice.

**10am Mass
Sunday, 11th July 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/OcQXZ-ue5vk>



REFLECTION

Amos was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees with no prophetic lineage or experience. He preached against the injustice and oppression of the poor by the rich and powerful class. Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, asks him to stop preaching and go away. In reply, Amos admits his lack of professional qualifications but insists that his call 'to go and prophesy' comes from God. He will not stop speaking the word God gives him to speak.

In the Gospel, Jesus summons the twelve apostles and sends them out with a mandate to preach, to heal and to drive out evil spirits. They were mostly uneducated fisher folk. Like Amos, their authority to preach was not based on their qualifications but on the divine calling they received through Jesus. This calling made them ambassadors of God, acting on God's behalf. They had to face challenges and opposition. Yet their mission was amazingly successful because they trusted in the one who called and sent them. They remained faithful to their divine calling regardless of opposition. The secret of their success is explained by St Paul, in his Christological hymn of blessing in today's second reading: "Blessed be God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ ...who chose us in Christ before the world was made to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in His presence."

God's Word Daily Reflections 2021



COMMUNITY BUILDING WORKING BEE

A Working Bee will be held after lockdown, probably Saturday 24th 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!



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.**

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Part time Parish Assistant: Fr Stephen Onyekwere

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifati: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au

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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 16 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 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, 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

12 Mon Weekday

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1 (389)

13 Tue

Saint Henry

Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24 (390)

14 Wed

Saint Camillus de Lellis, priest

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27 (391)

15 Thu

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30 (392)

16 Fri

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8 (393)

17 Sat

Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21 (394)

18 SUN SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34 (107) Pss IV

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

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First Reading

[Am 7:12-15](#)

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 84:9-14, R. v.8](#)

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Eph 1:3-10](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, God chose us.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

Gospel Acclamation

[See Eph 1:17-18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 6:7-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

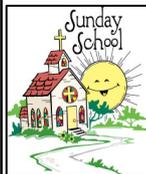
Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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. Thank you. Bernie Deady

Christ our Light Sunday School

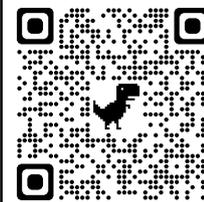


Due to the present COVID restrictions, our original plan to resume Sunday School on 11 July will need to be postponed.

You are still welcome to register to join Sunday School by using the QR code for the online registration. We will keep you updated on when Sunday School starts again.

The new format of Sunday School is to send learning materials to the registered families and individuals twice a month through the Google Classroom. Parents are expected to share the materials with their young children in simple language.

Enquiry: sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com



Family Rego



Individual Rego

" Our wonderful association with **Wrap With Love in the OLF Parish** has been going for many years. Our fantastic knitters gathered together for many years, but in recent times, most squares and rug collections received are dropped to the office or collected directly from parishioners periodically by Therese Abela-King, to then deliver directly to the warehouse in Alexandria. If you have information about the history of Wrap With Love contributions from our parish, I'd love to hear from you! If you are currently knitting, in need of wool, were part of the original knitters group or need help with collection of squares, please give **Therese a call on 0409 554 878**. Many thanks and keep those squares coming!



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, 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, Margaret McCafferty, Angelo Taranto, James Crlito, 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:

Esme Trainor, Maria Ferraro, Joseph Semiana, Enzo Bettini, Minda Amul Aya, Incensio 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, Valentina Pamittan, Gregorio Waban Snr., Dr John Byrne, Marianna Natoli, Sydney Dixon.

Anniversaries: Victor Abela, Apolinar Dela Cruz, Adolfo Schuetz, Monica Tran, Eileen Trayhurn, Elaine Nevin, Antonio Cavanna, Frank Stillitano, Miro Sirotych, John Falzon, John Lake, Rosario Canicetto, Margaret Vella, Terese E-Gawly, John Stanley, Vladimir Sadila, Mary McAviney, Faith Grant, Moya Idle, Ignace Buhagiari, Martin Nugent, Frank Hudson, Sarah Walker, Patricia Melville, Enrico Colagiuri, Sherlie Barr, Mary Patricia Galvin

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.**

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.



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. 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

Thursday, 5 August 2021, 7:00pm

RSVP 3 August 2021

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz 0414 979 241

Myrna De La Pena 0490 410 896

