

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 25 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, 25th 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/aR7VabS-6Fs>



## REFLECTION

The first reading and the Gospel of today speak about the reality of hunger and the food that satisfies. In both instances, people were hungry and in need of food. In the Gospel episode, the crowd is large and far from any town. By human standards, they are in an impossible situation for they have no way to obtain food. But what is impossible for humans is possible for the God of compassion and love. Jesus challenges the disciples to come up with a solution: 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat? Andrew's half-hearted initiative and the boys generosity are blessed by Jesus with remarkable results. The small boy's 'five barley loaves and two fish' are enough to feed well over 5,000 people, with plenty left over!

God works wonders when we are willing to cooperate with him. Complaining and murmuring about the enormity of a problem won't solve it. But if we are willing and generous enough to place our small contribution at the Lord's feet, remarkable results can come. St Paul exhorts us today to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which we are called, and to support one another in love, with complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Humility, gentleness, patience in all situations and loving support for each other are hallmarks of the Christian life. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*

## COVID-19 Prayer resources

The Archdiocese of Sydney website has a dedicated page of prayer resources including links to popular podcasts in this time of pandemic, You'll find the webpage at this address: [www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/).



## 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

**26 Mon**

**Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Memorial

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35 (401)

**27 Tue**

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43 (402)

**28 Wed**

Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46 (403)

**29 Thu**

**Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

Memorial

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 (404)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)

**30 Fri**

**Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58 (405)

**31 Sat**

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

Memorial

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12 (406)

**AUGUST**

**1 SUN EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35 (113) Pss II

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](mailto:tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org).

## Sunday 25th July 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### First Reading

[2 Kgs 4:42-44](#)

#### A reading from the second book of the Kings

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16](#)

#### (R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Eph 4:1-6](#)

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Lk 7:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Jn 6:1-15](#)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for

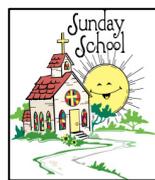
these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

### 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

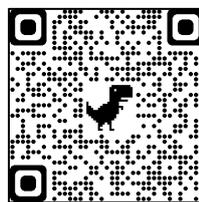


Due to the present COVID restrictions, our original plan to resume Sunday School on 11 July will need to be postponed.

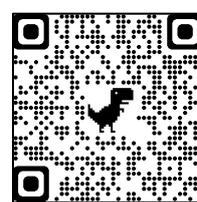
**You are still welcome to register to join Sunday School by using the QR code for the online registration. We will keep you update on when Sunday School starts again.**

**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](mailto: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), Jocelle De Vera, 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 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, Margaret McCafferty, 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, Eduardo Agbuya, Jim Carlo Alivia, Valentina Pamittan, Gregorio Waban Snr., Dr John Byrne, Marianna Natoli, Sydney Dixon.

**Anniversaries:** Brother Charlie Aquilina, Frank Dimarco, Joseph Sealey, Leslie Ireland, Audrey Maxell, Hazel Doyle, Rachel Dowley, Joseph Caruana, Eileen Kenyon, Damien Lynn, Lillian Davis, Kenneth Hyde, Esther McCarthy, Connie Cheng, Mary Watts, Ernest Munro, Thomas Rodgers, Nicola Lisi, Raffaele Triani, Harold Shaw, Doris Warham, Clement McDermott, Moira Beavis, Eileen Ahern, Vittoria Rumig, Anna Goff

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

### Support your Archdiocese of Sydney newspaper – The Catholic Weekly

While our churches are closed at this time, the Catholic Weekly is producing a free digital flipbook edition. Sign up for updates directly to your email inbox here: [www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/).

## 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](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

Thursday, 5 August 2021, 7:00pm

RSVP 3 August 2021

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