

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 18 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, 18th 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/58MKv9eImWI>



REFLECTION

Today's readings compare the people of God to sheep and their leaders to shepherds. Jeremiah the Prophet, expresses the Lord's disappointment with the shepherds. "You have scattered my flock: you have driven them away and have not taken care of them". But the Lord will not abandon them. Speaking through the prophet, the Lord says, "I myself shall gather them from all the countries where I have dispersed them and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers". To gather his sheep, the Lord will raise up for David's branch an upright and just shepherd. This prophecy points to Jesus, the incarnate Son of God. Saint Paul refers to him thus: "He is the peace between us and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier... restoring peace through the cross, to unite [all] in a single body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility".

Jesus the Good Shepherd, appears in today's Gospel as having compassion for the crowd, 'because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.' In Jesus, we have the shepherd who laid down his life for us in order to save us and lead us to the green pastures of the kingdom of heaven. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*



It is with great sadness that **Margaret McCafferty**, our dear long time active parishioner, volunteer and Dempsey Medal awardee from the Archbishop of Sydney, passed away peacefully last Friday, 9 July. Funeral mass will be on

Saturday, 17 July, 10:00am here at our church. Due to current restrictions, only 10 people are allowed inside the church. However, the mass will be live streamed via YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/0KZo1YL5gzg>. May she rest in peace.



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 until 30 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 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

July 2021

19 Mon Weekday

Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42 (395)

20 Tue

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Ex 14:21—15:1/Mt 12:46-50 (396)

21 Wed

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9 (397)

22 Thu

Saint Mary Magdalene

Feast

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (603)

23 Fri

Saint Bridget, Religious

Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23 (399)

24 Sat

Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30 (400)

25 SUN SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15 (110) Pss I

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:

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| 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

[Jer 23:1-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks

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when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 22. R. v.2](#)

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Eph 2:13-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them

apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 10:27](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

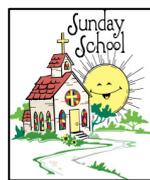
[Mk 6:30-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

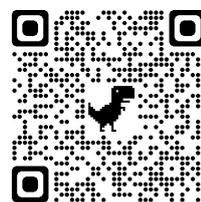
Christ our Light Sunday School



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 update 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



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, Shirley Farrell, (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care); Anthony (Tony) Redford (Pathways Cronulla Pines), Anne Sheerin, 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, 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.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Margaret McCafferty, Esme Trainor, Maria Ferraro, Joseph Semiana, Robert Howe, Rita Maini, Enzo Bettini, Minda Amul Aya, Incensio Sy, 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: Ada Giannoccolo, Marisa Za, Caterina Giannoccolo, Graziella Azara, Angelina Defina, Santina & Maria Azara, Monica Tran, Victor Abela, Apolinar Dela Cruz, Adolfo Schuetz.

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

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

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

